



ST JAMES'
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

12th June 2023

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 28th June at 6pm, Prom which takes place at Edgeley Park on 29th June at 6pm and Prize Evening in November in school.

Advanced notice that on Thursday 22nd 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. Please can parents/carers park at either the front of school or at Manchester rugby club opposite.

As part of our commitment to our value of Faith and our wider commitment to Catholic Social Teaching, as a school we are taking part in Clean Air Day on Thursday. During Form time children will discuss the importance of Clean Air Day and its role in improving the quality of our God given environment. Each Form will make a Clean Air pledge and then children and staff that walk or cycle to school will receive a Clean Air Day sticker as they arrive at the school gates. At lunchtime there will be a Clean Air Day activity taking place which will include a Lichen Bio-Indicator Observation.

I would invite you to support our school as National Book Tokens are running a competition to win up to £1000 in library book tokens. We would be delighted to win, to be able to source more fantastic books for our children to immerse them in the wonders of great books. To be in with a chance of winning a prize, we need as many nominations as possible using the link here: <https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools>. To nominate, all that is needed is your name, email address and the name of our school. Entrants must be 16 or over and entries close on the 31st July. Thank you in advance for your support.

Have a great week and if you need anything, please do not hesitate to get in touch
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Yours faithfully

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