



# ST JAMES'

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

10<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

## Re: Spring Term Week 9 Headteacher Update

Firstly, a huge thank you to everyone who participated in our Ash Wednesday celebrations last week. It was a truly special occasion, bringing our school family together in prayer and reflection.

We also had a fantastic World Book Day! The enthusiasm from both children and staff was wonderful, with so many getting involved. A particular highlight was seeing staff dressed as a variety of book characters, bringing the magic of reading to life.

Our Year 11 mock examinations concluded last Friday, and our staff are now working hard to mark, moderate, and standardise the papers. It is crucial that students act on the feedback they receive, as this will be key in their revision for the real exams. Looking ahead, some of our Year 11 students will be sitting their Food and Nutrition exam in the week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> March, as part of the 2025 Summer series. Please keep them and our staff in your thoughts and prayers.

As mentioned a few weeks ago, a team of staff members are running the Nantwich 10k to raise money for MENTORS, a charity close to Mr Walker's heart. Training is going well, and we would truly appreciate any sponsorship to keep us motivated. If you'd like to support us, donations can be made via the MENTORS website. A big thank you to those who have already contributed—Mr Walker has raised over £2,150 so far!

Thank you also to everyone who has donated to our chocolate appeal. These contributions will support our chocolate tombola, raising vital funds for Caritas, an organisation that does incredible work within our Diocese. Donations are still welcome and can be handed to your child's Form Tutor.

A quick reminder that we are now transitioning to Blue Sky for our school's social media updates. This will be our new platform for sharing news, celebrating achievements, and keeping you informed about everything happening at St James'. Be sure to follow us.

Finally, in yesterday's Gospel, we reflected on Jesus' time in the wilderness, where He was tempted by the devil. This passage reminds us that challenges and temptations are part of life, but with faith, resilience, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we can overcome them. Just as Jesus remained steadfast in His mission, we encourage our students to stay true to their values, make positive choices, and support one another in times of difficulty. Through prayer, reflection, and the strength of our school community, we continue to grow in faith, knowing that God walks with us in every challenge we face.

Thank you for your ongoing support and we look forward to another great week ahead. If you need anything do not hesitate to contact [headteacherpa@stjamesheadle.co.uk](mailto:headteacherpa@stjamesheadle.co.uk).

Yours faithfully

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