



10th June 2024

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 our Year 11 children in your thoughts and prayers as their examinations continue. Although the examination period is relentless, we have the opportunity to celebrate at the Leavers' Mass which is taking place at Christ Church on 26th June at 6pm, Prom which takes place at Edgeley Park on 27th June at 6pm and Prize Evening in November in school.

Advanced notice that on Thursday 20th June our Excellence Evening takes place. All children from each Year group are invited to attend their presentations at the times below where the Head of Year will present a limited number of awards for each subject area, our three core values of Family, Faith, Excellence and finally the Spirit of St James' award. The presentations will begin at the following times in the Main Hall: **Year 7 - 5:00pm, Year 8 - 5:30pm, Year 9 - 6:00pm and Year 10 - 6:30pm**. During the evening, you will have the opportunity to walk around the school and go into classrooms where our teachers will be available to talk to you on an informal basis about their subject area and our school curriculum. You can attend any time from 4.45pm until 7pm but please be aware of the presentation times for your child's corresponding Year group to ensure you are in the Main Hall at the correct time.

Yesterday at Mass we returned to the first Ordinary Sunday time for a number of weeks having had Corpus Christi, The Most Holy Trinity, and Pentecost after Easter. In the Gospel of Mark which we heard yesterday for the 10th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Jesus teaches that "a kingdom divided against itself cannot stand," highlighting the importance of unity and cooperation. This message is particularly relevant for our school children, who often face challenges in teamwork and group projects. Just as a divided kingdom falls, a team or class that is fractured by conflicts and disagreements will struggle to succeed. By working together harmoniously, supporting one another, and resolving conflicts constructively, our children can create a stronger, more supportive school family where everyone thrives.

On Thursday, we will have our annual staff Retreat. Much like our children benefit from their own Retreats, our staff eagerly look forward to this time of reflection and growth. This year's theme centres on Saints who have influenced the lives of our staff and supported their vocation as educators. The Retreat aims to reinforce our school's mission of educating and nurturing global Catholic citizens. I am confident our staff will return on Friday reinvigorated and inspired to embody and live out the gospel values.

If you need anything please do not hesitate to get in touch headteacherpa@stjamescheadle.co.uk

Yours faithfully

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