



# ST JAMES'

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

18<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

## Re: Summer Term Week 6 Headteacher Update

I cannot quite believe that we have already reached the final week of this half term. Although it has been a relatively short half term, it has certainly been an incredibly busy, rewarding and successful six weeks for our school family. I hope your child has enjoyed the term and has taken full advantage of the many opportunities made possible through the dedication, commitment and hard work of our staff.

Our Year 11 children are now fully immersed in their GCSE examinations, which continue this week. Please continue to keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they navigate this important and challenging period. We have been incredibly proud of the maturity, resilience and determination they have shown so far.

A reminder that the Year 10 Parents' Evening will take place this week on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May. This is an extremely important opportunity to discuss your child's progress, identify next steps and begin preparations for the final GCSE year ahead. If you have not yet booked your appointments, I would strongly encourage you to do so as soon as possible in advance of Thursday evening.

In yesterday's Gospel, Jesus prays, "Father, glorify your Son," reminding us that true glory is not found in personal recognition, but in serving others with love, humility and faith. At St James' Catholic High School, we are called to live out this message each day through the way we support one another, strive for excellence and use our gifts in service of our community. Whether through learning in the classroom, acts of kindness, or the many enrichment opportunities our pupils embrace beyond school, we continue to encourage every member of our school family to reflect Christ in all they do and to bring glory to God through their actions and achievements.

As we approach the half term break, I would like to thank you once again for your continued support throughout this busy period. I wish all of our families a restful and enjoyable break, when it arrives. Our staff will also be taking a well-earned opportunity to spend time with their families and recharge ahead of the final half term of the academic year. As such, colleagues will not routinely be available via email during the break, and I thank you in advance for respecting this time. Should you require any support during the final week of term, please do not hesitate to contact us at [headteacherpa@stjamesheadle.co.uk](mailto:headteacherpa@stjamesheadle.co.uk)

Yours faithfully

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