



**ST JAMES'**  
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

8<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Spring Term Week 1 Headteacher Update**

Firstly, I hope that you have had a wonderful Christmas with friends and family, and I would also like to wish you a very Happy New Year. Over the coming half term, we will watch with anticipation as the mornings and nights begin to get lighter and the days get longer. This is a crucial period for our children, in any Year group, to ensure that their learning is effective, productive and that progress is enhanced. Within our lessons we continue to follow our broad, balanced and diverse curriculum in order to educate and develop our children to become global Catholic citizens.

We have several key events coming up over this spring term including Year 11, 9, and 7 Parents' Evening, Year 9 Options Evening, termly data two for all Year groups and reports for Year 11, 8 and 7 to name but a few. As always, a letter detailing the key information for events will be sent this week for half term three.

Many thanks to each and every one of you who generously contributed to our recent Foodbank initiative. Your kindness and compassion have not only made a significant impact on those in need but have also embodied the core values that define our school community – Family, Faith, and Excellence. We were overwhelmed by the sheer volume of goods that were donated and they were all delivered to local Foodbanks before Christmas for families to enjoy. I know what a positive difference this will have made to the lives of others. Thank you also for all those who have donated to CAFOD, either through supporting our Christmas concert or through donating online. So far, we have raised £1111 and we know that there are still many more Form charity events to take place. We also asked, where possible, for children to donate £1 to Caritas by spending £1 less on their secret Santa. This also raised a fantastic £100. Caritas Shrewsbury are a local Diocesan charity who want to empower all children, families and communities to experience a fullness of life. The generous donations for our recent charitable endeavours highlight the strong sense of family that defines us; we come together to address the needs of others and make a positive impact on the world around us. Thank you again to every member of our incredible school family for making a difference and exemplifying the true meaning of unity and generosity.

I hope you have a fantastic week and a very happy and productive New Year. If you need anything please do not hesitate to get in touch [headteacherpa@stjamesheadle.co.uk](mailto:headteacherpa@stjamesheadle.co.uk)

Yours faithfully

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