

Dear Parents / Carers,

Last Friday was the last GCSE exam for many of our Year 11 students, with German exams this week. We will be seeing all the young people again at the Prom this Friday and the Leavers' Breakfast the following Thursday, as well as Results Day in August and the Certificate Evening in November. They have worked really hard over the last few months and they fully deserve a well-earned break. I have been really proud of them all, and I'm sure you will join me in wishing them the very best in all that they do in the future. We have seen them grow into mature and caring young adults over the last five years, and I am sure that they will continue to be a credit to their families and the family of St James'.

This week we are welcoming Year 5 children from our partner Primary schools for a St James' taster day, starting with Cheadle Catholic today. We are also holding an information evening for parents of children in Years 4 & 5 next Tuesday evening, June 26<sup>th</sup>, at 6.00pm. If you do know of anyone who is thinking about St James' for their child or children, and they would like any further information about the school, please do encourage them to attend or to contact us at [michelle.mccumesky@st-jamescatholic.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:michelle.mccumesky@st-jamescatholic.stockport.sch.uk)

Next Wednesday is our Lower School Presentation Evening, one of the most important events on our school calendar – a chance to gather together to celebrate the successes and achievements of our young people. All pupils who have been invited must be in school by 6.30pm at the latest, for a 7.00pm start. It is always a very successful and joyful event, but also very busy. Seats are therefore strictly limited to **two guests per family**. You may also remember that we have made arrangements with Manchester Rugby Club to use their parking facilities on busy events such as the Lower School Presentation Evening, rather than parking on local roads. I can confirm the Rugby Club have kindly agreed to continue with this arrangement, so once the school car park is full, **PLEASE PARK AT THE RUGBY CLUB ON GROVE LANE**, next to the Pointing Dog.

Congratulations to all the Year 10 students who participated in the Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition over the weekend, and thank you to Mr Wheelan, Mrs Hutchings, Mrs Malins, Miss McCumesky and Mr Murphy for leading them safely through another very successful outing. Finally, could I please remind you about the PTA second-hand uniform sale, taking place after the New Intake Evening on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July. If you have any good quality spare uniform could you please hand it into the school reception by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June.

On Thursday 9S and 9J will be visiting the local Yeshurun Synagogue as part of their GCSE studies. 9E and 9C will be visiting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July. With so many trips and activities planned for the remainder of the Summer term, including HAE week activities, could I remind you that in an attempt to reduce the use of cash and cheques, trips may be paid for by using our e-payment service, ParentPay. If you require any assistance, please telephone the Finance Office on 0161 482 6903. It really is a simple and convenient way of transferring your money. Thank you for your continued support. As always, if you ever wish to contact me about any issue, please do not hesitate to email me at [headteacher@st-jamescatholic.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@st-jamescatholic.stockport.sch.uk)

Tim Beesley  
Headteacher

### PRAYER

Loving God,  
You walk with those searching for a better life.  
May we work together to share the journey,  
and offer everyone a loving welcome.  
Amen

*You are cordially invited to the  
private view of the Year 11 GCSE Art  
Exhibition 2018  
at St James' Catholic High School  
On Tuesday 26th June  
5.00pm-6.30pm*



Portrait Painting by Victoria Santo Year 11



Yesterday's Gospel is one of my favourite passages; I relate it to Youth Ministry. One of the hardest things in youth ministry is measuring its success: how it can be measured, how you know if you are making a difference to the young people you meet. Part of our job here at the Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team (SYMT) is to provide lots of opportunities for young people to learn about and develop their faith in

a fun and exciting way. When the SYMT finish an event, I often wonder what sort of impact we might have had on the young people gathered at the event. For me I look at the concentration in the young people's faces when one of the team is giving them a talk for example. However we never really know what they took from the event we simply help plant the seed of faith so that one day it will grow, and the Church can help sustain the growth.

This passage is also a very popular one for young people at their confirmation, since it emphasises the need for the seed to fall on good ground not rocky ground. With so many pressures on young people these days, from their peers and other temptations, sometimes that seed does fall on rocky ground. When this is the case we must ensure that seed is given every opportunity to eventually fall on good ground. With our faith, we must ensure that we too are fed, and nourished enough for our faith to grow and be harvested.

We can nourish and feed our faith with the Sacraments of the Church; going to Confession and receiving the Eucharist at Mass. This enables us to grow in our faith, and we become more like Christ. When we become more like Christ we have the light of Christ within us to shine around those who may not know Christ.

Dave - Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team

## YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

**School Placements** - It is vital that pupils should make initial contact with their employer by the end of this week. Important paperwork needs to be signed by the placement which the student must give to his/her employer. Failure to do so will prevent pupils being allowed on Work Experience. When making the initial contact pupils may be required to attend an interview with the Employer (please ensure that this takes place outside school hours where possible). Check who you need to report to when getting the paperwork signed. Ensure you are aware of the lunch arrangements and the correct uniform which is being expected. Transport links are vital when travelling to and from work therefore please ensure you know the exact location.

**Pupil Placement** - All your paper work is now complete however two weeks before the Work Experience is due to start please contact your Employer by phone or e-mail as a reminder if there are any problems you must contact Mrs Grainger. Similar to the school placements please ensure that you are aware of transport links, hours of work and refreshment facilities.

Please remember that the Employers are giving up their time therefore be appreciative and work with them to the best of your abilities.

Mrs H Grainger

## SPORT RESULTS

Boys sport cricket result. Year 7 beat Cheadle Hulme High School by 3 wickets.

Cheadle Hulme High School 79- 9 (16 overs) St James' 82-7

4 of our Year 7 pupils competed in the Stockport Schools Tennis Competition on Thursday 14th June. They finished as runners up. The 4 pupils are *Holly Moran, Matthew Livingstone, Sam Noone* and *Seamus Garvin*.

As part of the Go4SET STEM competition, six of our Year 9 pupils had the opportunity to visit the redevelopment of Liverpool Lime Street station yesterday. Thanks to @BCG\_Ltd and @networkrail for their hospitality and welcome.

Mr Brown and Mrs Kibble



This week a group of six Year 9 students visited Liverpool Lime Street Train Station, as part of the Go4Set STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics) competition, that the school has been participating in. The group's mentor is a man from Network Rail, so we visited the station to see how they use STEM subjects in real life. In the trip, we learnt lots of things about how engineering is used to remodel and improve train stations. It was good to see STEM subjects in action.

*By Thomas Coleing, 9C*

### **GIRLS' EXTRA CURRICULAR PE INFORMATION**

**Week commencing Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June**

Monday	Year 9 & 10 rounder's practice 3-4.15pm
Tuesday	Year 7 & 8 (A & B) rounder's match 3-4.45pm
Wednesday	Year 7 & 8 Athletics League 2 at Woodbank 3- 5.30pm

Girls' PE

### **BOYS' EXTRA CURRICULAR PE INFORMATION**

**Week commencing Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June**

Tuesday	Year 7 & 8 field event practice (shot putt, long jump, javelin) 3pm-3.45pm
Wednesday	Year 7 & 8 Stockport league athletics at Woodbank Park meet 3pm return 5.45pm

Please note the Year 9 softball fixture v CHHS has been moved to Thursday 4th July

Boys' PE