

Dear Parents/Carers

As tomorrow 22nd June is the Feast of the Patron Saint of our School St Thomas More today during form the students remembered his life and his unshakable Catholic faith that is a great example to all of us. St Thomas More was a renowned scholar and is a fitting patron for a school that places such a great emphasis on academic success and opportunity through education. St Thomas More was martyred for his beliefs and was a great advocate of education, the rights of women and living in the service of others.

This morning the students prayed together as a community for the help and support of St Thomas More and I have included a prayer for St Thomas More at the end of my letter.

Well done to the Year 10s who have made an incredible start to their Year 10 Examinations this week, please keep them all in your thoughts and prayers because they are working incredibly hard at the moment which is great preparation for their GCSEs and Vocational exams next year.

Year 11 Prom

On Wednesday after the last Year 11 GCSE exam we celebrated the Year 11s time with our school community at Edgeley Park at the Year 11 Prom. The event was an incredible success and the Year 11s had a fantastic evening of celebration alongside the staff who have supported them so well over the past 5 years. The behaviour and conduct of the students were exemplary and it was a very proud moment when some of the Stockport County staff who were hosting the event for us said that they were some of the politest and well-behaved young people that they had ever met.

Our Year 11 Leavers were a truly outstanding year group and we are missing them already in school as their enthusiasm and dedication toward their studies and school activities were infectious and set a wonderful example for the rest of the school. I am so pleased that through their hard work, good behaviour and commitment that a record number of students were invited to the Prom as only those students in overall positive MORE points were able to attend which is a really powerful message about the importance of working well in school to get a great education and have access to all the opportunities that are then opened up to you.

Well done Year 11 you are incredible.

Please do have a look at the wonderful pictures of the event on the school Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/pudesi1zemg6AnPt/?mibextid=LQQJ4d>

Trips and Visits

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the school staff who have recently given up their time to organise and supervise some fantastic school experiences including the Year 10 London Residential Trip, The Geography Field Trip, and the Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions that began today. I know that all the students involved have had a fantastic time on these trips and it is because we have such committed and dedicated staff that we are able to offer such superb experiences.

I have included a small number of extracts the many messages of thanks we have received in school this week.

"The great example our daughter was shown during the days spent with her friends and wonderful staff who committed their time made it an amazing experience for the children- and this is worth huge appreciation.

That is why, I just want to say huge thank you to the school for giving them a chance to have this experience. And Mr Brophy I cannot emphasize how wonderful staff you have and the big influence they have on pupils”

“I'd just like to thank you and your staff for all the hard work you put in to organising the yr11 prom. My son, had a fantastic time and so did all his friends. I'm really sad that he is leaving school. When I picked him and his friends up last night I asked them if they were given the opportunity to stay and do another year would they, they replied "definitely". I can't thank you all enough for all the hard work and dedication you put in to make this school the best. I'm so glad that I chose this school for my 3 children. Can I also just say that my daughter had the best time in London. Hats off to Mrs Emery for organising it and to the other staff who gave up their time to make such a memorable trip.”

“I wanted to thank you and all the staff for arranging such an excellent trip to London. After spending so many years during the pandemic and seeing our children miss out on opportunities like these, it's fantastic to now see them thriving, having the most amazing experiences and creating memories to last a lifetime. I also want to pass on my personal thanks to all the teaching staff who supported the trip. I know my daughter had a wonderful time which was made even more fun by the amazing team of teachers who accompanied them. The photographs I've seen look fantastic with lots of happy smiling faces.”

Special Mention

Very well done to Harry T in Year 9 on his amazing basketball season. Harry has been team captain of the Under 14s Junior Manchester Giants team all season, coming an incredible 8th in the country.

The team then entered a European tournament in Spain they finished in 3rd place competing against teams from all around the world. Harry was named top performer, scoring on average most points per game over the tournament, and scoring a massive 24 points in the final game to help the Under 14s take 3rd place.

A fantastic achievement for the team and for Harry who is an incredible sportsman and student, brilliant performance Harry.

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 6500	Jacob B 7160	Abbie H 6820	Ellis P 5540	Eleanor L 5810	Erin L 6140
Year 7 Weekly Winner					
Ravin R 140	Sam S 200	Abbie H 140	Milena R Leonie J 110	Charlotte L 150	Hugo S 220
Year 8 Total					
Miracle O 6580	Doreen A 7170	Maria B 6520	Florence S 6460	Carrie M 8440	Evie B 6410
Year 8 Weekly Winner					

Lucy M 190	Doreen A 230	Thomas H 160	William JA 150	Lilly W Carrie M 150	Oyinkansola O 80
Year 9 Total					
Olivia K 5890	Sam A 5730	Dominik C 5470	Leyton W 5510	Alex D 4810	Anna R 5360
Year 9 Weekly Winner					
Heidi R 90	Oliver H 140	Dominik C 180	Leyton W 140	Harry C 130	Jakub K Anna R 90
Year 10 Total					
Eid A 6230	Luca H 4980	Ben F 5650	Daisy N 6730	David W 6170	Megan T 5920
Year 10 Weekly Winner					
Maddie Mc 90	Amy E 80	Pippa SM Meida K 100	Ethan C Kaja S 70	Olivia W 70	Aditi K 110

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

H Brophy

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 to St Thomas More

St Thomas More,

Through your example fill me with your happiness and joy.

Let your spirit of Faith live within me.

In the secret of my heart teach me wisdom

and keep me true to your example.

May your goodness, work-ethic and truth be with me always.

Amen.

Key Parent/Carer Dates

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

Event	Date
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

