



4th July 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Summer Term Week 11 Headteacher Update

Last week we celebrated our Year 11 Leavers' Mass at Christ Church, Heald Green followed by our Prom on Thursday at the Village Hotel in Cheadle. They were two wonderful events which afforded us the opportunity to mark the end of Year 11 with our Leavers. Following the Prom, several staff from the hotel wanted to express how well behaved the children were at all times during the night. They were an absolute credit to their school and their families. We now look ahead to celebrate once again at Results Day on Thursday 25th August 9am – 10.30am and at Prize Evening in November. Further details around Prize Evening will be communicated in the Autumn term.

It was fitting that our Leavers' Mass was held on the Feast Day of St Peter and St Paul, both of whom are key figures in the founding of the Church and patron saints of Rome. As Apostles of Christ, they were key figures in spreading the Good News of Jesus, and sharing their faith with those they encountered. As Father Tony referenced on Thursday, now is the opportunity for our Year 11 children to go out into society and spread the Good News which fulfils our school purpose; "To educate and develop global Catholic citizens".

Following Excellence Evening which took place on 9th June the gallery of photos has now been uploaded, by our professional photographer, 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.

This week we welcome the newest members of our St James' family. On Wednesday evening at 6pm we have our Transition Evening for parents/carers. This evening is an information evening ahead of the Transition Day on Thursday 7th July. Transition day is always one of my favourites in the calendar and it is always fantastic to see children in their primary school uniforms ahead of starting life as a St James' student in September. Please keep the children and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Over the next two weeks we also welcome potential new members of the St James' family. We are holding a series of taster days for children in Year 5 in our local primary schools. The schools include Cheadle Catholic Juniors, St Peter's, St Simon's, Our Lady's and St Winifred's. The children will take part in a reflection led by our Chaplain as well as experiencing a series of lessons ranging from English and Science through to PE. We hope that the children will have a fantastic day at St James' and have an insight into what life is like as a St James' student.

A reminder that on 13th July, we will be holding, weather permitting, our annual St James' Sports Day and we are looking forward to celebrating our school Values of Family, Faith and Excellence, as we have the opportunity for all children to get involved. On 14th July, 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. The timetable for the 13th July onwards is set out at the bottom of this letter and I hope it will be a most enjoyable time for all our children.

I hope you have a fantastic week and if you need anything, please do not hesitate to get in touch
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Yours faithfully

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Headteacher

Date	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
13 th July	Sports Day			
14 th July	Maths activities	Spain Trip Creative Technology and/or Expressive Arts activities	Science activities	Work Experience
15 th July	Careers Day	Spain Trip Careers Day	Careers Day	
18 th July	Chester Zoo Alternative activities in school	Spain Trip Chester Zoo Alternative activities in school	RE activities	
19 th July	English activities	Spain Trip Humanities activities including a trip to Stanley Green	Expressive Arts Trip PE activities	
20 th July	Blackpool Pleasure Beach Alternative activities in school	Spain Trip Blackpool Pleasure Beach Alternative activities in school	Expressive Arts Trip Blackpool Pleasure Beach Alternative activities in school	
21 st July	Spiritual reflection, assembly and Form time activities. School closes at 12.15pm			