



ST JAMES'
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

19th February 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Spring Term Week 6 Headteacher Update

I hope you have had a lovely half term break and managed to spend some quality time with your family and friends. We really are moving swiftly through this second term. We have several events taking place during half term four. As always Mrs Pickles will be writing to you with the key events letter to allow you to plan accordingly.

Our two trips to Italy, for skiing, and to Germany were fantastic successes. A huge public thanks to all of the staff that gave up their time with their friends and family over half term to ensure our children got to experience these extra curricula opportunities. The feedback from the children was fantastic and the staff said the children were an absolute credit to their families.

If you are a parent of a child in Year 9, please can I remind you of our Options Evening which takes place at **6pm in school** this Thursday. All information has been sent by Dr Guscott and can be found [here](#). During this evening you will be able to discuss Key Stage Four subjects in detail with subject specialists. If you have any questions about the options process, please do not hesitate to contact Dr Guscott via email: s.guscott@stjamesheadle.co.uk

As we embark on the sacred season of Lent we find ourselves at the threshold of a profound journey of faith. The Gospel readings of the first Sunday of Lent call us to reflect on Jesus' forty days in the desert, a period of intense prayer, fasting, and temptation. In the same spirit, our Catholic school family encourages children to embrace this season as an opportunity for personal growth, self-discipline, and deepening their relationship with God. Let us foster an environment where prayer becomes a source of strength, fasting a symbol of self-discipline, and acts of kindness a reflection of our commitment to live out the teachings of Jesus. Together, may we support one another on this Lenten journey, cultivating a spirit of reflection, repentance, and resilience that will prepare us for the joy of Easter.

I hope you have a lovely first week back and if you need anything please do not hesitate to get in touch headteacherpa@stjamesheadle.co.uk

Yours faithfully

Mr A Pontifex
Headteacher