



11th March 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Spring Term Week 9 Headteacher Update

Firstly, Happy Mother's Day to all of the mothers in our St James' family. Yesterday we entered the unique warmth of Laetare Sunday during this fourth week of Lent, the Gospel resounds with the profound message that God sent His Son to save the world through Him. This reminder is a beacon of hope and joy in our journey towards Easter. In our Catholic school, this message echoes in our commitment to providing education that not only nurtures academic excellence but also fosters spiritual growth. Just as God's love for the world is boundless, let us cultivate an environment where compassion and understanding flourish. As we celebrate the approaching light of Easter, may the awareness of God's love inspire us to extend kindness and grace to one another.

Over the weekend I attended the ASCL conference where Headteachers, CEOs, and other leaders nationwide convened to receive updates from key figures such as the Secretary of State for Education, Ofsted, Ofqual, and other prominent organisations. This experience provided a valuable opportunity for reflection on our school's role as a microcosm of society. As I heard about the broader educational landscape, it became clear that our school is not just a place of learning but a vibrant community that mirrors the diversity, resilience, and potential of the wider world. I feel so fortunate to have such a fantastic school that nurtures academic excellence, character development, and a strong sense of family. Let us continue to collaborate and strive for excellence, knowing that the success of our school is a testament to the collective efforts of our dedicated staff, committed parents, and outstanding children.

Our Year 11 mock examinations concluded on Friday last week for our Year 11 children. Our staff are now busy ensuring that the papers are marked, moderated, and standardised. It is now crucial that any feedback your child receives is acted upon and followed, as this will aid their revision for the real examinations. This week some of our Year 11 children have their first real examination of the 2024 Summer series with the Food and Nutrition exam. Please keep our children and staff in your thoughts and prayers.

As we shared last week, a team of staff are running the Nantwich 10k to raise money for CAFOD. The training is going well and we would really appreciate your sponsorship to keep us motivated on the day. We do hope you would be able to consider sponsoring us, the link is [here](#). Many thanks to those who have already donated.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our chocolate appeal that we will be using for our chocolate tombola on Wednesday 27th March. This will raise much needed funds for Caritas who do fantastic work within the Diocese. Our Year 11 Prefects will be running this event and we hope that many children will get involved, it will be 50p a go to win some fantastic prizes. Please do continue to send in donations to school, these can be handed into your child's Form Tutor.

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



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With God
all things are possible

Matthew 19:26