

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you once again to Father Peter Haggood-Strickland and Sister Dolores who came into school on Thursday to say Mass for Year 7, the service was on the feast day of St Mark the Evangelist so it was lovely to hear Father's words about the writer of the first Gospel. Father Peter and Sister Dolores both remarked that the students were beautifully behaved and respectful which is just wonderful to hear.

Well done to the readers and musicians who contributed to the service to make it a really spiritual occasion.

Assemblies this week have focused on making a great start to the summer term and also our responsibility to make sure that we are looking after the environment in any way that we can, just by putting our litter in the bin or adding it to recycling, instead of dropping it on the floor we are doing our little bit to make the world a better place for the future.

I must say though that the visitors to school often remark how clean and tidy our school is compared to other schools, and it shows what a wonderful job the staff and students do every day to look after our community.

#### **Reminder: Bank Holiday Monday**

Please be aware that the Early May Bank Holiday falls on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May which means school will be closed on this date.

#### **Year 8 Parents Evening**

The letter for Year 8 Parents Evening was sent home to families this week.

This very important event takes place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 3:30pm to 6:30pm, students in Year 8 should have begun to make appointments for the evening with their class teachers.

Parents evenings are a wonderful opportunity to support your child's education as you will get to hear about the progress they are making in school and receive information about the subjects they are studying. We look forward to seeing you there.

#### **Special Mention: Sienna S**

Well done to Sienna S in Year 8 who qualified for the All-Star Dance World Championships hosted in Florida, USA.

The competition took place over the Easter Holidays and Sienna took home the Silver Medal by coming second in an incredibly talented field. Well done Sienna we are very proud of you.

#### **Top of the Achievement Points League**

Some huge MORE points total now for all our amazing students, it is fantastic to be able to go around the school on a Friday and celebrate the success of the community with a few little rewards.

Gold Badge holders (4000 points) and Platinum Badge holders (5000 Points) get to go to the front of the lunch queue on a Friday in the Summer term, they must be wearing their badges though!

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Year 7 Total					

Aidan F 5100	Jacob B 5760	Abbie H 5360	Ellis P 4390	Eleanor L 4750	Erin L 4790
<b>Year 7 Weekly Winner</b>					
Aiden F 200	Jacob B 220	Olivia N 130	Ellis P 140	Eleanor L Charlotte L 130	Erin L 150
<b>Year 8 Total</b>					
Miracle O 5400	Doreen A 5600	Maria B 5450	Florence S 5480	Carrie M 6860	Evie B 4920
<b>Year 8 Weekly Winner</b>					
Lucy M 100	Doreen A 100	Maria B 120	Molly H 130	Jake T 170	Cole S 150
<b>Year 9 Total</b>					
Olivia K 4530	Sam A 4450	Dominik C 4150	Leyton W 4280	Francesca D 3990	Anna R 4270
<b>Year 9 Weekly Winner</b>					
Olivia K 160	Isabella S 120	Dominik C 170	Lauren L 90	Alice O'C 110	Anna R James H 70
<b>Year 10 Total</b>					
Eid A 4950	Luca H 4090	Ben F 4630	Daisy N 5600	David W 4960	Megan T 4760
<b>Year 10 Weekly Winner</b>					
Jay P Eid A 120	Caitlin Mc 80	Shalom O 130	Paige R 160	Akiel U 100	Aditi K 100
<b>Year 11 Total</b>					
Nathan V 4390	Harrison T 3020	Delano M 3090	Rory M 4210	Olivia T 3940	Annabel Mc 3430
<b>Year 11 Weekly Winner</b>					
Chloe S 200	Charlie NK 140	Amelia O'N 180	Rory M 220	George NK 220	Abbie R 150

### **St Thomas More RC College Fantasy Football League.**

Not long left in the Premier League Season now so the school fantasy football league will soon come to an end for this year, managers don't forget to make your changes before the West Ham vs Liverpool game tomorrow and 12:30

A high scoring game week saw lots of movement in the table but Mr Turner continues his spell at the top with a huge **2135 points!!**

**The top school player for game week 34 was Jack K with 130 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: Tameside Local Authority Childcare Survey**

*I have been asked to include in my letter by Tameside Council the following details about a childcare survey they are conducting for parents who have younger children who might need additional childcare now or in the future:*

*“The Council want to hear parent’s views on wraparound childcare for primary school pupils - i.e. both before school and after school childcare - as we need to try to make sure that there are enough wraparound places to meet the demand in the Tameside locality.*

*The Council would be extremely grateful if you could complete this short survey before Friday, 3rd May, 2024.*

*The survey can be found online at:*

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Tameside-WraparoundParentsSurvey>

*If you have any questions about this survey, you can contact David Noble from Place Group, who have been commissioned to facilitate this survey.*

*Please contact: david.noble@place-group.com or telephone: 07711 518366, if you require further information or assistance to complete the survey.*

### **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 week 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.

### **A prayer for Friday**

God of all people,

you have given us a reliable and caring guide,

in Jesus, our good shepherd.

May the message of his good news help us to hear his voice

speaking to us today.

May we recognise his voice in the cry of all those in need.

Amen.

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

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

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>
GCSE MFL Speaking Exams	18 <sup>th</sup> April to 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 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