

Dear Parents/Carers

As Mock exams continued this week the students received a virtual assembly on the “Power of Now” in form time on Wednesday. The assembly that began with prayer as usual focused on the school’s high standards and expectations that encourage students to create a good future for themselves by creating a great present. The assembly encouraged students to continue to do the simple things really well and work hard each day in school as by thinking about the “Power of Now” and not wasting a moment they can create an incredible future for themselves.

Now that the Mock Exams are completed I would just like to say well done to all the year 11 students for the excellent way they have conducted themselves in every exam. Our external invigilators have commented on their superb behaviour and dedication. Well done Year 11.

Snow

When the school site is covered with snow and ice first thing in the morning as it was on Tuesday it is never an ideal start to the day with late buses and a cold journey to school. I would just like to thank the students for their really sensible behaviour on Tuesday, they were incredibly mature during the school day and listened to staff instructions and moved around the site including at break and lunchtime in a very mature manner which meant the focus of the day stayed on teaching and learning throughout the day which is what everyone wants. Very well done!

Year 10 Parents Evening

Many thanks to the staff in school for a really successful Year 10 Parents Evening last night. Thank you to all the parents/carers who attended the event to talk to school staff about their child’s progress after the first term of GCSE and Vocational Study, there was a real buzz about the school and I know that lots of parents/carers were really pleased to hear about just how well their sons and daughters are doing in school.

Can I also say thank you to the Key Stage 4 students who served refreshments and ran the welcoming committee in the foyer, they did a superb job and were fantastic ambassadors for the school.

Top of the Achievement Points League

A brilliant effort from all our students who are collecting so many achievement points week by week, the totals are just incredible and shows what you can achieve by doing the simple things well and going the extra mile to be successful.

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Year 7 Total					
Charlotte H 3110	Jacob B 3230	Abbie H 3170	Ellis P 2680	Eleanor L 2960	Erin L 2820
Year 7 Weekly Winner					
Charlotte H Aiden F Riley C Georgia O Ellie T 130	Jacob B 170 Zuzanna F 150	Olivia N Isla P 120	Ellis P Franek S Caitlin T 70	Aerin L 150	Erin L Hugo S Reuben S Amelia F 140
Year 8 Total					

Miracle O 3350	Christopher M 3430	Maria B 3300	Florence S 3280	Carrie M 3960	Evie B 3110
Year 8 Weekly Winner					
Bobby M-F 180	Breya P 140	Maria B Rachel L 110	Florence S 170 Timmy S 140	Carrie M 120 Noah J 100 Ryan K 100	Ole M 300
Year 9 Total					
Olivia K 3000	Jack R 2615	Francesca W 2720	Leyton W 2780	Alex D 2480	Reve MM 2810
Year 9 Weekly Winner					
Heidi R Isla C 110	Sam A 160	Mia S DJ C Hannah D 130	Leyton W 140 Faye H Olivia M Annabel S Achiraya T Tayler G 130	Francesca D 130	Reve MM Beth Moran 130
Year 10 Total					
Eid A 3130	Luca H 2600	Ben F 2880	Daisy N 3450	David W 3060	Rosin M 2810
Year 10 Weekly Winner					
Tymon N 170	Kendra O 100	Ben F 120 Shalom O 110	Daisy N 120 Tija R Kaja S Freddy P 100	Grace R Akiel U 110	Megan T 160
Year 11 Total					
Nathan V 2470	Mia P 1990	Delano M 2060	Rory M 2520	Olivia T 2520	Annabel M 2220
Year 11 Weekly Winner					
Nathan V 210 Chloe S 200	Harrison T Millie C Jessica B 160	Delano M 230 Amelia M 200	Thomas W Tammy O 220	Christelle N 230	Kai P 180

Reminder: Confirmation 2024 - ST ANNE'S, FAIRFIELD

The sacrament of Confirmation will again be celebrated in June this year at St Anne's in Fairfield. There will be an introductory meeting for any students in Year 8 or older from St Anne's Fairfield parish who are interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, with their parents, on Monday 29th January at 6.30pm in St Anne's parish hall. The programme of preparation will be explained at the meeting.

If you wish to receive the sacrament of Confirmation this year, please speak to Fr Chris or contact the parish office before the meeting, Email - stannesfairfield@gmail.com or Phone - 0161 370 1615. Candidates will be confirmed by Bishop John on 2nd or 5th June 2024.

Reminder: Resource Base Consultation: School Website

Following discussions with Tameside Local Authority the School Governors have taken the decision to launch a consultation on a proposal to admit no more students to the ASD Resource Base from September 2024 onwards. This would eventually result in no additional students being placed in the Resource Base by the Local Authority, the consultation proposal spells out that this would mean the eventual closure of the resource base after five years.

Please note: As the resource base will stay open for student currently on roll, all current students within the Resource Base would finish their Education at St Thomas More RC College.

The consultation document is being shared widely and we are seeking to encourage as many people as possible to make their views/comments known. Full details of the consultation proposal and all additional information including on how you can make your views known are available on the school website at the following link.

<https://www.stmcollege.org.uk/resource-base-consultation>

(This link will be activated before Monday 8th January when the consultation period begins)

The Consultation closes on Monday 5th February

St Thomas More RC College Fantasy Football League.

No change in the Fantasy Football League due the 2 week game week for the Premier League Winter Break as a result the **current League leader remains as Mr Turner.**

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

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2024 Year of Prayer

As you may be aware in the Catholic Church 2025 has been designated as a Jubilee Year by Pope Francis with 'Pilgrims of Hope' as the theme.

The Holy Father has therefore asked that 2024 be year of prayer, as a preparatory year for the Jubilee.

A Prayer for those affected by Conflict in the World

God of refuge, the rock in whom we trust,
watch over our sisters and brothers across the world.
Bring comfort to those who grieve,
shelter to those who are homeless,
and sustenance to those who hunger and thirst.
God of mercy, open our hearts to your grace,
so that we are filled with compassion and a generosity of spirit,
and inspire us to act to bring about Peace in the world.
Spirit of love, pour out your peace like a healing balm,
which brings hope in place of despair.
Amen.

Key Parent/Carer Dates

Please note some dates particularly trips are provisional and may be subject to change.

Event	Date
Year 9 Science Trip Chester Zoo Trip	6 th February 2024
Year 8 History Quarry Bank Mill Trip	8 th February 2024
Math Pi Day	14 th March 2024
Year 9 Parents Evening	21 st March 2024
Year 9 Pathways Evening (Options)	18 th April 2024
GCSE MFL Speaking Exams	18 th April to 3 rd May 2024

Duke of Edinburgh Silver Expedition	26 th April to 28 th April 2024
GCSE Art Exam (Over 3 Days)	29 th April to 1 st May 2024
Year 8 Parents Evening	2 nd May 2024
GCSE Exams Begin	7 th May 2024
Year 10 London Trip	13 th June to 15 th June 2024
GCSE Exams End (Provisional)	19 th June 2024
Year 10 Mock Exams	20 th June to 27 th June 2024
Year 10 Geography Trip	28 th June 2024
Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Expedition	21 st June to 23 rd June 2024
Year 6 Induction Day	4 th July 2024
Rewards Evening Year 10-7	11 th July 2024
Sports Day Week	15 th July to 19 th July 2024
Work Experience Week	15 th July to 19 th July 2024
Celebration Day	22 nd July 2024
GCSE Results Day	22 nd August 2024