



ST JAMES'

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

7th July 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Summer Term Week 10 Headteacher Update

This week Curriculum Excellence Week (CEW) begins. It starts with our annual St James' Sports Day, weather permitting, on Thursday. On Friday, we will begin Curriculum Excellence Week for Years 7 to 9 with a wide range of exciting activities, trips and visits. Meanwhile our Year 10 children will begin their 5-day Work Experience, a wonderful way for them to gain an insight into the world of work.

Following our Prom, which took place on 26th June, the gallery of photos taken by our professional photographer will be uploaded this week to our school website. It can be accessed via the large banner on the home page, or via the news stories. You will be able to download the photos in high resolution to allow you to share this proud moment with your friends and family.

Last week we welcomed the newest members of our St James' family with our Transition Evening and Transition Day. As always this was a wonderful day and great to see the children all excited in their primary school uniforms before they attend in September in their St James' uniform. Speaking to the children, they gave me some fantastic insights into their views on the school: "the children seem so much bigger", "the school is so big" and the "lessons are so exciting". We cannot wait to welcome them in September.

In yesterday's Gospel, we are reminded of the powerful words: "Your peace will rest upon him." As we approach the end of another busy term, it is a timely call to be people of peace: in our homes, our school, and our wider community. At St James', we strive to create an environment where peace is not simply the absence of conflict, but a gift we actively bring to one another through kindness, patience, and compassion. When we share this peace with others, we create the conditions for everyone to flourish, safe in the knowledge that God's peace is with us and will remain with us.

As we approach the end of the school year, with the excitement of trips, events, and celebrations, I would like to take this opportunity to remind all families to park safely and considerately when dropping off or collecting children. We have received several complaints from local residents last week regarding parking, and it is important that we continue to show kindness and respect to our neighbours by avoiding blocking driveways and ensuring there is clear access on the roads surrounding our school. Thank you for your support in helping us maintain positive relationships within our community.

If you need anything please do not hesitate to reach out via headteacherpa@stjamescheadle.co.uk

Yours faithfully

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