



26th September 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Autumn Term Week 4 Headteacher Update

Last week was a great week at St James', we had our Open Evening on 22nd September with so many children helping out in one way or another. Our children were fantastic ambassadors and extremely proud to show off their school and Faculty areas. A sincere thanks from me to all parents/carers for arranging to collect their child at 8pm.

As we live out our value of Faith, our retreats start this week for our Year 7 children. This is an opportunity to take time out of school with their Form group to reflect on their faith, why they attend a Catholic High School and what makes it so special. This is always a fantastic opportunity and one that is remembered by all children for the duration of their time at St James'.

A reminder that registration for the sacrament of Confirmation at **Our lady and the Apostles** will soon be closing this is for the parishes of St Joseph, St Ambrose, St Vincent and Our Lady and the Apostles. Please register your child as soon as possible if you have not already done so by emailing stockport3parishes@gmail.com. Please note - registration is open for any child or adult over 12 years of age on 9th December 2022.

We have two evening events taking place this week. Firstly, on Tuesday 27th at 6pm there will be an evening meeting for parents/carers of those children partaking in the visit to the Western Front in October with our history department, which I ask you to attend as important information and expectations will be shared. The meeting will take place in the Main Hall. Secondly, on Thursday 29th September, for any parents/carers with children in Year 7 there will be two opportunities to collect your child's Chromebook at either 3.30pm or 6.00pm. Each session will begin with a short presentation about the Chromebooks and outline some key principles. You will need to sign the user agreement and Chromebooks will then be issued to each child providing payment has been made on ParentPay. A reminder that cash at any time, including on the evening, will not be accepted. You should attend one of these sessions with your child. The payment of £50 must therefore be made by 3pm on Wednesday 28th September. Should you have an issue with making the payment on time, please contact Mrs Gregory, j.gregory@stjamesheadle.co.uk, our Finance Officer or any other questions about the Chromebooks Mrs Pickles, c.pickles@stjamesheadle.co.uk.

The Gospel yesterday puts before us the abundance of the rich man versus the poverty of Lazarus. He is lying at the rich man's door with the dogs as his only companions. The rich man simply steps over Lazarus. The rich man did nothing either to or for Lazarus. Every day we are asked to look beyond our own needs and see where we can help others and make a difference. The choice of how to respond is ours, we can either reach out in mercy and compassion or we can walk away. This week, let us take some time to consider, how will I respond?

Have a lovely week and if you need us, you know where we are headteacherpa@stjamesheadle.co.uk

Yours faithfully

Mr A Pontifex
Headteacher