

Dear Parents/Carers

Assemblies this week have been about the language of success and respect. Students understand that in order for everyone to be really successful it is vital that we talk to each other with respect and dignity so that everyone feels valued and welcome in our community. Year 9 students also had a presentation about the Duke of Edinburgh Awards and I know that the scheme will be really popular again this year, if students want more information about the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme then they should speak to Mr Marsh.

Parents Evening Surveys

Thank you to all the parents who completed the Parents Surveys at Year 7 and Year 11 Parents Evening. The results have been carefully looked at and I am really pleased to say that the feedback is hugely positive with 97% of Parents/Carers happy to recommend our school to other parents and Carers. It is also lovely that in Year 7 99% of parents/carers say their child is happy in school with well over 95% of Parents/carers in both Year 11 and Year 7 saying that their child does well in school and that the school has high expectations for them.

Thank you for your support.

Behaviour System

The Parent Surveys also indicated that 95% of Parents/Carers felt that the school acts to make sure its students are well behaved, this is a really pleasing figure as all staff do work hard to make sure that the students have high expectations of themselves so that they can learn really effectively in lessons. Ensuring that the culture for learning is right in school is one of the most important tasks in school as the Education that our students receive is the foundation for them to be successful in their careers in the future.

We are aware that there are a tiny number of students however that are currently on overall negative behaviour points and we want to ensure that these students make good choices in school and focus on their learning so they can do as well as they possibly can in their studies. In order to emphasise how important good behaviour is in school for those students who currently have negative behaviour points there will now be a 2-hour afterschool (rather than the normal hour) each time they are placed in an on-call detention. All parents/carers of students who are receiving this additional intervention have been written to separately this week. Of course, any student who moves back into positive behaviour points by consistently demonstrating high expectations will be moved out of this additional strategy.

Christmas Dinner Day

Christmas Dinner Day in school will take place on Wednesday 13th December in students' normal dinner time, there will be a full Christmas Dinner available and a vegetarian option, the cost of the meal is £2.53 which includes a drink and a Christmas Cracker. Students need to buy a ticket for the meal in advance by the deadline of Friday 8th December, the tickets can be bought in the canteen on any day at break or lunchtime and any purchased tickets will then be given out by form tutors in the week beginning Monday 11th December. We will make sure the Christmas Music keeps our diners entertained! Only Christmas Dinner will be available on the 13th December.

Confirmation 2024.

In school we are pleased to be able to provide you with the details of the Confirmation Preparation Sessions.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated for pupils in Year 8 or Year 9. The programme of preparation will be fully explained during this first meeting. Any young person who is interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation should see their Head of Year for an information letter.

Year 9 History Trip

Well done to the Year 9 Students who attended the trip to the Royal Armouries in Leeds on Wednesday. The students behaved superbly and were fantastic representatives for the school.

Year 11

A special well done to the Year 11 Students who have already begun their revision for their GCSE Exams in the Summer and their Mocks in January/February.

The Year 11 are having additional support with revision strategies through form time and parents/carers can also access the materials through Show My Homework.

Well done Year 11.

Top of the Achievement Points League

In celebration of the students in each form group in school who are working so hard and take every opportunity to support their school and learn well in lessons I am going to highlight the top points achiever in each Form, we are really blessed in school with those students who know how important education is to their futures and they take every opportunity to work with their teachers to make great progress.

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Year 7					
Ravin R 1990	Jacob B 2000	Abbie H 2090	Ellis P 1710	Kyle W 1510	Erin L 1740
Year 8					
Miracle O 1940	Christopher M 2330	Maria B 2210	Leon J 1690	Carrie M 2230	Isla N 1800
Year 9					
Olivia K 1830	Jack R 1690	Francesca W 1710	Leyton W 1820	Alex D 1610	Anna R 1780
Year 10					
Eid A 1940	Luca H 1880	Ben F 1850	Daisy N 2360	David W 2110	Rosin M 1890
Year 11					
Nathan V 1650	Mia P 1420	Delano M 1420	Rory M 1650	Olivia T 1830	Annabel M 1890

St Thomas More RC College Fantasy Football League.

No changes this week due to the international matches but don't forget to make any team changes before the early kick off tomorrow at 12:30 that is Manchester City vs Liverpool

League leader is still Mr Brophy with 693 points!!

There is still time for students or staff to join the league to win the weekly award.

Students just need to create a Premier League account and a team at [Fantasy Premier League](#), [Official Fantasy Football Game of the Premier League](#) then they 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>

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

H Brophy