

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been fantastic to welcome back all the students this academic year and the Year 7 students have settled in magnificently to their first week at secondary school. Even though the weather has been very hot the students have maintained their high standards brilliantly with high standards of effort and uniform. Quite rightly we have told the students that they don't need to wear their jumper or blazers at the moment while the weather remains so warm, I will make sure the students are informed when we need to return to both jumpers and blazers.

Congratulations to Year 11 Leavers

Very well done to our Year 11 Leavers who received fantastic exam results during the Summer holidays with an impressive 76% of Students gaining a grade 9-4 in both Maths and English GCSE.

81% of students gained a 9-4 grade in Maths and 86% gained a grade 9-4 in English.

These results are a testament to the hard work of the students and the dedication of their teachers, the figures confirm our position as one of the leading schools in Tameside and adds to our proud record of high academic achievement that is based on our culture of excellence.

Congratulations class of 2023!

Satchel One

Parent/Carer log in details for Satchel One will be given to your child on Monday.

Sporting Success.

At the start of term, I have received the wonderful news that Joe Woods in Year 11 secured TWO bronze medals at the European Kickboxing Championships in Istanbul over the Summer. Joe put in outstanding performances in the two categories he was competing in and beat competitors ranked Number 1 and Number 2 in the world on his way to two Semi Finals.

An outstanding performance from an outstanding young man.

Work Experience

I have received in school a lovely letter from the manager of one of the businesses that one of our Year 11s attended during his work experience.

Frankie Frith only joined our school community last year but he has settled in brilliantly and the manager of the business where he worked was so impressed by him she felt compelled to write into school saying

"Frankie is an absolute credit to his parents, family and the school. He has been extremely polite, cheerful and worked really hard, I have no doubt that Frankie will progress really well in his chosen career."

Well done to Frankie and all the students who did so brilliantly in their work experience last year.

Solar Power

The school has been doing our part for the environment over the Summer and in an attempt to reduce our energy bills we have had 83 solar panels installed on the roof of Roper Building. With the lovely sunshine have been generating lots of our own electricity this week to power the school and

hopefully next Summer when the school is closed for the holidays we will be able to send some of the electricity back to the National Grid.

Open Evening: Early Finish

Our Open Evening for prospective parents/carers and students will take place on Thursday 28th September 6pm to 8pm.

As is usual practice school will close early on the day of Open Evening (28th September) at 12:15 to facilitate the organisation that is required to open the school to many hundreds of parents/carers and their children.

Further information will be provided about buses that are available for students to travel home in on the day in due course

St Thomas More RC College Fantasy Football League.

The school fantasy football league has been a great success with lots of students and staff taking part.

Thomas Hardman in Year 9 is the current overall school leader with an impressive 271 points.

Archie Goddard in Year 8 was the Game week 4 winner with a massive 100 points.

Well done Thomas and Archie!!

I am currently a long way back in 19th place but the season is still young.

There is still time for students to join the league especially now the Premier league is on a break for international football.

Once you have created a Premier League account and a team at [Fantasy Premier League, Official Fantasy Football Game of the Premier League](#) you can join the school mini league named;

St Thomas More League

The league code is; wojosv

Alternatively, you can click on the link below to automatically join the league.

<https://fantasy.premierleague.com/leagues/auto-join/wojosv>

New Staff

Welcome to the following new staff who have joined us this September:

Mr Turner: Curriculum Leader Geography, Ms Faulkner: MFL Teacher, Ms Birch: Learning Support, Mr Greenall: Mathematic Teacher, Ms Kruvele: Mathematics Teacher with additional responsibility, Ms Mayson: Mathematics Teacher, Ms Jordan: Science Teacher, Ms Khan: Textiles Teacher (Maternity Leave), Ms Broadbent: Food Technology Teacher (Maternity Leave), Mr Briscoe: Cover Supervisor.

Pre-Loved Uniform

Thank you for the kindness of all the families who donated items of uniform for our pre-loved uniform events so that uniform that was no longer needed could be redistributed to other families.

The events over the Summer Holidays were a great success and as a result our community has been able to support families needing items of uniform but it has also had great benefits for the environment, by re-using good quality uniform we have protected valuable natural resources and stopped perfectly good items going to landfill.

Thank you for your support! We are still taking donations of good quality uniform for future pre-loved events and please be aware that you can contact the school office at any time during the remainder of the school year if you would like to access any of the pre-loved items we have in stock.

Finally

Please remember that you can contact school each weekday Monday to Friday either by calling 0161 336 2743 or emailing admin@stmcollege.org.uk during normal school hours, if you do want to visit school to talk to a member of staff that can of course be arranged but do please contact school prior to your journey so that mutually convenient time and date can be arranged for an appointment.

God bless

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