



18th November 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Autumn Term Week 12 Headteacher Update

Following our Prize Evening which took place on 14th November 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 link [here](#). Parents, carers and ex-students are able to download the photos in high resolution to allow you to share this proud moment with friends and family.

This week our mock examinations begin for our Year 11 children. Mrs Moss has delivered an assembly to the children to highlight the importance of these mock examinations. Please ensure that your child comes to these examinations fully equipped, on time and follows the exam regulations shared last week in assembly. All of the children have been made aware that their scripts from the mock examinations will be retained by school in the highly unlikely event that the 2024 examination series does not take place. In addition, it is vital that your child continues to revise and follows the personalised revision plan provided earlier this month. We wish our children all the very best over the next two weeks and please do keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 should receive their first termly data (TD1) report for this academic year by the end of this week. Please pay particular attention to your child's Current Working Grade, Attitude to Learning and their current attendance. If you have any questions about the data that your child has received please do not hesitate to contact the individual class teacher. Following on from this, this week our Year 8 Parents' Evening takes place via School Cloud. If you have not already made an appointment, I would encourage you to do this as a matter of urgency. We have prioritised the Year 8 termly data so you should receive this before the parents' evening, please familiarise yourself with your child's termly data before the evening in order to aid your discussions with class teachers.

Before we begin the season of Advent and our preparations for Christmas, we are asked to reflect upon Christ our King. The celebration of Christ the King holds particular significance in the spiritual life of believers, emphasising the sovereignty of Jesus Christ over all aspects of human existence. In our school context, this celebration can serve as a powerful reminder of the values and principles that form the foundation of a Catholic education. Christ the King reigns not only in the grandeur of liturgical ceremonies but also in the daily lives of children and staff. It encourages a commitment to justice, compassion, and service, echoing the teachings of Christ as a model for leadership. Secondary school, with its diverse challenges and opportunities for personal growth, becomes a crucible for children to manifest the teachings of Christ the King in their interactions, studies, and extracurricular pursuits. The celebration serves as a call to our children to integrate their faith into their academic endeavours.

I hope you have a great week, if you need anything please contact headteacherpa@stjamesheadle.co.uk

Yours faithfully

Mr A Pontifex
Headteacher