



ST JAMES'

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

1st December 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Autumn Term Week 13 Headteacher Update

This week our mock examinations continue for our Year 11 children. The children have been made aware that in the highly unlikely event that examinations do not go ahead in the summer of 2025, then these mock examinations could be a factor the exam boards use to determine their final grade. Please continue to keep our Year 11 children in your thoughts and prayers.

On Friday, we were delighted to welcome Tom Morrison, MP for Cheadle, to our school. During his visit he spent time touring the site, speaking with children and staff, and gaining a valuable insight into the everyday life of our community. Our children engaged brilliantly, asking thoughtful questions and sharing their experiences of school. We are grateful to Mr Morrison for taking the time to meet our young people and for showing such genuine interest in their learning and aspirations.

Our Year 8 Parents' Evening took place on Thursday last week with strong attendance at this virtual event. As always, thank you to all Year 8 parents who attended and submitted their feedback to the parental voice questionnaire that was sent out by Mr Maidment. In the coming weeks, this information will be published on our website at the usual address <http://www.stjamescheadle.co.uk/parental-voice/>.

A reminder for all children involved in the July 2026 expedition to Peru; as part of our preparations, there will be a pre-expedition meeting this evening at 6pm in the school hall. Miss Purkiss will share key information from her recent visit to Peru and will be available to answer any questions you or your child may have.

As we mark the First Sunday of Advent yesterday, we enter a season of hope, reflection and preparation. Advent reminds us to pause amid the busyness of school life and look forward with expectation, preparing our hearts and minds for the joy and light that Christmas brings. It is a time to come together as a community, supporting one another with kindness, patience and generosity. I hope this season offers moments of peace for all our families, and that we begin Advent renewed in our shared purpose and strengthened in faith.

I would finally like to remind you that school will be closed on Monday 8th December next week for our INSET day. I hope you have a lovely week, if you need anything please contact headteacherpa@stjamescheadle.co.uk

Yours faithfully

Mr A Pontifex
Headteacher



With God all things are possible
Matthew 19:26