



ST JAMES'

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

9th June 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Celebration of the Word- Half Term Six, Week Two

This week's **Celebration of the Word**, shared during form time, focusses on the **Gospel of Pentecost**, when the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples. In that moment, they were filled with courage, clarity, and the ability to go out and proclaim the Good News. It marks the birth of the Church and reminds us that we too are called to be people of courage, filled with the Spirit, bringing peace and hope into our communities. May we all find the strength to speak and act with faith and love in our daily lives.

This week, our focus within **Catholic Social Teaching** is the **Option for the Poor**. This principle reminds us that those who are most vulnerable and marginalised should be given special attention and care. As a school community, we are called to stand in solidarity with those in need, speak up for justice, and make choices that ensure everyone, especially the poorest in our world, are treated with dignity, compassion, and respect. Our children will be looking at Mother Teresa in form time- someone who embodied this CST perfectly.

We continue to hold our **Year 11** children in prayer as they progress through their **GCSE examinations** over the coming weeks. We are proud of their commitment, maturity, and resilience.

Please feel free to join us in prayer for all those sitting exams:

Loving God, bless our Year 11 students. Calm their hearts, strengthen their minds, and surround them with Your peace. Amen.

We are also looking ahead to our **Year 11 Leavers' Mass**, which will take place on **Wednesday 25th June at 6:00pm**, held at **Our Lady's Church in Edgeley**. This is a special opportunity to gather as a community and give thanks for all that our Year 11 children have achieved during their time at St James'. We warmly invite **all Year 11 children and their families** to join us for this joyful celebration.

Our **Form Saint of the Week** is **St Catherine of Siena**, a powerful voice in the Church known for her wisdom, courage, and deep spiritual insight. Though she lived in the 14th century, her words still inspire us today: *"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire."* Her life reminds us that even in difficult times, we are called to stand up for what is right, live with integrity, and trust deeply in God's plan.

As always, thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or would like to get in touch, please feel free to contact me at **h.purkiss@stjamescheadle.uk**.

Yours faithfully,

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