



# ST JAMES'

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

23<sup>rd</sup> June 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

## Re: Summer Term Week 8 Headteacher Update

The Year 11 examinations are now finally complete! The children were an absolute credit to themselves and their families as they took the examinations in their stride. A final reminder that the Leavers' Mass takes place at Our Lady's, Edgeley on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 6:00pm, Prom at the Radisson Blu Hotel, Manchester Airport on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June at 6:00pm and Prize Evening, in school in November.

As our Year 11 leave us, it is fitting to remind you of our school alumni network. The aim of this is to create a community of former students who will receive newsletters from school as well as affording them the opportunity to opt in to providing school talks, mentoring or work experience. It is also an opportunity for any ex-St James' student to let us know what they are doing and how they are getting on. If you are a St James' alumnus, or you know anyone who is, please do complete the link [here](#) or forward it to anyone who may be interested.

Advanced notice that on 10<sup>th</sup> July, we will be holding, weather permitting, our annual St James' Sports Day and we are looking forward to celebrating our school values of Family, Faith and Excellence, as we have the opportunity for all children to get involved. On 11<sup>th</sup> July, we begin Curriculum Excellence Week for Years 7 to 9 with a wide range of exciting activities, trips and visits. Meanwhile, our Year 10 children will begin their 5-day Work Experience, a wonderful way for them to gain an insight into the world of work.

In September, we will be making a small adjustment to our school day. Following feedback from the trial we have run this year, and after considering the views of pupils and staff alongside an analysis of internal data, we will be reducing lunchtime by 10 minutes and adding 10 minutes to Form time. This change will ensure that the collective worship our children receive at the start of each day is purposeful, spiritual, and enriching. Please note that there is no change to the start or end time of the school day.

In Sunday's Gospel, we heard the powerful words from Luke: *"All ate and were satisfied."* This simple yet profound statement reminds us of God's abundant generosity and care for His people. In our school community, it speaks not only to the physical nourishment we receive, but also to the deeper spiritual, emotional, and educational fulfilment that we strive to offer every child. As we move through this final half-term, may we continue to be a school where every member of our community feels supported, nurtured, and satisfied, not just in what they receive, but in what they give and share with others.

Have a fantastic week and if you need anything please do not hesitate to reach out via email [headteacherpa@stjamesheadle.co.uk](mailto:headteacherpa@stjamesheadle.co.uk)

Yours faithfully

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