



**ST JAMES'**  
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

21<sup>st</sup> February 2022

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.

On Thursday this week our Year 8 Parents' Evening takes place via School Cloud. If you have not already made appointments with members of staff, I would encourage you to do this as a matter of urgency. Dr Guscott has already written to you if you have a child in Year 8 with full details on how to book appointments in advance of Thursday.

A reminder that following our Year 9 Parents' Evening in January and then the subsequent Year 9 Options Evening, which took place on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February before half term, the deadline for your child's completed Options form is today Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February. The completed options form needs to be signed and dated with your child's name and form and emailed to [options@stjamesheadle.co.uk](mailto:options@stjamesheadle.co.uk) by 5pm today.

Following the two messages you have already received I would like to remind you that our bike storage is being upgraded this week. To that end I would ask that your child does not ride their bike to school this week as unfortunately there is nowhere for them to securely store their bike. Hopefully the works should be completed next week.

In yesterday's Gospel passage, Jesus told His disciples not only to love those whom they love and those who have benefitted them, but He told them to love even their enemies, all those who have hurt and persecuted them. He told them not to bear grudges or seek revenge, and instead, they should even pray for them and continue to love them regardless. This is in essence, what true Christian love is all about. As we start our new half term let us all make good use of the time, the opportunities, the many blessings and wonders that God had granted to us and all that He has provided for us so that we may find our way to Him. May we lead a most faithful and dedicated, loving Christian life in our respective communities, in our families, among our relatives and friends, and even among strangers and even, as the Lord mentioned, amidst all those who despised us and in the plain sight of all those who have hated us and made our lives difficult.

Have a fantastic first week back and please do not hesitate to get in contact if you need anything  
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Yours faithfully

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