



ST JAMES'

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

30th June 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Summer Term Week 9 Headteacher Update

Last week, we celebrated our Year 11 Leavers' Mass at Our Lady's, Edgeley, followed by our Prom on Thursday at The Radisson Blu, Manchester Airport. Both were wonderful events. After the Prom, several staff from the venue commented on how well-behaved our children were throughout the evening. They were an absolute credit to both our school and their families.

We now look ahead to celebrating again on Results Day, which will take place on Thursday, 21st August, from 9.00 am to 10.00 am, and at our Prize Evening in November. Further details about Prize Evening will be shared in the autumn term.

Following our Excellence Evening on 19th June, the gallery of professional photos will be uploaded to our website this week. These will be accessible via the large banner on the homepage or through our news stories section. The high-resolution photos will be available for you to download and share with friends and family.

This week, we are delighted to welcome the newest members of our St James' family. On Wednesday evening, 2nd July, at 6.00 pm, we will host our Transition Evening for parents and carers. This important event will provide key information ahead of Transition Day on Thursday, 3rd July. Transition Day is always one of my favourite days in the school calendar; it's wonderful to see the children arriving in their primary school uniforms as they begin their journey towards becoming part of the St James' community in September. Please keep these children and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

A reminder that, weather permitting, we will be holding our annual St James' Sports Day on Wednesday, 10th July. We look forward to a day of celebration, teamwork, and the opportunity for all pupils to demonstrate our core values of Family, Faith, and Excellence.

During Curriculum Excellence Week, pupils in Years 7–9 will participate in a range of exciting activities, while our Year 10 pupils will begin their five-day work experience placements, a fantastic opportunity to gain insight into the world of work.

Finally, we will be conducting a practice lockdown drill on Friday, July 4th. 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 don't 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.

If you need anything, please do not hesitate to reach out via headteacherpa@stjamescheadle.co.uk

Yours faithfully

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