

Dear Parents/Carers

Assemblies this week have reminded the students that this week is National Anti-Bullying Week and Ms O'Mullane highlighted the importance of respect, kindness and diversity alongside reminding students of the actions they should take such as informing a member of staff if someone is not being kind to them or making them feel uncomfortable. The students behaved superbly in assembly as usual and listened really carefully.

Thank you to all the staff and students for a really respectful marking of Remembrance Day on Monday, all the students participated in the minutes silence and the volunteer representatives, student leadership team and Faith in Action Team marked the occasion by laying a wreath in the prayer garden. Thank you to the students who wore their volunteering or cadet uniform on the day and set such a good example to the other students of the difference an individual can make in their local community.

This week I had the pleasure of giving one of our local Headteachers a tour round the school and I must share with you that he was hugely impressed by the hard work and excellent behaviour of your sons/daughters, it made me feel very proud to have such wonderful praise for our community.

Maths Week

Thank you to Mrs Kruvele and the Maths Department for celebrating Maths Week with the students over the last 5 days, there have been lots of activities for the students to get involved in and the Year 7 Dragon Maths activity was really engaging and exciting. Our guests from the Advanced Mathematics Support Programme who delivered the session to Year 7 were very impressed with their skills and excellent behaviour.

Well done everyone

Visit of the Right Reverend Bishop John Arnold to St Thomas More RC College

I am pleased to be able to inform you that the Right Reverend Bishop of Salford John Arnold will be visiting school next week. It is such a great honour for our Catholic Community to welcome such a prestigious guest and we are looking forward to the Bishop having a tour of our new Chapel in the CLC and meeting the Student Leadership Team, the Faith in Action Team including the GIFT and Stewards team. I will share further details next week.

Extra-Curricular Activities.

There are lots of exciting extra-curricular activities taking place in school including trips and visits and the following clubs and after school sessions: Art Club, Badminton Club, Drama Club, Board Game Club and Lacrosse Club, please do look on the school's Facebook page for more details on all the activities that are currently available.

St Thomas More RC College Fantasy Football League.

No fixtures this weekend due to another international break but the winners from last week are as follows:

Mr Turner continues on top spot in the League this week with 681 points

Jacob B Year 8 was the game week 11 winner with 74 Points

There is still time to join the league as there are weekly winners for every gameweek and there is always the chance to win the whole league and take the trophy off reigning champion Mr Turner!

Once students have created a Premier League account and a team at [Fantasy Premier League](https://fantasy.premierleague.com/), [Official Fantasy Football Game of the Premier League](https://fantasy.premierleague.com/leagues/auto-join/v25n52) they can join the school mini league named;

St Thomas More League

The league code is; v25n52

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

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

Special Mention

A special mention to Ciara M in Year 11 who as well as being in positive More points in school has also been named as Player of the Year at Denton Netball Club she was given this prestigious award for her passion and dedication to the sport, and for being such a positive role model and good influence to the younger children of the club.

Well done Ciara

St Thomas More RC College Achievement Point League

Another brilliant week of points collection well done to all the students in school on working so hard this week as the weather gets colder!!

Please note: The achievement point list below is collated and calculated at approximately 11am each Friday. This can mean that sometimes students may have slightly different points totals by the end of the day on Friday which are not reflected in the figures printed. Please do rest assured though that the points total and students highlighted are accurate at the time of production of the list.

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Year 7 Total					
Valentina F 2000	Erin K 1970	Ella F 1570	Rohan G 2440	Abigail B 1720	Lillie M-P 1790
Year 7 Weekly Winner					
Valentina F 230	Dalyn MCG 180	Anna M 260	Maya L 200	Abigail B 160	Lillie M-P 240
Year 8 Total					
Aiden F 2340	Jacob B 1550	Abbie H 2220	Milena R 1870	Charlotte L 2190	Charlie M 2290
Year 8 Weekly Winner					
Aiden F 260	Jacob B 190	Abbie H 210	Milena R 280	Eleanor L 190	Charlie M 230
Year 9 Total					
Miracle O 2310	Chris M 1960	Thomas H 1900	Finlay D 1240	Carrie M 1980	Ole M 1810
Year 9 Weekly Winner					
Brooke D 190	Lucja S 140	Lucas K 150	Iris L 140	Leon P 200	Erica S 180

Year 10 Total					
Olivia K 2360	Sam A 1370	Dominik C 1830	Kaitlyn F 2360	Harry C 2120	Jakub O Cody S 1470
Year 10 Weekly Winner					
Olivia K 270	Laura P 130	Isabella S 170	Olivia M 170	Alice O'C 220	Jakub O 200
Year 11 Total					
Jess K 1790	Hope C 1450	Pippa SM 1710	Daisy N 1860	Mia Rose L 1510	Megan T 1610
Year 11 Weekly Winner					
Holly C 180	Ryan F 120	Shalom O 170	Tija R 150	Mia Rose L 140	Roison G Archie W 160

Reminder: Year 10 Work Experience

A reminder that for Year 10 the deadline to complete their work experience paperwork is the last day of term in December. The work experience itself takes place in the Summer Term but the placements are arranged many weeks in advance, if your son/daughter needs any help or support in completing the paperwork then please see Mr Wright in room 42.

Reminder: Year 11 College Application Deadlines

If your son/daughter is in Year 11 and is looking to go to Sixth Form College after they leave our school then please be aware that many college application deadlines are approaching. The deadlines will be available on the college's websites but for example the deadline for Aquinas College is 30th November.

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.

With Remembrance Day taking place on Monday we once again pray for peace and reconciliation.

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi (Prayer for Peace)

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.