



# ST JAMES'

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

8<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

## Re: Summer Term Week 12 Headteacher Update

This week Curriculum Excellence Week (CEW) begins. It begins 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. The timetable for the 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

Following our Prom on 27<sup>th</sup> June, the gallery of photos, by our professional photographer, will be uploaded to our school website this week. 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 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 reflecting on the Gospel from yesterday on the 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, we encounter the profound statement, "A prophet is only despised in his own country." This passage highlights the challenges faced by those who strive to bring about positive change and share their wisdom, often facing scepticism and rejection from those closest to them. In our school family, this message is particularly relevant. Our children, as they grow and develop their unique talents and perspectives, may sometimes feel misunderstood or unappreciated by their peers or even within their familiar surroundings. It is our mission as educators and parents/carers to foster an environment where each child's voice is valued and encouraged. By supporting and uplifting one another, we can create a school family where new ideas are welcomed, and every individual is given the opportunity to flourish and lead. Let us work together to recognise and nurture the potential within each child, ensuring they feel respected and empowered both at school and at home.

If you need anything please do not hesitate to reach out via [headteacherpa@stjamesheadle.co.uk](mailto:headteacherpa@stjamesheadle.co.uk)

Yours faithfully

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Headteacher





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	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10
11.07	Sports Day	Sports Day	Sports Day	Sports Day
12.07	English	Maths	Science	Work Experience
	MFL Trip	MFL Trip	MFL Trip	MFL Trip
15.07	Catholic Social Teaching and Eco Day	Catholic Social Teaching and Eco Day	PE	Work Experience
	MFL Trip	MFL Trip	MFL Trip	MFL Trip
	London Trip	London Trip	London Trip	London Trip
	Chester Zoo	Chester Zoo	Chester Zoo	
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16.07	Post General Election Day	Humanities	Creative Technology	Work Experience
	MFL Trip	MFL Trip	MFL Trip	MFL Trip
	London Trip	London Trip	London Trip	London Trip
			D of E 1	
17.07	Careers Day	Careers Day	Careers Day	Work Experience
	London Trip	London Trip	London Trip	London Trip
			D of E 2	
18.07	Fun activities in school	Fun activities in school	Fun activities in school	Work Experience
	Blackpool	Blackpool	Blackpool	
			D of E 2	

