



15<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Summer Term Week 9 Headteacher Update**

This week marks the final week of examinations for our Year 11 children with the exams concluding tomorrow with the Spanish writing examination. They have been outstanding throughout this period, approaching each exam with maturity and resilience. Please continue to keep our Year 11 children in your thoughts and prayers.

We look forward to celebrating with them at several upcoming events:

- Prom at the Radisson Blu Hotel, Manchester Airport on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 6:00pm
- Prize Evening, taking place in school in November

A final reminder that on Thursday this week, 18<sup>th</sup> June, our annual Excellence Evening takes place. 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.

I want to inform you that we will be conducting our annual practice lockdown drill on Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June. This is an essential part of our commitment to ensuring the safety and security of all pupils and staff. I understand that this may raise questions, so I wanted to give you plenty of notice. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries in the coming weeks. Thank you for your understanding and support as we work together to keep our school community safe.

On Thursday last week, we held interviews for our Head Boy, Head Girl, Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl positions. The standard of all candidates was exceptionally high, and I was incredibly impressed by the confidence, maturity and commitment shown throughout the process. I am delighted to announce that Rose and Fin were appointed as our Head Girl and Head Boy respectively, with Olivia and Tom appointed as Deputy Head Girl and Deputy Head Boy. I know they will be outstanding ambassadors for our school and will lead with dedication, integrity and pride in the year ahead.

In yesterday's Gospel, we heard the words: *"Jesus called to him his twelve disciples and sent them out."* This simple but powerful message reminds us that each of us is called to use our gifts in the service of others. Jesus did not choose perfect people; He chose ordinary individuals and entrusted them with an extraordinary mission. As we continue through this busy half term, may we encourage our children to recognise their own talents, have confidence in their abilities, and respond generously to opportunities to make a positive difference in the lives of those around them. Through acts of kindness, service, and compassion, we too can answer Christ's call each day.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. If you need anything, please do not hesitate to get in touch via [headteacherpa@stjamesheadle.co.uk](mailto:headteacherpa@stjamesheadle.co.uk).





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Yours faithfully

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With God all things are possible Matthew 19:26