

Dear Parents/Carers

In my final letter of this school year I would like to thank all the students, staff and families who make our school community so special.

We have had an exceptionally successful year in school because of our Catholic Ethos, our calm, polite, purposeful and respectful culture, our high standards and expectations, and the hard work of everyone within our community to make the school the best place it can be. It means students have the opportunity to be happy, safe and secure in school and to perform to the highest possible standards through our academic and challenging curriculum.

Well done and congratulations to everyone for your successes during academic year 2023/2024, I hope everyone linked to our school community has a lovely summer and takes the opportunity to have a well-deserved rest.

End of Term

A reminder that the school year ends on Tuesday 23rd July, school will close at 12:15 for the start of the Summer Holidays.

The school buses will be available at this earlier departure time.

The school reopens on Wednesday 4th September for all students.

Year 10 Work Experience

Congratulations to Year 10 students who have completed a very successful week of work experience this week in a wide variety of aspirational careers, we have already had lots of the student's employers contacting us with messages to say how well the students have represented themselves and the school during the week.

The range of careers that students have experienced have been incredible including Kim F who has spent the week at NASA in Houston in USA and Mollie R who had a superb placement with Unity Radio and has worked on promoting upcoming events over the summer and has superb reviews from the company she was working with.

Reminder: Year 10 Students will return to school on Monday 22nd July in full uniform and be in normal lessons on the Monday and Tuesday, there will be one session on Monday 22nd July where students will complete a review of their work experience placement.

Reminder: Celebration Event

Monday 22nd July will be our celebration Event for students in Year 7 to 9.

As usual the day involves permission for Year 7-9 to wear appropriate non-uniform and a period of time spent on enjoyable activities on the school field such as inflatables or team sports.

As usual Year 10 will have their celebration event next half term before they begin their Year 11 Mock exams, in previous years students have been to the cinema, gone ten-pin bowling or gone out for a meal as a year group.

*Please be aware that as usual students who are in overall negative MORE points will **not** be able to participate in school events such as this and students in negative points will not be able to take part in the celebration activities on the school field on Monday 22nd July. Students in Year 7-9 on Monday 22nd July in negative points will be able to wear appropriate non-uniform but they will complete*

appropriate learning activities inside school rather than taking part in the event on the school field during their year groups allocated time.

Stewards, Faith in Action team, and GIFT team

The Stewards, Faith in Action team, and GIFT team in school supported by Miss Hague and Mr Smith do a superb job of upholding the Catholic Values of our school as they support our liturgies, raise money for charity, promote work to care for the environment and support our community in countless ways.

Well done to the following students who have been selected for leadership roles in the vital group of students

STM Steward Leaders Harry C and Brooke D

GIFT team Leaders Jack R and Carrie M

Faith in Action team Leaders Paul K and Sam A

STM Stewards Site Manager Leon P

Top of the Achievement Points League

Well done to all the students who have had a fantastic year collecting achievement points this year the totals have been out of this world.

There have been **over 2.9 million achievement points** awarded across all year groups this academic year which shows the great effort the students have demonstrated in school this year!!

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Year 7 Total					
Aidan F 7330	Jacob B 8050	Abbie H 7630	Ellis P 6250	Eleanor L 6530	Erin L 6620
Year 7 Weekly Winner					
Charlotte H 320	Jacon B 390	Abbie H 320	Lucy TR Winter L 330	Josh B 310	Hugo S 360
Year 8 Total					
Miracle O 7490	Doreen A 8100	Maria B 7120	Florence S 7150	Carrie M 9680	Evie B 7400
Year 8 Weekly Winner					
Lucy M 320	Willow M Doreen 320	Oliver D 300	Isabelle P 330	Jake T 130	Evie B 390
Year 9 Total					
Olivia K 6770	Sam A 6570	Dominik C 6260	Leyton W 6300	Alice O'C 5485	Anna R 5960
Year 9 Weekly Winner					
Oliva K 390	Ava F Isabella S 380	Dominik C 370	Leyton W Faye H 330	Ruby L 370	James H 280

Premier League Fantasy Football Competition: Please tell your son/daughter.

As it was last season we know that many students already participate in the Fantasy Football Competition and that they will currently be selecting their teams before the transfer deadline of 16th August 2024.

Therefore, we are inviting all interested **students and staff** to once again participate in an exciting/fun school wide Fantasy Football League for the 2024/2025 season. There is no entry fee for the game or the school league.

There will be a school prize on offer for the top performers as well as prizes available in the National Competition.

Please Note: The competition is not run by the school and participants will have to abide by the terms and conditions of the Premier League who administer the leagues.

Parents/carers please read the terms and conditions available here if you are not already familiar with them. <https://fantasy.premierleague.com/help/terms>

Under 18s and particularly under 13s are able to participate under the terms and conditions but will need parental permission to set up an account and participate.

The Premier League and the School have strict rules related to team names that players create and please be aware any team names that are inappropriate will be reported to the website and the inappropriate team name and player will be removed from the school league.

Once you have created an account and a team you can join the school mini league named;

STM (Staff & Students) League

The league code is; v25n52

Alternatively, you can click on the link below to automatically join the league.

<https://fantasy.premierleague.com/leagues/auto-join/v25n52>

We will provide updates on the mini league leaders over the course of the year and details of the prize winners at the end of the season.

The competition should be great fun but will also support your child with maths skills and problem solving.

The very best of luck to all players.

Note players can join after 16th August but they will miss out on the points from the early Premier League Games.

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.

The date for distribution of items of preloved uniform is 16th August 9am -12 noon in the school hall.

Many quality items in a range of sizes will be available for just a small donation, many parents and carers have been thrilled with the items available and the money they have saved vs buying brand new in previous years.

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.

Summer Blessing for Families

May we make our homes places of relaxation, joy, love, peace and safety.

May we be generous and considerate, not thinking only about ourselves, but helping others enjoy the blessings of the summertime.

Lord God, Creator of all things, guide our steps and strengthen our hearts

during these months of summer and holidays.

Grant us refreshment of mind and body.

May we constantly strive to make a meaningful difference in the lives of our loved ones and in the world around us as we enjoy the warm days of summertime.

Amen