



ST JAMES'
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

17th April 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Summer Term Week 1 Headteacher Update

Firstly, I hope you had a happy and Holy Easter and had the opportunity to reflect on the greatest event of our liturgical year.

We began our Lenten journey with Jesus in the desert and we did our best to pray as we travelled with him during those forty days. On Palm Sunday, we greeted him joyfully with palms and cries of Hosanna! On Holy Thursday, Jesus offered himself to us as the Bread and Cup of Life and he asked us to love and serve each other as he had shown us. On Good Friday, we stood with the crowd and watched as Jesus was betrayed, denied, beaten, condemned and crucified. With Mary his mother, we saw him being buried in the tomb. On Easter Sunday, we stood with Mary Magdalene at the empty tomb. Having travelled with Jesus through Lent and stood beside him as he endured his passion, we now stand at the empty tomb and share in the power, glory, joy and the new life of his Resurrection. Today, more than ever we are called not only to experience the Good News of the Resurrection, but we are also called to be people of Good News in our daily lives. We are the Easter People and Alleluia is our song!

As we start our new term, we already know so much will happen over the next three months. Our Year 11 children are now in the final run up to the examinations season with the first beginning on 15th May. Please keep all our children, but especially Year 11 currently, in your thoughts and prayers. As we look ahead to this half term there are two Bank Holidays families need to be aware of as school will be closed. Monday 1st May, the Early May Bank Holiday and 8th May, the King's Coronation Bank Holiday.

As we enter the Summer Term and all that it brings, Mrs Pickles will be writing to families this week to outline our intention to run our annual trip for Year 7 and 8 to Chester Zoo as well as our reward trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach for Year 7, 8 and 9 during Curriculum Excellence Week. Year 10 will be embarking on Work Experience at this time. Please ensure that you read all information contained in this letter including next steps and payment deadlines.

Have a fantastic first week back and if you need anything or have any questions then please do not hesitate to get in touch at headteacherpa@stjamesheadle.co.uk

Yours faithfully

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Headteacher