

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been nice that Manchester has been blessed with some drier weather this week which has made lunchtimes a much nicer experience for the students as they have been able to get some fresh air if they wanted rather than feeling like they needed to stay in the dining hall to keep dry.

Assemblies this week have focused on careers and the next steps that students will take in their lives, we know as a school it is so important that young people are aware of all the aspirational and profitable careers that are available to them and it is always great to hear of the wide and varied work that our ex-students have become involved when they have left our community having made great progress towards their exam results and outcomes during their time with us.

We love National Careers week in school as it is about the Hope of all the wonderful and exciting lives that our students will lead in the future.

It is particularly fitting that we were able to celebrate International Womens' Day today and reflect on all the inspirational women who are changing our world for the better through their lives, their example and their careers.

### **World Book Day: Literacy**

Staff took the time to dress up their classroom doors on World Book Day on the theme of different Fiction and Non-Fiction books and students got involved in a quiz to see if they could name them all.

Well done to all the students who completed the full set. It is always pleasing to see students becoming involved in the wide range of literacy activities that we have available in school as almost nothing is more important in terms of making progress in school than each young person making every effort to read as much as they can. Any increase in wider knowledges through reading or a development of vocabulary skills are small things that can make a big difference when it comes to students taking their GCSEs.

"We first learn to read, and then we read to learn"

### **Manchester Museum Trip: Year 10**

Well done to the Year 10 students who went to the Manchester Museum last week, the comments that we have received from the guides who were helping out at the Careers Takeover Event were unbelievable, with museum staff saying that our students were the most engaged and polite students who had visited the event.

Fantastic Ambassadors for the school!!!

### **Special Mention to Ruby L Year 7**

Well done to Ruby L in Year 7 who is participating in the Swim England Synchro National Championships on Saturday and Sunday this weekend.

We are very proud of Ruby for having the chance to compete in this prestigious National Competition against the best synchronised swimmers in each age group.

Good Luck Ruby!!

## Top of the Achievement Points League

Another fantastic week of collecting Achievement points

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<b>Year 7 Total</b>					
Charlotte H 4150	Jacob B 4690	Abbie H 4570	Ellis P 3700	Eleanor L 4100	Erin L 3940
<b>Year 7 Weekly Winner</b>					
James B 140	Jacob B 170	Abbie H 210	Winter L Oscar S Ellis P 130	Charlotte L 180	Ruby W Hugo S 170
<b>Year 8 Total</b>					
Miracle O 4730	Doreen A 4630	Maria B Rachel L 4460	Florence S 4880	Carrie M 5790	Evie B 4100
<b>Year 8 Weekly Winner</b>					
Lucy M 180	Doreen A 250	Lucie H 180	Oliver T Florence S 90	Leon P 230	Oyinkansola O 190
<b>Year 9 Total</b>					
Olivia K 3730	Jack R 3675	Dominik C 3440	Leyton W 3530	Francesca D 3270	Anna R 3630
<b>Year 9 Weekly Winner</b>					
Thomas H 140	Oliver H Sam A 180	Joana D H 110	Leyton W 130	Francesca D 110	Anna R 140
<b>Year 10 Total</b>					
Eid A 3910	Luca H 3360	Ben F 3730	Daisy N 4590	David W 4050	Megan T 3830
<b>Year 10 Weekly Winner</b>					
Atlanta R 170	Ryan F 100	Meida K 120	Shalom O Freddy P 140	Akiel U 130	Megan T 210
<b>Year 11 Total</b>					
Nathan V 3600	Harrison T 2560	Delano M Kelsey P 2630	Rory M 3420	Olivia T 3380	Annabel M 2880
<b>Year 11 Weekly Winner</b>					
Nathan V 180	Harrison T 110	Cameron M Nina May L 130	Tammy O 170	Rihanna S 170	Georgia W Phoebe W 130

## St Thomas More RC College Fantasy Football League.

Don't forget to make any changes to your team before 11:00am tomorrow, before the Manchester United face Everton at Old Trafford.

A high scoring week for the managers at St Thomas More saw players gain ground on the team at the top which is still myself, just .....with 1710 points!!!

**The top school players for gameweek 26 was Jacob B with 94 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>

### **Reminder: St Thomas More RC College - Careers Fair 2024**

*We are very excited to be hosting our annual careers fair on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024.*

*We anticipate many providers (from post-16 providers, to local businesses, to careers guidance and more) to be in attendance! The event is open to all parent(s)/carer(s) and students from 2:45pm to 3:40pm. We hope to see you there!*

*Do you own a business or work for a company and are interested in hosting a stall at the careers fair? Please email the school office or follow this link (<https://forms.office.com/e/KrbV0kdFSK>) to request a free stall.*

### **Reminder: Faith in Action in the Parish**

*Father Joseph Gee from our parish St Mary and St John Fisher has asked me to share with you the following important message about the youth Faith in Action group that is a wonderful opportunity for our young people.*

*"Dear Parents/carers of students in St Thomas More RC College, as I am sure you are aware from the weekly Parish newsletter, the children's Faith in Action Masses are now becoming embedded at St Mary's and take place on the fourth Sunday of each month at 11am Mass. These are Masses for young people created and led by young people. The only time this will change is if one of the Feast Day Masses falls on a different Sunday/day to this. These are Christ the King, Christmas Eve Vigil and Palm Sunday. We look forward to seeing as many young people as possible at these wonderful celebrations."*

### **Reminder Year 11: Revision**

*Year 11 are impressing all the teachers in school at the moment with their dedication to their studies and their performance in the recent mock examinations.*

*The final summer GCSE exams will be here before they know it and as they start in May there are only 2 full months in school before they begin. I know the vast majority of Year 11 have already started their revision for the exams in earnest but it is now really important that all Year 11 students are completing revision every week because there is no substitute for hard-work in preparation for these important exams. We do know that revision can be challenging for students to complete so sometimes they might need a little nudge or support at home to get going, please always remember that staff are available in school for your child to talk to about what they need to revise and the best strategies for effective revision. We know they have had this information already about how to revise in-form time and assemblies but staff are more than happy to go through it with them again if needed so please remind them to ask for help if it is required.*

*Please note the provisional date for the Year 11 Prom is 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024*

### **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](mailto: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.

This week's prayer was shared by CAFOD as part of their weekly reflection.

### **Prayer**

God our Father,

On International women's day grant that all your people across the world may know what it is to feel loved and cherished. We give thanks for all the inspirational women throughout the world who are a role model for how we should all live, so we can make the world a better place with equal opportunities for all.

Amen.

### **Key Parent/Carer Dates**

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

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>
Math Pi Day	14 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
Year 9 Parents Evening	21 <sup>st</sup> March 2024
Year 9 Pathways Evening (Options)	18 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
GCSE MFL Speaking Exams	18 <sup>th</sup> April to 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2024
Duke of Edinburgh Silver Expedition	26 <sup>th</sup> April to 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
GCSE Art Exam (Over 3 Days)	29 <sup>th</sup> April to 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2024
Year 8 Parents Evening	2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2024
GCSE Exams Begin	7 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
Year 10 London Trip	13 <sup>th</sup> June to 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2024
GCSE Exams End (Provisional)	19 <sup>th</sup> June 2024
Year 11 Prom (Provisional)	19 <sup>th</sup> June 2024
Year 10 Mock Exams	20 <sup>th</sup> June to 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2024
Year 10 Geography Trip	28 <sup>th</sup> June 2024
Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Expedition	21 <sup>st</sup> June to 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2024
Year 6 Induction Day	4 <sup>th</sup> July 2024
Rewards Evening Year 10-7	11 <sup>th</sup> July 2024
Sports Day Week	15 <sup>th</sup> July to 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2024
Work Experience Week	15 <sup>th</sup> July to 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2024
Celebration Day	22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024
GCSE Results Day	22 <sup>nd</sup> August 2024