



# ST JAMES'

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

8<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

## Re: Summer Term Week 8 Headteacher Update

Our Year 11 children are now back into the routine and rhythm of their examinations following the half-term break. Please continue to keep all of our Year 11 in your thoughts and prayers as they work through this important period. Whilst the examination season can feel relentless, we also look forward to opportunities to celebrate their achievements and mark the end of their time at St James'. Our Year 11 Prom will take place at the Radisson Blu Hotel, Manchester Airport, on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 6.00pm, and we look forward to recognising their accomplishments further at our Prize Evening later in the year.

As a Catholic school, we are reminded this week of Jesus' words in the Gospel: *"My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink."* In these powerful words, Christ reminds us that He is the source of our strength, nourishment and hope. Just as food sustains us physically, the presence of Jesus sustains us spiritually, particularly during times of challenge and uncertainty. As our young people navigate examinations, transitions and the demands of everyday life, we pray that they may draw strength from their faith and know that Christ walks alongside them, offering encouragement, peace and guidance.

A reminder that our annual Excellence Evening will take place on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June. Children from each year group who have been selected to receive awards will be invited to attend presentations at the times listed below. During these presentations, Heads of Year will present awards recognising outstanding achievement within subject areas, contributions to our core values of Family, Faith and Excellence, and the prestigious Spirit of St James' Award.

The presentations will begin in the Main Hall at the following times:

- **Year 7:** 5.00pm
- **Year 8:** 5.30pm
- **Year 9:** 6.00pm
- **Year 10:** 6.30pm

Throughout the evening, families will also have the opportunity to visit classrooms across the school, where teachers will be available to speak informally about their subject areas and our curriculum. You are welcome to attend at any time between **4.45pm and 7.00pm**, although please ensure you are in the Main Hall for your child's Year group presentation.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our school community. If you need anything, please do not hesitate to get in touch via [headteacherpa@stjameschadle.co.uk](mailto:headteacherpa@stjameschadle.co.uk).

Yours faithfully

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Headteacher

