



ST JAMES'

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

11th September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Autumn Term Week 2 Headteacher Update

I have been thoroughly impressed with how all our children have settled back into the normal routine of school life following the summer. They have been engaged, enthusiastic and have worked hard in their first few days. All children have already begun to demonstrate our school values of Family, Faith and Excellence. Can I take the opportunity to thank you as parents and carers for your support and ask that you continue to pray for our school family as we move through the school year.

Our Year 7 children have really enjoyed beginning their journey at St James'. They are demonstrating that they have the potential to be a fantastic Year group and they are busy preparing to give thanks at our Year 7 Welcome Mass which takes place at 6pm on 5th October at Our Lady's Edgeley. It is really important that all children and parents/carers attend this celebration, as all Form groups are playing an active role within the Mass.

We have our Open Evening taking place on 14th September, Thursday this week, and as such, school will close at **1.15pm for our children**. The school buses have been arranged to arrive at this earlier time. If your child is supporting either as a guide or within a Faculty area, please ensure that you have completed the consent link and that you have arranged to collect them from school **no later than 8pm**.

The Gospel this Sunday focused on resolving conflicts within the Christian community. It is only human nature that whenever a group of people gather together there will be a difference of opinion at some point in time. Jesus demonstrates that he does not shy away from the reality of such disagreement even in the Church. Through his teaching there is an underlying message of unity and divine guidance. Each one of us is a part of the Body of Christ and we are connected to all the others parts. This puts a huge responsibility on us; the welfare of our community is something we are all asked to consider by how we treat each other. This week during my assemblies to all Year groups I will be reminding the children that Jesus is with us when we love our neighbour as we love ourselves.

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

Mr A Pontifex
Headteacher