



19<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

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

This week, we enter the final week of examinations for our Year 11. The children have been amazing throughout this period and really taken all examinations in their stride. Please continue to keep all our Year 11 children in your thoughts and prayers. A reminder, we have the opportunity to celebrate at the Leavers' Mass which is taking place at Christ Church on 28<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm, Prom which takes place at Edgeley Park on 29<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm and Prize Evening in November in school.

A final reminder that on Thursday this week, 22<sup>nd</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**. Please can parents/carers park at either the front of school or at Manchester Rugby Club opposite.

On Friday our first Duke of Edinburgh bronze expedition practice takes place for our Year 9 children. Miss Hewson, along with several staff, will support our children as they practice ahead of their final expedition. These kinds of events do not happen by chance and so much hard work and effort has gone into this from Miss Hewson in particular. Please keep our children and staff in your thoughts and prayers over the weekend.

In yesterday's Gospel, Jesus shares his mission to proclaim the kingdom of heaven with his disciples. They are to do the work that Jesus has already been doing: the sick are cured, lepers are cleansed, demons are driven out, and the dead are raised to life. The disciples are sent to continue doing the work that Jesus has begun. As Jesus sent his disciples to continue his work and mission, so too the Church is sent by Jesus. The Church is his continuing presence on earth. All the members of the church are his beloved and are called to share his mission. On Thursday last week we had Barbara Davies from the Shrewsbury Diocese come and speak to our staff and remind us of our mission in the lives of the young people we serve. It really reinforced our school purpose of "educating and developing global Catholic citizens" the theme was happiness and dovetails perfectly with this week's Gospel.

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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