



# ST JAMES'

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

## Re: Summer Term Week 5 Headteacher Update

I hope you have all had a lovely half term as a family. This week our Year 11 children continue their examinations; please continue to keep all of our Year 11 children in your thoughts and prayers.

On Thursday this week, our Apprenticeship Evening takes place for Year 10 in school at 6pm. If your child is in Year 10 and considering an apprenticeship or is unsure of what they want to do for their next steps, then this is a great opportunity to get some of the latest information about applying for apprenticeships locally. You will also be able to speak to Mrs Rarity about how to access additional support in applying for apprenticeships as your child moves into Year 11.

As we start the last half term, we are looking forward to the many events happening including the numerous trips and visits that will be taking place. Miss Bowers will be sending out a letter summarising the key events so please do look out for that and as always, I encourage you to visit our website and follow us on Bluesky to keep up to date.

Before half term we began our interviews for the positions of Head Boy, Head Girl, Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl. These interviews concluded this morning. The children involved were an absolute credit to the school and to their families in the way they conducted themselves, they produced fantastic applications and delivered extremely detailed interviews. I am very happy to report that Joe will be our Head Boy and Ella will be our Head Girl whilst Grzegorz will be our Deputy Head Boy and Katie will be our Deputy Head Girl. I am sure you will join me in offering our congratulations to them.

As we reflect on the Gospel readings from yesterday, Jesus prays that His followers "may become perfectly one," a powerful reminder of the unity we are called to live out in our daily lives. This is not simply about agreeing with one another, but about building a deep, compassionate community where every person feels known, valued, and included. As we begin this new half term, let us recommit ourselves to this vision: to be a community where every pupil, every member of staff, and every family feels part of something greater; united in purpose, rooted in faith, and guided by love.

If you need anything please do not hesitate to get in touch [headteacherpa@stjamesheadle.co.uk](mailto:headteacherpa@stjamesheadle.co.uk)

Yours faithfully

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