



27<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Autumn Term Week 12 Headteacher Update**

Following our Prize Evening which took place on 16<sup>th</sup> 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 news stories. 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. Dr Guscott 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 2023 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.

Our Year 10 retreats take place this week with 10J, A, and M attending today and 10E, S and C attending on Tuesday. They are being led by the Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team at Total Fitness Wilmslow. It is a wonderful opportunity for our children to pause and reflect and give some time over to God, as we begin Advent. I am sure they will be enriching days for our children and staff involved, as they live out their school value of Faith.

Mrs Pickles shared with you the trips and visits available to our children this year, due to some changes with regard to what we are able to offer, the Battlefields trip planned for July 2024 will no longer be taking place. The updated list of trips and visits can be found [here](#) on our website.

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](mailto:headteacherpa@stjamesheadle.co.uk)

Yours faithfully

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Headteacher