

Dear Parents/Carers

I would just like to congratulate Year 10 on the mature and purposeful way that they have approached their Year 10 Mock Examinations this week, I know that they are all glad that the week of assessments are over but it has been fantastic to see the students coming into school early to complete additional revision and the calm, sensible way they have approached each of the exams. As they have been getting some of their results from staff this week it has been such a positive experience for so many of them as it is clear how proud they are of themselves when they meet or exceed their target grade. Well done Year 10 on your preparation and hard work.

St Peter and St Paul

Tomorrow is the very special feast day of St Peter and St Paul, this is an important event in the calendar of the Catholic Church as it remembers these two important Saints who were so crucial in building the foundations of the early Church. The students have marked the upcoming solemnity with a special prayer in form time which I have also included at the end of my letter.

We also celebrated St Thomas More's Feast Day this week with free ice pops for the students which was very welcome in the hot weather. We did of course very sensibly give permission for students not to wear their blazers in the warm weather at the start of the week but as the weather has now returned to a more normal temperature we have returned to our usual standards of uniform.

Year 10 College Taster Days

A reminder that the entire year 10 cohort will visit Clarendon Sixth Form and Tameside College on Wednesday 3rd July. The college taster day is an annual visit as part of our careers and education provision.

Pupils must arrive to school promptly, to be registered for a 9:10am departure from school.

Pupils are permitted to wear non-uniform, but the clothing must be both appropriate and suitable to the activities they have selected for the day.

Pupils will need to bring a packed lunch and at the end of the day pupils will need to make their own way home from the colleges.

Mock election:

As part of our commitment to raising our students' awareness of citizenship issues, democracy and life in the UK. We will be hosting a mock election to coincide with the general election of Thursday 4th July 2024.

Pupils have been learning about democracy and how it works in the UK in CPSHE lessons and have been very engaged with the content, and their teachers have been very impressed with their questions, and viewpoints put across in a sensible manner.

To further assist your child in accessing the mock election, this link provides an overview of the main parties' manifestos: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cxeez8271nvo>

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 6680 | Jacob B 7380 | Abbie H 6990 | Ellis P 5670 | Eleanor L 5920 | Erin L 6240 |
| Year 7 Weekly Winner | | | | | |
| Aiden F 170 | Jacob B 190 | Abbie H 170 | Milena R Caitlin T Riley R 120 | Josh B 120 | Poppy O 170 |
| Year 8 Total | | | | | |
| Miracle O 6780 | Doreen A 7350 | Maria B 6590 | Florence S 6620 | Carrie M 8710 | Evie B 6640 |
| Year 8 Weekly Winner | | | | | |
| Lucy M 170 | Archie G 170 | Oliver D 100 | Evelyn SH 190 | Carrie M 240 | Evie B 220 |
| Year 9 Total | | | | | |
| Olivia K 6070 | Sam A 5820 | Dominik C 5630 | Leyton W 5660 | Alex D 4930 | Anna R 5440 |
| Year 9 Weekly Winner | | | | | |
| Olivia K 180 | Oliver H 110 | Lana O Dominik C 130 | Taylor G Dylan H Demi LD Leyton W 140 | Harry C 130 | Anna R 80 |
| Year 10 Total | | | | | |
| Eid A 6300 | Luca H 5070 | Ben F 5730 | Daisy N 6870 | David W 6300 | Megan T 5980 |
| Year 10 Weekly Winner | | | | | |
| Alex P 70 | Hope C 50 | Mia G 70 | Tija R 110 | Grace R 70 | Mailen C 40 |

St Thomas More RC College Summer Foodbank Appeal

This year we are once again supporting the St Mary's Foodbank "Hungry Holidays" Appeal, that aims to ensure that families in the local area who are in need over the long Summer Holiday can get access to healthy nutritious food if they find themselves in challenging circumstances.

Students/Families are being asked to donate non-perishable items such as Powdered Milk, Tea/Coffee, Instant Noodles, Tinned Soup, Cereals, Tinned Goods, Rice, Pasta, Crisps and non-liquid toiletries such as bars of soap.

Year 7 and 8 can bring in any items to school on the 11th July and Year 9 and 10 can drop off items in school on the 12th July.

Please do support this very worthwhile charity if you are able.

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 St Peter and St Paul

Saint Peter, Jesus said you were 'His Rock upon which He would build His Church' – let us support each other and be the strong leaders our communities need.

Saint Paul, you were chosen by God as the 'Preacher of Truth in the whole world' – let us all be called to spread Jesus' teachings through acts of everyday kindness to others.

Amen

Key Parent/Carer Dates

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

| Event | Date |
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| 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 |