



9th May 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Summer Term Week 4 Headteacher Update

I hope you have had a lovely extended Bank holiday weekend due to the Coronation of King Charles and managed to spend some quality time with your family and friends.

A final reminder that our Year 8 Humanities trips to Manchester finish this week with week 8E and 8A today, Tuesday 9th May. All the information around these curriculum trips has previously been sent by Mr Cawley.

The Summer GCSE and BTEC examination season begins next week, and I want to take this opportunity to highlight some key dates for our Year 11 children.

- Monday 15th May examinations begin
- Friday 23rd June final GCSE examination day
- Wednesday 28th June examination contingency day
- Wednesday 28th June Leavers' Mass 6pm at Christ Church, Heald Green
- Thursday 29th June Year 11 Leavers' Prom

All pertinent information about the examinations has already been sent to you by Dr Guscott, please ensure that you, and your child, have read and understood the information. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Dr Guscott s.guscott@stjamesheadle.co.uk. As we approach the beginning of the examination season, please keep our Year 11 children in your thoughts and prayers.

As we continue to make our way through this season of Easter, the words of encouragement that Jesus offers his followers at the very start of the Gospel from Sunday are also meant for each of us today. "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still and trust in me." It is another way of saying that familiar phrase used so often throughout scripture, "Do not be afraid." This small but powerful phrase appears in the bible three hundred and sixty-five times. It is a phrase that Jesus used himself when speaking to his followers. It reassured, comforted and strengthened them during the times when they were filled with fear, doubt and anxiety. For all our children, but especially our Year 11s who begin their exams next week never has this been more appropriate. With Jesus by our side, especially during challenging times, we are not alone and never will be.

Have a great week and if you need anything you know where we are headteacherpa@stjamesheadle.co.uk

Yours faithfully

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