



4th September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Year 7 September 2020

We have been thoroughly impressed with how Year 7 have started their time at St James', they have been engaged, enthusiastic and have worked really hard in their first few days. We appreciate that this has not been a 'normal' start to a new school but they have already begun to demonstrate our school values of Family, Faith and Excellence. Can we take the opportunity to thank you as parents and carers for your support and ask that you continue to pray for our school family as we move through the school year.

At St James' we aim to always keep parents and carers informed of what is going on in school and if you don't already do so, we recommend you follow our school Twitter account which uses the Twitter handle @StJamesCheadle. We regularly update our websites and all letters we send out can also be found on there <http://www.stjamesheadle.co.uk/>

We have a few events in the next few weeks which are relevant to Year 7:

7 th September	Year 7 individual photographs, these are used internally for our Management Information System. You will also have an opportunity to buy these and more information will be provided.
16 th , 17 th and 18 th September	Year 7 CATs tests. The students do not need to prepare for these and each test will only last 45 minutes. CATs are designed not to test knowledge or fact retention but children's abilities to think in particular ways including understanding, memory, reasoning and decision-making. These tests allow us to see what each child's academic potential might be, as well as to identify weaker areas that may need additional support.
17 th September	Year 7 Parent Tutor Evening; this will be held remotely with more information to follow
7 th October	Year 7 Welcome Mass (pending Diocesan approval); this will be held during the school day but due to Covid restrictions we will be unable to invite parents on to site. We will however be live streaming the Mass so that you can join in the celebration with your son or daughter. More information to follow.

There are also a few key points we would like to remind you of:

- If you have any queries, your first point of contact is your child's form tutor who can be contacted by email, all email addresses can be found on our school website. Mr Cawley, as Head of Year 7, can also be contacted. The Year 7 form tutors are as follows:
 - 7J Miss D Massey & Miss C Moore
 - 7A Mr I Walker
 - 7M Mr R Hall
 - 7E Mr I Murphy
 - 7S Mrs C Malins & Miss E Broadhurst
 - 7C Ms U Aneiros



ST JAMES'

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

- Parents and Carers should not enter the school grounds, if dropping off or collecting your child either on foot or by car, please do so outside of the school grounds. We also ask you to park respectfully and be mindful of local residents
- Jewellery, including earrings, should not be worn in school
- Students should bring a waterproof coat to school every day in case of rain at break or lunchtime, as students are encouraged to be outside after they have eaten

All of the staff are very much looking forward to another great year at St James' and we are delighted that you and your child have joined us as part of the St James' Family.

Yours faithfully

Mr A Pontifex
Headteacher

Mrs C Pickles
Senior Deputy Headteacher