

Dear Parents/Carers

Many thanks to all the Year 9 Parents and Carers who attended a really vibrant and successful parents and carers evening on Thursday evening. Staff have been saying this morning how good it was to be able to give such positive messages to the great students in Year 9 about their current progress and ambitions for their GCSEs next year and their future careers. Related to this we have had wonderful news this week about former St Thomas More student Sam Seaborn who is studying Geography at Oxford University, Sam has been rowing captain for the past two years and has just been voted in as President of the Rowing Club for next academic year. Sam has been asked to represent his University College on the Planet Panel that discusses sustainability challenges that are facing the world. It is wonderful to hear that Sam's own hard work and determination to excel is paying off with so many fantastic opportunities for his future. It is great to know that St Thomas More RC College with our focus on an academic curriculum with high aspirations and excellent student behaviour is providing the opportunity for all students to build an outstanding future for themselves. We will always insist on the highest expectations for our students for their best interests and make no apologies for that.

It was also fantastic to hear that another former student Ayah has just been accepted to study a highly prestigious degree in Medicine so that she can fulfil her dream and ambition of becoming a Doctor. Ayah performed exceptionally in her GCSEs during her time at St Thomas More RC College and this high level of attainment was vitally important in her gaining a place on such a competitive course.

Well-done Sam and well-done Ayah, we are very proud of you and indeed all our students who have gone on to do such great things with their lives following the foundation that they have given themselves through their hard work at our fantastic school.

Holocaust remembrance

Thank you to Curriculum Leader for History, Mrs McEnroe who organised for Year 9 to receive a talk from the family of a Holocaust Survivor this morning during period 1 about the horrors of this dark period of history. It is so important to remember the grave mistakes of the past so that we can build a better world based on the values of kindness and tolerance. Both our guests and Mrs McEnroe commented on the excellent respectful behaviour of the whole of Year 9 during the talk.

Special Mention to Zuzanna F Year 7

Zuzanna F in Year 7 was invited to the second round of the English-Speaking Union's Performing Shakespeare competition at Manchester High School for Girls. Zuzanna represented the school superbly and gave an incredible performance of a powerful monologue from Macbeth.

Well done Zuzanna, we are so proud of your confidence and amazing talent.

Lenten Effort

Well done to all the staff and students who are doing such a worthwhile job in raising thousands for the Christie Cancer Hospital for our Lenten Effort, it is still possible to make donations via parent pay and there are lots more fundraising activities inspired by the students next week.

Top of the Achievement Points League

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Year 7 Total					
Aidan F 4470	Jacob B 5060	Abbie H 4880	Ellis P 3970	Eleanor L 4430	Erin L 4310

Year 7 Weekly Winner					
Ravin R 120	Jacob B F 150	Steven C 160	Ellis P 110	Charlotte L Eleanor L 90	Jace C 140
Year 8 Total					
Miracle O 5080	Christopher M 4990	Maria B 4980	Florence S 5190	Carrie M 6280	Evie B 4310
Year 8 Weekly Winner					
Miracle O Chloe T 120	Breya P 170	Maria B 230	Molly H 180	Carrie M 190	Erica S 150
Year 9 Total					
Olivia K 4100	Sam A 4090	Dominik C 3700	Leyton W 3890	Francesca D 3630	Anna R 3960
Year 9 Weekly Winner					
Olivia K 120	Sam A 170	Dominik C 110	Olivia M Dylan H Annabel S 120	Francesca D 90	Reve MM 130
Year 10 Total					
Eid A 4320	Luca H 3650	Ben F 4050	Daisy N 4870	David W 4380	Megan T 4190
Year 10 Weekly Winner					
Jess K 160	Amy E 130	Media K 140	Paige R Ethan C 1110	Grace R 110	Nicole H 140
Year 11 Total					
Nathan V 4010	Harrison T 2760	Delano M 2810	Rory M 3760	Olivia T 3680	Annabel Mc 3160
Year 11 Weekly Winner					
Nathan V 200	Charlie NK 110	Amelia O'N 120	Tilly B 160	George NK Sofia O 190	Annabel Mc 160

St Thomas More RC College Fantasy Football League.

The break in premier league fixtures for the international games gives our budding managers a rest this week but players teams need to be sorted for the next set of fixtures on the 30th March.

Another low scoring week for all the managers at due to a low number of matches week saw me continuing to just hold onto top spot with **1769 points! A lead of just 2!!**

The top school player for game week 27 was Ole M with 32 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>

End of term

Please be aware that the school term ends of Thursday 28th March at the normal time, school is closed on the Good Friday Bank Holiday on Friday 29th March.

School reopens for students on Tuesday 16th April at the normal time.

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 is now only 1 full month 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 19th 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 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 of sacrifices, help us to follow you and to serve you. Lead us to new life with you,
and work through us so that we may better reflect
your kingdom of peace here on earth.
Amen.

Key Parent/Carer Dates

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

Event	Date
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 11 Prom (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