

Dear Parents/Carers

I have led assemblies this week and talked to the students in all year groups about how well they are doing in school and I mentioned to them that all the visitors that have come into school recently have remarked how calm, hardworking, and well behaved our students are. I reminded students that doing the simple things well every day leads to long-term success and we talked about the aspirational careers of our former students including those that have become Doctors, Lawyers, Barristers, Accountants, Architects, Pilots and Engineers alongside the students who are continuing their education in the best universities in the country including at Oxford and Cambridge

I congratulated all year groups on how well they are all doing in collecting their achievement points and I showed them a graph from last years GCSE's that shows clear evidence that the students that ended Year 11 in positive overall achievement points made on average more progress in their GCSEs. It is clear evidence of something we already know, when students work hard to meet the high standards and expectations of the school, they do well in the effort they display, they then learn well in class, they then gain achievement points each week, and this then eventually results in them having the best chance to achieve highly in their final examinations and also take every opportunity provided in school to become confident and resilient well rounded individuals.

Well done to all the students in school I am very proud of the effort you have put into this academic year so far.

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

The visit of the Right Reverend John Arnold, Bishop of Salford to the school was a wonderful day in the school's history and it was a great privilege to welcome such an important member of the Catholic Church in England and Wales into school. The Bishop was very impressed with the school, students and our new School Chapel in the CLC and we were very grateful that the Bishop was able to bless the Chapel so we can use it for services and form assemblies in the future. The Bishop was also very impressed with the prayer garden and the environmental work of the Stewards team. The highlight of the visit was the presentation of the Bronze and Silver Faith in Action Awards to the successful students, congratulations to all the students who achieved the award. Thank you to all the staff who worked so hard to make the visit a success including Miss Hague, Mr Speakman, Mr Emery and Ms Devine. I would also like to thank the Student Leadership Team, The GIFT Team, The Stewards Team and the Faith in Action Award winners for making the Bishop feel so welcome in school and exemplifying our excellent standards and the importance of our shared Faith.

Thank you so much to the Right Reverend John Arnold, Bishop of Salford for taking the time from his busy schedule to visit the school.

#### **Loreto College Masterclasses**

Thank you to Mr Wright who took a number of High Achieving Year 10 students to Loreto College this week for Masterclasses in a number of key subjects as preparation for A-Level and University study.

The feedback from the event was amazing and I am so proud of the students as a number of Loreto College staff talked to Mr Wright to say how impressed they were with our students remarking "how polite our students were in holding the doors open and how respectful in tidying up after themselves in the communal area that were available to the students" and "How well the students had done in applying themselves to all the sessions" Well done year 10!

### **St John Fisher Parish Christmas Fair**

I have been asked to inform you that the St John Fisher Parish Christmas Fair is taking place at St John Fisher Primary School on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November. Please note the church hall is not available at the moment so the fair is taking place at St John Fisher School. The fair starts at 12 Midday and it is just 20 pence admission.

### **GCHQ Maths Quiz**

Following a very successful maths week, 15 Year 8 girls have entered a cybersecurity competition run by GCHQ. It's top-secret stuff; even Mrs Kruvele has no idea what challenges pupils are having to solve. We do know though that they are doing well, winning lots of points and maybe in the run to win a laptop each! The competition ends next Wednesday. Keep going girls. Thank you for getting involved.

### **St Thomas More RC College Fantasy Football League.**

No fixtures this weekend due to the international matches but don't forget to make any team changes before 11am tomorrow and the early kick off between Leicester and Chelsea.

Mr Turner continues on top spot in the League this week with 681 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](#), [Official Fantasy Football Game of the Premier League](#) 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 very special mention to Robyn D in year 7.

Robyn is a fantastic netball player and a wonderful member of the school community and we are so proud that she won coaches player of the year at her team's presentation evening for Denton Netball Club.

Well done Robyn it is very well deserved.

### **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 even through the snow this week!

*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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<b>Year 7 Total</b>					
Valentina F 2230	Dalyn McG 2080	Ella F 1760	Rohan G 2640	Abigail B 1990	Lillie M-P 1950
<b>Year 7 Weekly Winner</b>					
Valentina F 190	Jake N 180	Harry M 190	Maya L Maddie D 160	Abigail B 220	Cassie D 180
<b>Year 8 Total</b>					
Aiden F 2580	Jacob B 1670	Abbie H 2430	Milena R 2030	Charlotte L 2460	Charlie M 2480
<b>Year 8 Weekly Winner</b>					
Aiden F 200	Jacob B 120	Abbie H 200	Ellis P 170	Eleanor L 240	Erin L 200
<b>Year 9 Total</b>					
Alex S 2620	Chris M 2100	Thomas H 2100	Evelyn SH 1400	Carrie M 2270	Ole M 2030
<b>Year 9 Weekly Winner</b>					
Brooke D Orla C 340	Chris M Erin C 110	Maria B 330	Leon J Evelyn SH 180	Leon P 320	Molly H 260
<b>Year 10 Total</b>					
Olivia K 2780	Sam A 1700	Dominik C 2030	Kaitlyn F 2610	Harry C 2470	Jakub O 1680
<b>Year 10 Weekly Winner</b>					
Olivia K 390	Jack R 350	Owen B 160	Kaitlyn F 230	Harry C 310	Jakub O 190
<b>Year 11 Total</b>					
Jess K 1900	Hope C 1590	Joshua McK 1950	Daisy N 2140	Mia Rose L 1630	Megan T 1750
<b>Year 11 Weekly Winner</b>					
Alex P 230	Richard A 110	Joshua McK 200	Daisy N 240	Owen W 130	Isiah P 150

### **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 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.**