

Dear Parents/Carers

Students in school have been working exceptionally well since the start of the half-term which is wonderful to see and last week Ms Enderby visited the school on one of her regular visits and was incredibly impressed by the students outstanding behaviour and attitude to learning during a tour of the school, Ms Enderby fed this information back to the Governing Board at their meeting on Wednesday evening and all the Governors were very impressed with the way that students are applying themselves to our highly academic curriculum with high levels of attendance and excellent behaviour.

Year 9 Careers Event

Year 9 students this week took part in a really aspirational Careers event organised by Mrs McEnroe and Mrs Ross called Careers, Law and Rhetoric. The session was all about the law profession and the skills, knowledge and hard work that are needed to be successful in the field. We were honoured to welcome John Hera a barrister in Criminal Law to the event to share details of his career and he remarked how impressed he was with the students of St Thomas More RC College.

Year 10 London Residential Trip

We are hearing all about the wonderful time that the Year 10 students are having on the residential trip to London this week. There are some superb pictures and videos on the school Facebook site of the staff and students having a fantastic experience. The students are being wonderful ambassadors for the school and I do want to take this opportunity to say thank you to the staff who have organised and are supervising the trip for giving up their time so willingly to provide this great opportunity for our students.

CAFOD Big Green Week

The stewards have helped the school celebrate CAFOD's Big Green Week this week with a variety of activities aimed at raising funds for environmental cause and increasing awareness of the need to look after the environment and care for our common home.

Activities have included: A litter pick, gardening sessions and a Father's Day Stall on Friday 14th with environmentally friendly items such as recycled paper cards, the stewards have also been selling hand-made eco-badges all week.

Well done to everyone who has been involved.

For more information of CAFOD's green week please visit:

<https://cafod.org.uk/news/campaigning-news/great-big-green-week-2024-make-a-swap-for-our-common-home>

Faith in Action

I have been asked to pass on some information by Father Joe for the students who are taking part in the Faith in Action programme in the parish. be placed in your school newsletter.

“On Thursday 27th June 2024 there is going to a Reflections evening for all of those young people who could not make the Reflection session on Sat 20th April 2024. This is a mandatory part of the awards and it is important that any young person who feels they have completed or are near to completion of an award attends. If your child could not make the 20th April, but can and will attend 27th June then please ask your child to make Miss Hague aware in school and she will pass the

information onto Father Joe. The Reflections session will be about 2 hours long, start at 6:30pm and finish around 8:30pm.”

Top of the Achievement Points League

Well done to all the students who are getting so many positive achievement points in school, fantastic effort!!

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Year 7 Total					
Aidan F 6360	Jacob B 6980	Abbie H 6670	Ellis P 5440	Eleanor L 5650	Erin L 5970
Year 7 Weekly Winner					
Aiden F 160	Sam S 160	Abbie H 150	Millie D 120	Charlotte L Eleanor L Josh B 110	Erin L 160
Year 8 Total					
Miracle O 6400	Doreen A 6880	Maria B 6400	Florence S 6370	Carrie M 8250	Evie B 6310
Year 8 Weekly Winner					
Lucy M 130	Erin C 170	Isla Mc Isabella F 80	Timmy S Isabelle P 110	Noah J Scarlett Y 90	Harmony W 130
Year 9 Total					
Olivia K 5800	Sam A 5620	Dominik C 5280	Leyton W 5350	Alice O 4765	Anna R 5230
Year 9 Weekly Winner					
Georgie A 110	Sam A 120	Dominik C 170	Rehana K Faye H Dylan H Annabel S 90	Theo F 90	Reve MM 80
Year 10 Total					
Eid A 6160	Luca H 4920	Ben F 5550	Daisy N 6660	David W 6110	Megan T 5840
Year 10 Weekly Winner					
Tymon N 160	Hope C 100	Ollie J 120	Poppy M 130	Olivia W 120	Megan T 150

Reminder: Advance Notice Induction Evening and Induction Day

On Tuesday 2nd July we will be inviting parents and carers of our New Year 7 Pupils in September (current Year 6) into school at 6pm for our Parents/Carers Induction Evening. Then during the same week our New Year 7 Students will have the opportunity to spend the day in our school on Thursday 4th July. A letter with full details will be sent out in due course so I would ask parents/carers of our new Year 7s to read all the information carefully when you receive it.

Reminder Uniform (pre-loved)

We are aware that the cost of school uniform can be a significant consideration for parents/carers so last year we reviewed our school uniform policy with affordability in mind, the updated policy is available on the school website policy documents page.

For parents/carers who are finding purchasing uniform challenging we can on occasion offer financial support, but each year we go further and seek to provide good quality second hand uniform for free or a small school fund donation.

If you do have any unwanted uniform at home that is in good condition then please do consider donating it to school for redistribution, we are especially interested in blazers, jumpers, ties and school PE Kit.

Any items for donation can be brought to the school office and over the summer we will arrange a pre-owned uniform collection event.

Thank you to all those that have already donated items of uniform.

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.

Prayer for CAFODs Big Green Week

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for the wonders of your creation.

Thank you for guiding us, leading us, protecting us, developing us since the beginning of the creation till now.

Make us grow in the awareness of the urgency of safeguarding and developing the wonders of your creations and take a concrete response to it.

Help us to live and work harmoniously with your creation.

Protect us from all dangers and destruction.

Amen.

Key Parent/Carer Dates

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

Event	Date
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 Practice Expedition: Updated	21 st June to 22 nd 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
Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Qualifying Expedition	19 th July to 20 th July 2024
Celebration Day	22 nd July 2024
GCSE Results Day	22 nd August 2024