

Dear Parents and Carers

We hope all of our Year 7s have settled into our school community this term and that they, with all of our students, have enjoyed their learning and extra-curricular activities. It has been a busy term with many trips including Linnet Clough, Alton Towers and this week the Christmas Activity trips. The Year 7 Welcome Mass was a beautiful occasion. The Year 11s have ended their December examinations and I hope they see in their results the rewards of their hard work.

I must thank on behalf of the senior leadership team, staff and students of St James' Mrs Hogg our Executive Headteacher, and Mrs Brown (Head of School at St Thomas More, Crewe) for all their support and guidance this term. We hope our two schools will stay in close contact in the future.

A huge thank you for all of the tins we have collected for the Wellspring, it a wonderful reminder of the true meaning of Advent as we prepare for Christ's birth.

May I wish you all a Happy and Holy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

Thank you for all the support our parents and carers give to us.

Best wishes

Mrs P M Livesey
Deputy Headteacher

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

On behalf of the governors I would like to wish all our pupils and their families a happy and peaceful Christmas.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Clare Hogg and Mrs Donna Brown for their hard work and support for the whole St James' community this term. We pray that they and St Thomas More School will have a happy and successful new year.

Best wishes for a joyful New Year

Mrs Susan Breckell
Chair of Governors

REMINDER

**SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 12:15PM ON
FRIDAY 21ST DECEMBER AND
REOPENS ON
TUESDAY 8TH JANUARY 2019**

PRAYER

God our Father, as we draw closer to the feast of
Christmas,
may we allow Christ's values to be born anew in our
hearts.
May we recognise our need for the sacred gifts of hope,
peace, joy and love in our lives
We ask this through Christ our Lord,

Amen



CHRISTMAS ACTIVITY DAY IS ON THURSDAY 20TH DECEMBER

ALL STUDENTS (EVEN THOSE NOT GOING ON SCHOOL TRIPS) WILL BE IN OWN CLOTHES

St James' Catholic High School Presents
'A Star in the Darkness'
A Christmas Showcase

Wednesday 19th December 2018
6.00-7.30pm

TICKETS From Mrs Malins
Entrance donations to 'The Wellspring' on the door
Mulled Punch & Mince pies Served by the PTA

ADDITIONAL KEY DATES

Year 10 students will take their English Literature GCSE in the summer and as part of their preparation we invite parents and carers to attend an information evening on Monday 4th February at 7pm. This follows on from very positive feedback after the Year 10 Curriculum Evening in September. We look forward to seeing you again.

There will be a meeting for Year 10 pupils and parents on Thursday 17th January at 6.30pm concerning **Work Experience**. We feel that attendance is crucial if pupils are to make the most of this opportunity later in the year. Please contact Mrs Grainger if you have any queries helen.grainger@st-jamescatholic.stockport.sch.uk

Year 11 parents and carers are invited to attend a GCSE Preparation Evening on Wednesday 13th March at 7pm. This evening will help you to support your son/ daughter as revision begins in earnest and the Revision Plans are handed out at the end of that week.

PARENTS EVENING DATES

Year 11 parents evening	Thursday 24 th January
Year 10 parents evening	Thursday 28 th February
Year 7 parents evening	Thursday 7 th March
Year 9 parents evening	Thursday 25 th April

ATTEND TODAY ACHIEVE TOMORROW

We'd like to share our recent attendance figures. The whole school attendance so far this year has improved from **95.1%** this time last year to **96.1%** this year.

Congratulations to our pupils for their attendance performance so far this year!

Year Group	% Attendance 2018-2019 Year to date
7	97.2
8	96.1
9	96.1
10	95.5
11	95.5

There is clear evidence that attendance has a direct impact on GCSE grades. The table below shows the effect poor attendance has on results.

Attendance	Percentage of students who achieved at <u>least 5 GCSEs, Grade 5 or above</u>	Percentage of students who achieved at least Grade 5 <u>in English & Maths</u>
Above 95%	56.8%	56.8%
92 - 95%	41.2%	44.1%
90 - 92%	36.4%	36.4%
Below 90%	28.0%	28.0%

To celebrate pupils who have achieved **100%** attendance this half term, students will be presented with a Christmas chocolate lolly. Students achieving **100%** attendance since September will receive a selection box on the last day of term.

Mrs C Hanley
Attendance Officer

ST PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH SVP LUNCH

Some of our Year 8 students volunteered to serve members of St Peter's Catholic Church their Christmas lunch last week. A wonderful atmosphere shared by all!

Mr R Maidment
Head of Year 8



NETBALL RESULTS 2018

Attached are this year's netball results. The Year 9s and 10s are doing particularly well at the moment as they are currently unbeaten. The Year 8 team has made tremendous progress this year as they won a lot more games. Year 7s are making progress!

Miss Molyneux
Girls' PE

Year 9 team - unbeaten!!

Year 7

St James' vs Reddish (away) Won 2-1
St James' vs Stockport Academy (home) Won 7-3
St James' vs Priestnall (home) Lost 15-22
St James' vs Laurus (home) Lost 1-2
St James' vs Werneth (away) Lost 0-12
St James' vs Stockport School (home) Lost 7-2
St James' vs CHHS (away) Lost 19-1

Year 8

St James' vs Reddish (away) Won 14-5
St James' vs Harrytown (home) Won 27-1
St James' vs Stockport Academy (home) Won 20-12
St James' vs Priestnall (home) Won 8-6
St James' vs Kingsway (away) Lost 3-5
St James' vs Werneth (away) Lost 1-10
St James' vs Stockport School Win 7-4 (home)
St James' vs CHHS (away) Won 14-6

Year 9

St James vs Reddish (away) Won 19-5
St James vs Harrytown (home) Won 20-3
St James vs Stockport Academy (home) Won 30-17
St James vs Priestnall (home) Won 21-5
St James vs Werneth (away) Won 13-4
St James vs Stockport School (home) Won 10-0
St James' vs CHHS (home) Won 50-1

Year 10

St James' vs Harrytown (home) Won 39-1
St James' vs Priestnall (home) Won 17-4
St James' vs Kingsway (away) Won 22-15
St James' vs Werneth (away) Won 22-2
St James' vs CHHS (home) Won 26-10

Year 11

St James' vs Reddish (away) Lost 7-26
St James' vs Harrytown (away) Won 35-7
St James' vs Priestnall (home) Lost 10-16
St James vs Werneth (Away) Won 13-9



Year 10 Team - unbeaten!!



Year 9 Team

Molly Evans (C)
Katie Stringer
Ellie Newall
Rebecca O'Brien
Sasha Hampton
Mia Pullar
Nancy Dinan
Eve Searl

Year 10 Team

Isabella Vita (C)
Moiria Robinson
Iscah Taylor
Deborah Warren
Eve McNulty
Natalya Roberts
Martha Lees
Megan Porter
Lily Gilronan