



10<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Autumn Term Week 6 Headteacher Update**

On Thursday last week we celebrated our Year 7 welcome Mass at Our Lady and the Apostles Church in Edgeley at 6pm. It was lovely to see so many parents and families at this event supporting their child's formal induction to the St James' family. Fr Martin spoke about the importance of seizing the opportunities that are afforded to us and working hard to become the best that we can possibly be. This fits so well with our third value as we strive for Excellence to become the very best versions of ourselves.

On Thursday last week our school community celebrated National Poetry Day. The children have been exploring poetry about nature and the environment, the theme for this year's National Poetry Day, in English lessons. All Year groups have completed this and then have had the chance to create their own poems about the environment. There have been poems written about animals, plants, natural features and so much more. The children have also been encouraged to enter the Greenpeace 'poems for the planet' competition, please do encourage your child to submit their poem by 1<sup>st</sup> December. More information is available [here](#).

This week we have our Year 9 River Bollin trip taking place which will allow our budding Geographers to experience real world Geography first hand. Please ensure your child dresses appropriately given the ever-changing British weather. With our successful Retreats for Year 7 concluded we now move onto Year 11. On Thursday and Friday, Year 11 will be taking part in their Retreat with their Form groups, reflecting on their Faith and our second school value. Finally, assemblies for Year 11, 10 and 9 this week will be delivered by Camps International. You may be aware that some of children visited Kenya for a 4-week expedition over the summer. These three-year groups have the opportunity to visit Borneo for a similar life changing expedition in the summer of 2024. A reminder that more information will be shared at the parent/carers meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> October following the letter sent on 28<sup>th</sup> September which can be viewed [here](#).

In the Gospel yesterday, we hear about how Jesus, continuing on his journey to Jerusalem, heals ten lepers. This story is a lesson about faith and reminds us that faith is sometimes found in unlikely places. Ten people afflicted with leprosy cry out to Jesus. Struck with pity, Jesus heals all ten of them. However, only one returned to thank Jesus. In a similar way, it can be easy for us to forget that we receive gifts from God every day and we can take our faith for granted. So, this week, let us thank God for the gifts he has given us.

Thank you as always for your continued support and if you need anything please do not hesitate to get in contact [headteacherpa@stjamescheadle.co.uk](mailto:headteacherpa@stjamescheadle.co.uk)

Yours faithfully

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