



ST JAMES'
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

22nd January 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Spring Term Week 3 Headteacher Update

This week our staff are finalising the termly data two and reports for our Year 11 children. The termly data and their reports, as always, will contain information on your child's Current Working Grade, Attitude to Learning, current attendance and areas for them to work on as we enter the crucial months ahead of their final external examinations. We have deliberately timed this data and reports to aid discussions at the Year 11 Parents' Evening which takes place on 1st February.

The careers provision within our school has been recognised with our school retaining its gold award for the quality of provision. This week we see the excellent provision continue, on Wednesday a group of Year 8 children will experience a careers breakfast focussing on education whilst our Year 11 children who are interested in applying for an apprenticeship have a registration session with ASK (Apprenticeship Knowledge and Support) on Friday.

As we enter the third week of Ordinary Time in our liturgical calendar, the Gospel yesterday calls us to reflect on the urgency of responding to God's invitation to follow Him. In the reading, we encounter Jesus inviting fishermen to become fishers of men, urging them to leave their nets and embark on a transformative journey. As a school family, we are likewise called to cast aside the familiar nets of routine and comfort, embracing the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead in our academic and spiritual endeavours. Let us encourage our children to be open to the call of discipleship, recognising that each day is an opportunity to grow in knowledge, compassion, and service. May this week be a reminder that our educational journey is not merely about acquiring facts but about shaping character and answering the call to make a positive impact on the world as global Catholic citizens.

Have a fantastic week. If you need anything, please do not hesitate to get in touch
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Yours faithfully

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