



10th September 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: New Year 7 Welcome

I am delighted to welcome you and your son/daughter to the St James' family. Our Year 7s have settled in brilliantly and they look extremely smart in their new uniform. Over the next five years we will work closely in partnership with you and your child to ensure that they leave us well qualified for their next step; ready to make a positive contribution to society as a well-rounded global Catholic citizen.

Your son/daughter will be visiting Linnet Clough this week to reflect on their faith as a form group.

Some other key dates include:

- 10th October 2019 Parent Tutor Evening; an opportunity to meet with your child's form tutor
- 17th October 2019 Welcome Mass; a celebration of faith and reflection as a Catholic community
- 19th March 2020 Year 7 Parents Evening; to discuss your child's current progress and next steps

We pride ourselves on our high standards of attendance at St James', therefore every child is expected to achieve over 97% attendance across the academic year. Under most circumstances requests for leave of absence for holidays will **not be approved**. All requests must be made to our Attendance Officer, Claire Hanley c.hanley@stjamesheadle.co.uk

Crucial to the ethos at St James' are impeccable standards of Behaviour and Attitudes. We expect excellence from our pupils' conduct both in and out of school. If you have any concerns regarding behaviour please contact our Assistant Headteacher, David Scott d.scott@stjamesheadle.co.uk

To keep up to date with all school matters please visit our website regularly at www.stjamesheadle.co.uk and particularly the latest news section. I would also recommend you follow us on twitter for continued updates [@StJamesCheadle](https://twitter.com/StJamesCheadle)

St James' is a voluntary-aided school. This means that while most of our income is derived from local Government funds, as a Catholic school, we must contribute 10% of the cost for major improvements and for the maintenance of our school buildings. To fund this 10% cost, all families are kindly asked to make a voluntary contribution of **£15 per year**. We prefer, wherever possible for any payments to be made via our online payment system, Parent Pay. If you have not received your Parent Pay login please contact the Finance Office. Alternatively please make cheques payable to St James' Catholic High School.

I wish your child every success in their journey to excellence with us at St James'.

Yours sincerely

Anthony Pontifex
Headteacher