



ST JAMES'

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

14th October 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Autumn Term Week 7 Headteacher Update

I cannot believe we are in our final week of half term. A reminder that this evening at 6pm our Parental Forum takes place. All information has previously been sent by Mr Maidment, as a reminder this takes place at school at 6pm Monday 14th October. If you wish to attend or pass on any feedback, please email Mr Maidment at r.maidment@stjamesheadle.co.uk.

I would like to remind you that next week marks Stockport Careers Week, as previously communicated. This initiative provides invaluable opportunities for our children, particularly those in Year 10 and 11, to explore various career paths, gain insights into different industries, and connect with local employers. I encourage all children to actively participate and make the most of this week, as it can significantly impact their future career choices. For more information about the events and activities planned for this week, please visit the Stockport Careers Week website at [Stockport Careers Week](https://www.stockportcareersweek.co.uk).

Additionally, on Thursday, the 17th, during periods 1 and 2, we will be holding our annual Careers Convention. This event provides an excellent opportunity for children to visit a variety of providers, including colleges, training organisations, and local businesses, to explore the different options available to them after Year 11. By interacting with representatives from these institutions, children will gain valuable insights into potential career paths and the qualifications required for each. This hands-on experience is crucial in helping them make informed decisions about their future, and we highly encourage all children to participate fully in this enriching event.

In reflecting on the Gospel yesterday from St Mark, where Jesus teaches us to "give everything you own to the poor and follow me," we are reminded of the importance of compassion, generosity, and service in our school family. At St James', we strive to embody these values by fostering a spirit of selflessness and support for those in need. We encourage our children to recognise the significance of serving others, whether through acts of kindness, community service projects, or charitable initiatives. By embracing these teachings, we not only strengthen our bonds as a school family but also empower our children to make a positive impact in the world around them. Let us continue to inspire one another to live out these values daily and to follow the path of service that Christ has set before us.

I am pleased to inform you that the Governing Body have now ratified the term dates for both the 2025/26 and 2026/27 academic years. These dates, which include the designated INSET days when children will not be in school, are now available on our website. I encourage you to review these as you plan ahead for the coming years.

Unfortunately, we have recently received complaints from local residents regarding the way some parents and carers are driving during drop-off and pick-up times. We kindly ask everyone to be mindful of our neighbours and the local community. Please ensure that you park safely, avoid blocking driveways, and drive with consideration to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

I hope you have a fantastic week and an extra special half term break when it comes. A reminder that school closes on Thursday 17th October at 3.10pm and will reopen to children on Monday 28th October. Thank you for your continued support throughout this half term. Our staff will be taking a well-deserved break over half term.



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and as such will be unavailable via email for that week, thank you in advance for not contacting them. If you need anything this week, please do not hesitate to get in touch headteacherpa@stjameschadle.co.uk.

Yours faithfully

Mr A Pontifex
Headteacher

