



# ST JAMES'

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

11<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

## Re: Summer Term Week 5 Headteacher Update

As we enter this important week, I kindly remind you that our GCSE examinations are now fully underway. Our incredible Year 11 children have demonstrated remarkable dedication, resilience, and determination throughout their journey. They are a true credit to themselves, their families, and our entire school community. I ask that you please keep all of our Year 11 children in your thoughts and prayers as they embark on their examinations.

On Wednesday last week we celebrated our Year 11 Leavers' Mass at Christ Church. It was a wonderful opportunity to come together in prayer and reflection as we marked the end of an important chapter in the lives of our young people. We also celebrated our whole school Mass last Tuesday for our patron saint, St James the Lesser, giving thanks for the many blessings within our school community and reflecting on the values of faith, service and humility that St James inspires in us all.

This week we have a Travel and Tourism trip to Manchester Airport and a Year 10 Tatton Park Art visit. We are grateful for the opportunities our pupils receive beyond the classroom, and we know these experiences will further enrich their learning and personal development.

I would also like to give parents and carers advanced notice that the Year 10 Parents' Evening will take place on Thursday 21st May. This is an important opportunity to discuss progress, next steps and preparations as pupils move into their final GCSE year. Further details will follow from Mr Maidment in due course.

In yesterday's Gospel for the Sixth Sunday of Easter we heard the words: "I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper." These words remind us that we are never alone. God walks alongside us in moments of challenge, uncertainty and celebration. As our young people continue through this busy examination period, may they find comfort, strength and confidence in knowing they are supported by their families, their teachers and by God's love and guidance.

Have a great week and, if you need anything or have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch [headteacherpa@stjameschadle.co.uk](mailto:headteacherpa@stjameschadle.co.uk).

Yours faithfully

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