



13th June 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Summer Term Week 8 Headteacher Update

Firstly, thank you so much to all parents and carers who attended our first Excellence Evening which took place last Thursday. It was fantastic to have so many parents and carers back in school after such a long period of time. I have included one paragraph from my speech which I think summed up the evening; it was *“an opportunity to reflect upon and acknowledge the efforts of our young people and to recognise the vast talents that lie within our Catholic High School. It was an evening of recognition not just for those who excel, both in attainment and achievement, but also for those who show resilience in times of adversity and those who consistently do the right thing and live out our school values of Family, Faith and Excellence. On a personal note, it was an evening which makes me even prouder to be the Headteacher of St James’.”* Thank you for the feedback that you have passed on to myself or other members of the Senior Leadership Team, we will take this on board as we begin to prepare for next year.

Our Year 11 children are now back into the routine and rhythm of their examinations following the half term break. Please continue to keep all our Year 11 children in your thoughts and prayers as their examinations continue. Although the examination period is relentless, we have the opportunity to celebrate at the Leavers' Mass which is taking place at Christ Church on 29th June at 7pm, Prom which takes place at the Village Hotel in Cheadle on 30th June at 6pm and Prize Evening in November at school.

As part of our commitment to our value of Faith, this week we have a number of charity events taking place which include cake sales, high jump competitions and penalty shootouts. If you can, please support your child as they continue to fund raise for Christian Aid, our chosen charity for this year. A huge thank you to those parents and carers who have already donated throughout the year via ParentPay, your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Yesterday we celebrated the feast of the Holy Trinity, one of the most important celebrations in the Church's year. No matter how hard we try, we will never really fully understand this deep mystery and although we struggle to grasp the concept of the Trinity, our faith helps us somehow to experience its power and presence in our lives. The Trinity asks us to be mindful of our responsibilities to those around us in our families and our communities. We are all made in the image and likeness of God the Father who created us, of Jesus the Son who saved us and of the Holy Spirit who continues to strengthen us.

Have a great week and if you need anything, please do not hesitate to get in touch
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Yours faithfully

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