



# ST JAMES'

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

## Re: Summer Term Week 7 Headteacher Update

I hope you have all had a lovely half term as a family. This week our Year 11 children continue their examinations; please continue to keep all of our Year 11 children in your thoughts and prayers.

As we start the last half term of the academic year, we are looking forward to the many events happening including the numerous trips and visits that will be taking place. Miss Bowers will be sending out a letter summarising the key events so please do look out for that and as always, I encourage you to visit our website and follow us on Bluesky to keep up to date.

This week, our staff will take part in their annual retreat at Aquinas College. In the midst of the busyness of school life, this provides a valuable opportunity for colleagues to step back, reflect and pray together as educators in a Catholic school. Time spent considering our vocation and the privilege of shaping young lives is incredibly important, not only for staff personally and spiritually, but also for the benefit of the children we serve each day. When staff are given the space to reflect on their purpose, values and mission, it strengthens the culture of care, compassion and excellence that we strive to provide for every child at St James'.

As we reflect on the Gospel readings from yesterday, we are reminded of the powerful words from St John's Gospel: "God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved." These words speak to the heart of our mission as a Catholic school. Christ came with love, mercy and hope, offering every person the opportunity for a new beginning. In our daily lives at school, we are called to reflect that same compassion in the way we support one another, forgive mistakes and encourage each other to flourish. May we continue to build a school family rooted in kindness, dignity and faith, always remembering that each of us is loved and valued by God.

I hope you have a lovely week and if you need anything please do not hesitate to get in touch [headteacherpa@stjameschadle.co.uk](mailto:headteacherpa@stjameschadle.co.uk)

Yours faithfully

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