



ST JAMES'
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Year 6 Intake Presentation 2023

Anthony Pontifex
Headteacher

Things to do

- Read the website <http://www.stjamescheadle.co.uk/y6-transition/>
- Read the brochures and complete the tasks
- Follow us on Twitter @StJamesCheadle
- Ensure that we have your correct email address and mobile number





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**Our Purpose: to educate and develop
global Catholic citizens**

Our Values

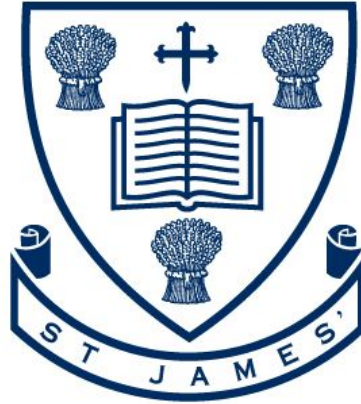
- Family
- Faith
- Excellence



With God all things are possible Matthew 19:26



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The mission of St James'

To ensure everyone within our school **family** achieves their full potential,
to encourage learning and development through **faith**,
and to strive for **excellence**.

Our Spirit

Sitting behind our values, mission and school badge is our St James' spirit;

Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible but with God all things are possible” Matthew 19:26



The Senior Leadership Team



Anthony Pontifex Headteacher

Clare Pickles
Senior DHT



Steve Guscott
DHT



Maggie Dooley
SBM



Laura Moss
AHT



Ryan Maidment
AHT



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Ryan Maidment

Assistant Headteacher
Behaviour and Attitudes

Guidance and Support

Heads of Year: Ms O Woods/Mr M Reid

Form Tutors:

- 7J Miss C Stancombe
- 7A Miss H Purkiss
- 7M Mrs H Grainger
- 7E Miss B Hewson
- 7S Mrs V Floyd/Mrs K Booth
- 7C Mr E Vyas



Guidance and Support

Assistant Headteacher:

Mr R Maidment

Pastoral Manager:

Miss H Ellison/Mrs S Stewart

Special Needs Co-ordinator:

Miss V Bickerton

School Nurse:

Mrs M Mulloch

Mental Health and Wellbeing Lead

Attendance Officer



Pastoral Team

- Supporting and caring for all children
- Maintaining high standards and expectations of behaviour and uniform
- Providing help when needed
- Promoting excellent attendance
- Encouraging children in all aspects of school life
- Rewarding children



Our standards and expectations

- Behaviour
- Uniform
- Attendance



Behaviour

- Follow our behaviour policy and behaviour framework
- Classroom
- Break and lunchtime
- Travel to and from school

<https://www.stjamesheadle.co.uk/statutory-information/behaviourpolicy>



Uniform

- Children must be wearing the correct school uniform as stated in our policy and on the school website
- St James' navy blazer, St James' school tie, white shirt, black trousers, navy skirt (Girls), black/navy socks
- A formal black shoe must be worn - No 'Kickers' or trainers
- Hoodies in any form are **not** permitted in school
- For all children, hairstyles must be sensible, tidy and of a natural colour. Extreme hairstyles are forbidden. For example, shaved haircuts (**less than a number 2**)
- No jewellery - including earrings, rings, necklaces



Attendance and Punctuality

- Children must strive to attain 100% attendance
- 97% is the level children should not fall below
- 90% attendance over the 5 years = ½ a year of missed secondary education. Research suggests this can result in a grade lower than expectations across subjects
- Children are on time for school and lessons
- Holidays under any circumstances will not be authorised



Rewards

Value Points (Family/Faith/Excellence)

- Break/Lunch time rewards
- Half term rewards

Excellence Evening

- Subject Awards
- Family/Faith/Excellence awards
- Spirit of St James' award

Attendance

- Bi-weekly lottery

End of Year trips

- Alton Towers/
Blackpool Pleasure
Beach/Chester Zoo





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Olivia Woods / Matthew Reid

Heads of Year

Communication

SatchelOne app

- Notifications - homework details and deadlines as well as attendance, behaviour data and detentions

MyED app

- Text/Email

Regularly check both apps to see notifications, texts and email messages

- Latest news available from the St James' website:
www.stjamescheadle.co.uk
- [Twitter@StJamesCheadle](https://twitter.com/StJamesCheadle)
- Year 6 Transition Brochure



Parental Support

- Get your child into great routines
- Make a copy of your child's timetable and stick it in a prominent place
- Help them to pack their bag each evening
- Have a separate PE bag
- Support homework
- Make use of the school homework club 3-4pm
- Allocate a space for books/equipment to be kept at home



Key Dates

- Transition day Thursday 6th July 2023
- First day of term Wednesday 6th September 2023
- Savio Retreat 25th September - 2nd October 2023
- Year 7 Welcome Mass Thursday 5th October 6pm
- Parent Tutor Evening Thursday 9th November 2023 4pm-7pm



Extra Curricular

- Music provision
- PE clubs and teams
- Lunchtime and after-school clubs e.g. STEM club, Equality group, Dungeons and Dragons club
- Trips and residentials
- Savio House retreats



Intake Day

- Thursday 6th July
- Arrive at school at 8.30am for assembly and your child will be taken to their Form room
- Meet their new Form group, Form Tutor and spend time getting to know each other
- Tour of the school
- 3 lessons e.g. RE/Maths/PE/Drama/Geography/PSHCE
- Back to Form room for a reflection of the day
- Finish at 2.50pm



Intake Day

- Snack and drink for breaktime
- Pen, pencil and lunch (or money for lunch £2)
- Primary school uniform
- Parents: **Please do not** drive onto site at the start or end of the day





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Laura Moss

**Assistant Headteacher
Raising Standards**

The Curriculum - purpose and intent

- St James' Catholic High School provides a broad and balanced curriculum that challenges every child, regardless of ability, starting point or background
- We aim for excellence throughout our curriculum in order to shape well rounded global Catholic citizens who achieve their full potential



How do I know what my child will study?

- Full information on the curriculum and what your child will study can be found at www.stjamescheadle.co.uk/curriculum
- Each faculty and department has a separate curriculum page that outlines their values and purpose
- Curriculum progression grids outline what your child will be studying in each year and how they will be assessed



The academic year - Year 7 (50 periods)

- We operate a two week timetable - Red and Blue Week
- Children will have five lessons per day
 - Period 1 9.00 - 10.00
 - Period 2 10.00 - 11.00
 - **Break** 11.00 - 11.15
 - Period 3 11.15 - 12.15
 - Period 4 12.15 - 1.15
 - **Lunch** 1.15 - 2.00
 - Period 5 2.00 - 3.00



Personal Development

- Underpinning our broad and balanced curriculum is an outstanding pastoral system that supports our children from Year 7 to Year 11
- Through our Personal Development programme, we support children's wider spiritual, moral, social and cultural development
- In Form groups, our children receive one lesson of PSHCE per week
- This enables them to make informed choices on all aspects of their lives





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Steve Guscott

Deputy Headteacher / Designated
Safeguarding Lead

How do we ensure our children are safe at St James'?

- Designated Safeguarding Lead
- Wider safeguarding team working closely with pastoral staff
- All staff responsible for safeguarding
- Close links with external support agencies
- Safeguarding is an absolute priority at St James' and underpins everything we do



What is safeguarding?

OFSTED (2022) - 'Safeguarding is effective'

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is defined as:

- **protecting** children from **maltreatment**;
- **preventing** the impairment of children's **mental and physical health** or development;
- ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of **safe and effective care**;
- **taking action** to enable all children to have the best outcomes.

It is essential that **everybody** working in a school or college understands their safeguarding responsibilities. KCSIE 2022

Principles of safeguarding at St. James'

- Culture of listening/safe spaces - a strength of the school
- Professional curiosity - awareness of trends
- **A joined up approach** - safeguarding/SEN/mental health and wellbeing/behaviour
- **A systemic approach** - some issues can be dealt with in school, but we are also one of three safeguarding partners - Health / Police /Childrens' services and the local authority
- All concerns should be logged and will be taken seriously
- **Our duty to uphold equality and protected characteristics (KCSIE 2022)**



Key Individuals

The DSL and deputies/staff with DSL training at our school are:

- Steve Guscott (DSL)
- Ryan Maidment (Deputy DSL)
- Holly Ellison (Deputy DSL)
- Anthony Pontifex (Headteacher)



Key Information

Further information on safeguarding and how to inform us of any safeguarding concerns can be found on our school website at <https://www.stjamescheadle.co.uk/safeguarding/>

Here you will find:

- Key contacts
- Safeguarding policy
- Information on how to make referrals / how to inform us of any safeguarding concerns





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Clare Pickles

Senior Deputy Headteacher

ICT Awareness

- Online Behaviour
- Children are taught through PSHCE/Assemblies
- Use of School ICT Resources
- Robust monitoring across school devices
- Useful website for children and parents
<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>
- Mobile phones are not allowed in school



Chromebooks

- A new and exciting initiative whereby all Year 7s will be issued with a Chromebook in September



Why are we doing this?

- To support and enhance teaching and learning within the classroom
- Less reliance on textbooks and printing
- Use of appropriate websites to enhance learning
- Developing use of IT skills including Google Drive
- Submitting work more efficiently
- Managing time more efficiently for example Google Quizzes
- Easier access to online resources at home for example Satchel One



What do we expect from the children?

- To follow the agreed user policy that will be issued
- To bring your Chromebook to school every day fully charged
- To look after your Chromebook and report any problems
- To use it to enhance your learning and help you make the most of your time at St James'



What do we expect from parents and carers?

- Payment of a £50 deposit, when the children leave in Year 11, they may keep their Chromebook unless they wish to return it
- To support your child in following the agreed user policy
- To ensure that it is used responsibly at home and when accessing WIFI outside of school that this is via a secure connection
- To report any concerns about Chromebook usage to the school
- Provide an appropriate school bag for a Chromebook



What can you expect from us?

- Support and guidance when issuing the Chromebooks; they will be set up for each individual child
- Ongoing support with any technical issues
- Free 1st repair for accidental damage
- Enhanced teaching and learning within the classroom



Next steps

- There will be 2 sessions offered in September to collect the Chromebooks and more information will be provided before then





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Maggie Dooley

School Business Manager

School Meals and Other Payments

- Excellent provision of school meals before school/break time/lunch time
- Cashless catering – Parent Pay Account is required
- Biometric information used for payment. PIN code issued if no consent received
- Parent Pay – is the **only** payment method for trips and other activities
- Parent Pay activation letters will be posted before the end of term and it is essential this is activated before September



School Building Fund

- St James' is a voluntary-aided school
- To fund this 10% cost, all families are kindly asked to make a voluntary contribution of £20 per child per year
- Letters will be given out during the Autumn term explaining the scheme. Parents will be able to make this voluntary contribution through the Parent Pay system
- Examples of how the funding has been used previously include; refurbishment of the toilets, food and nutrition room upgrades, replacement fire alarms





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Wednesday 6th September Year 7 Only