



**ST JAMES'**  
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Summer Term Week 3 Headteacher Update**

I hope you have had a lovely extended Bank holiday weekend with your family and friends.

A reminder that the school is **open for Year 7, 10 & 11 only today** due to the continued strike action from the NEU. Just to reiterate that the strike is happening because of a national dispute between the Unions and the government over teachers' pay and conditions and the general underfunding of schools. If any further strike days are announced, these will be treated separately and new risk assessments completed in each case.

A huge well done to our Year 10 footballers who, despite losing on penalties, in the Cheshire School's FA Cup Final on Wednesday last week, showed great determination and sportsmanship. They did fantastically well to get to the final and the children involved deserve all the credit they receive. Thank you to all the parents/carers who came out to support the children.

Our Year 8 Humanities trips to Manchester begin this week with 8M and 8C on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May; 8J and 8S on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May; and next week 8E and 8A on **Wednesday** 9<sup>th</sup> May (change of day due to strike action, you should have already received a letter from Mr Cawley to explain). All the information around these curriculum trips has previously been sent by Mr Cawley. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact him via email.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents/carers about the CEW trips to Chester Zoo and Blackpool Pleasure Beach. The letter can be found [here](#). Only those who have paid and consented by the deadline will be able to attend.

Good Shepherd Sunday took place this weekend; a day when we are called to follow Jesus as his disciples. In the Gospel, Jesus uses the image of the shepherd to describe himself and his relationship with us. We are not sheep, but Jesus knows and loves each of us as individuals. Jesus does not force us to listen to his voice when he calls us but invites us to follow him freely. The choice of whether to respond is up to us. We may take our time in responding, but Jesus will never stop calling us or waiting for us to respond. When Jesus calls us by our name, may we answer in faith and gratitude with fullness of heart, and may we always follow where he leads us. Jesus came so that each of us may have life and have it to the full.

A reminder that next Monday (8<sup>th</sup> May) is a Bank Holiday for the King's Coronation. Therefore, we will return to school on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May. Have a lovely week, enjoy celebrating the Coronation and if you need anything or have any questions then please do not hesitate to get in touch at [headteacherpa@stjameschadle.co.uk](mailto:headteacherpa@stjameschadle.co.uk)

Yours faithfully

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