



ST JAMES'

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

1st September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Autumn Term Week 1 Headteacher Update

Firstly, I hope that you have had a wonderful summer holiday and had the opportunity to spend time with friends and family. On Wednesday 3rd September we welcome the newest members of our St James' family to school, our new Year 7s. A reminder that school is open for all other Year groups on Thursday 4th September. We are very much looking forward to welcoming all of the children back to school ready to recommence the normal routines and rhythms of school life. Within our lessons we will continue to follow our broad, balanced and diverse curriculum in order to educate and develop our children to become global Catholic citizens.

We are looking forward to another incredible and productive school year. Our competent and dedicated staff are completing two days of INSET this week which will be spent planning and preparing for your child.

On 21st August our class of 2025 came into school for their results. It was a fantastic morning and an absolute privilege to see the happy faces of our young people as they collected their results. The gallery of pictures can be seen [here](#). The dedication and hard work came to fruition as 73% of our young people achieved a grade 9-4 in English and Maths. The results are true testament to the efforts of children and staff, and we sincerely congratulate them.

Each year brings positive change. There have been a few additions to our staffing team and continued development and updating of the school site. This has included updated iconography; painting of corridors and classrooms and redeveloping of our prayer garden. Our site and ICT teams have worked incredibly hard for the children over the summer period.

As we begin this year together, I am reminded of yesterday's Gospel which teaches: *"Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."* This message serves as a timely reminder of the beliefs we strive to uphold at St James': humility, service, and respect for one another. As a school family, we aim to foster an environment where achievement is celebrated with gratitude, where young people are encouraged to use their talents in the service of others, and where true success is measured not only by personal accomplishments, but by the positive difference we make in the lives of those around us.

At the start the new academic year, please keep all our children and staff, but especially our new Year 7s, in your thoughts and prayers. If you need anything, please do not hesitate to get in touch:

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Yours faithfully

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