

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you have all had a good week, our hardworking students have done brilliantly in school this week but I know they are all looking forward to the half-term holiday at the end of next week.

Alzheimer's Society Memory Walk

Well done to Oliver P in Year 11 who raised over £700 by completing the Alzheimer's Society Memory Walk. Oliver walked over 7 Kilometres for this amazing cause and he exactly demonstrates the values that we want our students to display.

Very Well-Done Oliver.

St Thomas More RC College: The Talent Show

You are warmly invited to our school talent show on 19th October 2023, 6pm.

Tickets are £5 and there is a huge array of different acts lined up for this special night, please do come along to see our incredible students on the stage.

End of half-term

The half-term ends on Friday 20th October at the normal end of the school day 2:45pm

All students should return to school at normal time on Monday 30th October.

Year 10 Parents/carers: Year 10 Information Evening Monday 6th November 5pm to 6pm.

On Monday 6th November we would like to invite all Year 10 Parents/Carers to an information evening that will help support your child through the next two years of school, Year 10 students are welcome to attend with parents/carers but student attendance is not compulsory as we will be able to give students many messages through assemblies.

(Tea and Coffee will be available from 4:30pm in the dining hall and Mr De La Hoyde, Head of Year 10, will also be available at this time to answer any questions you may have)

Top of the Achievement Points League

Well done to the following students that have the most achievement points in each year group, the threshold for the Bronze Award Badge is 1500 net points so as you can see these students are doing superbly to be so close at such an early stage of the year.

Year 7: **Abbie H** - 7O 1070 net points and **Ravin R** – 7T 1070 net points

Year 8: **Maria B** - 8O 1230 net points and **Oliver D** – 8H 1060 net points

Year 9: **Leyton W** - 9M 1060 net points, **Dylan H** - 9H 980 net points and **Olivia K** – 9T 980 net points

Year 10: **Daisy N** – 10M 1200 net points and **David W** – 10M 1050 net points

Year 11: **Annabel Mc** 11S 1020 net points and **Olivia T** – 11A 970 net points

Calm, Polite, Respectful and Purposeful Behaviour.

In school we have very simple rules and expectations for student's behaviour that can be summed up in a few words

STM students should be: Calm, Polite, Respectful, Purposeful, Prompt, Patient and Prepared.

Our school culture is based on these simple ideas because it means that our school will be a well-ordered environment that allows learning to take place without distraction, students will be on-time, ready to learn with all their equipment and kind to each other.

It is pleasing to see that the vast majority of students have collected lots of achievement points for displaying these excellent learning behaviours and only a very tiny number of students have got detentions or are in negative behaviour points overall.

Parents/Carers should be aware that when students have a minus/negative overall total of achievement and behaviour points that this would normally automatically prevent them from attending rewards trips such as the Prom or other school trips, it would also mean that they can't represent the school at sporting fixtures or other public events until they gained enough positive achievement points again to have an overall positive total.

We think that Education is so very, very important that students should make sure that they are putting their full commitment into their learning in every lesson, this will be rewarded with excellent outcomes and GCSE results for the student and of course they will gain positive achievement points and access to trips and the allow them the privilege of representing the school.

Thankfully only a very tiny number of students have a negative behaviour points total currently and I know that they will be working hard to turn their totals positive as soon as possible.

Our calm, polite and respectful culture is also expected at breaktimes, lunchtimes and in between lessons and I am always impressed by the sensible and mature approach that our excellent students take as they move around school.

Year 11 Parents/Carers Evening

The letter for Year 11 Parents Evening was sent home to families this week.

This very important event takes place on Thursday 2nd November 3:30pm to 6:30pm, students in Year 11 should have begun to make appointments for the evening with their class teachers.

Reminder: All parents/carers evenings will take place in school face to face with teachers, the events are no longer online/virtual following parent/carers feedback.

St Thomas More RC College Fantasy Football League.

No premiership games this weekend due to the international break so I hope that all our football fans enjoy the friendlies and European Championship qualifiers that are being played over the

Following a low scoring premiership weekend the Fantasy Football League leader is still

H Brophy in with 501 points

And !!!!!

There the winner for game week 8 was

Elliot J -- 71 points

There is still time for students or staff to join the league.

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>

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