

Dear Parents/Carers

Assemblies this week have been about the upcoming start of Advent and the journey to Christmas, the students have been asked to think about those less fortunate than ourselves this Christmas as we run our usual St Marys Foodbank Appeal. Students have been asked to bring non-perishable food items such as tinned or dried food into school for our collection on or before 11th December. Supporting the foodbank is a fantastic cause and it helps a huge number of families and individuals who may be in difficulty at this time of year.

One of our parents has very kindly donated a raffle voucher for the website she is involved in that makes keepsake items in memory of loved ones. The voucher is for the full purchase price of a keepsake Bear memento from the website: www.memoryrevisited.co.uk

Please do take a look at the items that the website has to offer.

Raffle tickets can be purchased from our parent pay website for £1 and all proceeds of the raffle will be donated to St Mary's Foodbank. Please give generously if you are able.

Reminder: Christmas Dinner Day and Charity Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Dinner Day in school will take place on Wednesday 13th December in 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.

The 13th December will also be our annual Christmas Jumper Day when students can wear a Christmas themed Jumper or Hoodie instead of their school uniform jumper. Please note that students must still wear full uniform if substituting their school jumper for a Christmas themed jumper.

On Christmas Jumper Day we are supporting the amazing Charity Friends of Rosie, this charity is a volunteer led organisation that seeks to raise funds for ground-breaking cancer treatment for young people who have received a cancer diagnosis. The charity also supports families and young people through diagnosis and treatment.

If your son/daughter is wearing a festive jumper on the day we would simply ask that you make a donation through our parent pay website to support this amazing charity. Many thanks in advance for your generosity.

Presentation Evening

Last night we welcomed back to school our Year 11 Leavers for Presentation Evening. It was fantastic to see such a great turn out for this wonderful school event and to hear all about the amazing next steps that the students have embarked upon in their careers including college courses, apprenticeships and workplace training. The students received their GCSE certificates and there were a number of special awards presented which were voted on by the school staff.

Well done again to all the Year 11 students on their examination achievements, they were one of the highest performing year groups in Tameside and Salford Diocese, also a special well done to the award winners last night that are listed below.

Subject Awards

Art Award Ciera Walker

Computer Science Award Zuzanna Podgorska

Food Award Charlie Cullinan

Drama Award Jack Ashton

English Language Award Eve Howard

English Literature Award Stella Walls

French Award Orla Dwyer

Geography Award Gabriella Ofori

German Award Hope Wedderburn

History Award Kiril Morajko

Mathematics Award Grace Fairhurst

Media Studies Award Matthew Webster

Music Award Isobel Duffy

PE Award Joseph Mensah

Product Design Award Layton Baguley

RE Award Owen Corry

Textiles Award Lily Braithwaite

Combined Science Award Kiana Howley

Biology Award Maria Rooke

Chemistry Award Harry Black

Physics Award Cory Irvine

Creative iMedia Award Oliver Bentley

Sports Studies Award Austin Wilburn

Health and Social Care Award Isobel Royle

Special Awards

Outstanding Attainment Award Henry Jostel

Outstanding Achievement Award Ludovica Scarpati

Overall School Ethos Award

Headteacher's Award Matthew Webster

Top of the Achievement Points League

It was lovely this afternoon to give out some sweets and chocolate to the students below who are top of the achievement points league in each of their forms. Well done to all these students and especially those that are so close to achieving their Silver Award

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Year 7					
Charlotte H 2150	Albie N 2210	Abbie H 2270	Ellis P 1920	Eleanor L 1820	Erin L 1900
Year 8					
Lucy M 2120	Christopher M 2530	Maria B 2380	Florence S 1930	Carrie M 2550	Isla N 1920
Year 9					
Olivia K 1970	Jack R 1820	Francesca W 1910	Leyton W 2020	Alex D 1730	Anna R 1910
Year 10					
Eid A 2140	Luca H 2040	Ben F 2010	Daisy N 2550	David W 2280	Rosin M 2050
Year 11					
Nathan V 1780	Mia P 1580	Abigail T 1590	Rory M 1850	Olivia T 1980	Annabel M 1780

St Thomas More RC College Fantasy Football League.

Some top scores this week and don't forget to make any changes to your teams ahead of Game week 14 next week

League leader is still Mr Brophy with 824 points!!

Game week 13 winners were

Ryan F 68 Points

And

Thomas M 68 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