



Monday 9th May 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Excellence Evening, Thursday 9th June 2022

I am acutely aware that as parents/carers you have been unable to come into school for some time due to the Covid pandemic. For those of you with children in Years 8 or 9 you may have never set foot inside our fantastic school building. I am therefore delighted to invite all parents/carers with children in Year 7 - 10 to come to school and experience our new Excellence Evening on Thursday 9th June.

The purpose of the evening is twofold. Firstly, to afford all parents/carers an opportunity to experience St James' first hand and secondly, to celebrate the academic year and recognise excellence. During the evening I will share some of the highlights of the academic year and Heads of Year will share their thoughts and reflections on how their Year group have demonstrated our school value of excellence.

All children from each Year group are invited to attend their presentations at the times below where the Head of Year will present a limited number of awards for each subject area, our three core values of Family, Faith, Excellence and finally the Spirit of St James' award. The presentations will begin at the following times in the Main Hall:

Year 7 5:00pm
Year 8 5:30pm
Year 9 6:00pm
Year 10 6:30pm

During the course of the evening, you will have the opportunity to walk around the school and go into classrooms where our teachers will be available to talk to you on an informal basis about their subject area and our school curriculum. You can attend any time from 4.45pm until 7pm but please be aware of the presentation times for your child's corresponding Year group to ensure you are in the Main Hall at the correct time. A bell will ring shortly before each presentation to give you time to get to the Main Hall. **The school site will close at 7pm** to allow staff to be ready for work the next day so Year 10 parents and carers will need to walk around school before 6.30pm.

Limited parking is available at St James' but please be aware that you are also able to park at Manchester Rugby Club to avoid congestion.

The staff and I are really looking forward to welcoming you and your child to St James' for Excellence Evening.

Yours faithfully

Mr A Pontifex
Headteacher