



ST JAMES'

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

12th May 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Summer Term Week 3 Headteacher Update

Today we are interviewing candidates for our new Senior Prefect roles. This is always one of my favourite days of the school year. It is a real privilege to see so many of our young people step forward with maturity, confidence, and a genuine desire to lead and serve their school community. Please keep all the children taking part in these interviews in your thoughts and prayers.

Our GCSE examinations continue this week, and I would like to take a moment to recognise the incredible efforts of our Year 11 children. They have approached this season with resilience, determination, and great focus. They are a credit to both the school and their families. Please continue to keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they work through these important assessments.

In the Gospel yesterday, we heard the words of John: *"For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink."* As a Catholic school, this reminds us of the deep spiritual nourishment we receive through Christ in the Eucharist. Just as we nourish our minds through education, so too are we called to nourish our spirits through faith. Let us continue to guide our children not just academically, but spiritually, helping them grow into people of compassion, strength, and purpose.

Last week also saw the election of our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV. His papacy begins at a time of global change, and already he has spoken powerfully about the need for peace, justice, and renewal in our Church and our world. At St James', we share his commitment to community, service, and faith in action. As we pray for Pope Leo XIV in his new ministry, we also renew our own calling to live out Gospel values in all that we do.

Thank you for your continued support. If you need anything or have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch at headteacherpa@stjamesheadle.co.uk.

Yours faithfully

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Headteacher