

Dear Parents/Carers

Assemblies this week have focused on the importance of being in school and being on time. We want to ensure that our students can access the opportunities that are available in our great school by being here, we know our students understand the straightforward message that: "To learn, make progress, and be successful, students need to be in school/lessons as much as they possibly can be". We know that the vast majority of students and parents and carers recognise the importance of this and we are proud to have one of the highest attendance rates for all Secondary schools in Tameside. Well done to all the students.

### **Year 11 Presentation Evening**

It was lovely to welcome back last year's leavers at Presentation Evening last night. We celebrated all of their individual achievements and highlighted the fact that they were one of the highest performing year groups in terms of GCSE results in the region. All the special award winners were very deserving of the trophies that were presented to them. The event marked the end of the final chapter of the student's time at St Thomas More RC College and it was lovely that all their teachers were there to say well done and wish them all every success for the future. Thank you to all the parents/carers who attended last night and thank you again of course for your unfailing support over the last five years.

### **The Award Winners**

<b>Art Award</b> Millie S	<b>Computer Science Award</b> Harrison T
<b>Food Technology Award</b> Milly C	<b>Drama Award</b> Sophie B
<b>English Language Award</b> Chloe S	<b>English Literature Award</b> Kiera M
<b>French Award</b> Grace B	<b>Mathematics Award</b> Lucy McD
<b>Geography Award</b> Alex D	<b>Music Award</b> Macey D
<b>German Award</b> Abigail T	<b>PE Award</b> Libby T
<b>History Award</b> Natasha R	<b>Product Design Award</b> Jacob HL
<b>Textiles Award</b> Mia P	<b>Religious Education Award</b> Georgia W
<b>Combined Science Award</b> Mykhailo K	<b>Physics Award</b> Rory McL
<b>Biology Award</b> Moses S	<b>Creative iMedia Award</b> Kelsey P
<b>Chemistry Award</b> Tamara O	<b>Sports Studies Award</b> Ben H
<b>Health and Social Care Award</b> Jessica B	
<b>Attainment Award</b> for achieving 9 grade 9s at GCSE Keira M and Grace B	
<b>Achievement Award</b> for outstanding progress at GCSE Alex D	
<b>Headteacher's Award</b> outstanding contribution to the school and its mission statement: Olivia T	

### **Fundraising for Willow Wood**

Well done to the Faith in Action Team and the GIFT team for running a sweet stall for WILLOW WOOD HOSPICE on Wednesday of this week and thank you to all the staff and students who contributed so generously

Advance Notice that the 18<sup>th</sup> December is Christmas Jumper Day where students can wear a Christmas Jumper instead of a school jumper as part of their full school uniform, donations for Christmas Jumper can be made via Parent Pay and all donations will go to Willow Wood.

### **Year 10 Enterprise and Marketing**

Thank you to Mrs Mellor who organised for the Managing Director of Ron Hill Sports to visit school today to speak to the Enterprise and Marketing students in Year 10.

The students learned how Ron Hill develop their products before they go to market. As part of their course the students have to create a T-shirt business so during this session it was fantastic for them to see how a multinational company develops their products.

The students were superb ambassadors for the school, well done year 10

### **Poetry by Heart Competition**

Thank you to all the student performers who took part in the Poetry by Heart competition this week. The performers were superb and so confident in front of their audience, which was the whole of Year 7. The opportunity to stand up and present in front of an audience can make students feel nervous but it is a fantastic life skill to learn and I am sure that some of our performers will find themselves in careers where public speaking is a must such as acting, teaching or maybe even being the prime minister!

Thank you to Mrs Kay for organising the event.

### **Additional GCSE Languages**

If any Year 11 students can speak a second language such as Polish, Arabic, Chinese, Russian, or Italian, then please speak to Mrs Laycock in Room 29B at either break or lunchtime before the end of term. It is possible that you might be able to take an extra GCSE in a second language without any additional study.

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

Lots of goals meant high scoring totals last weekend and managers shouldn't forget that there is a premiership game tonight so any team changes must be submitted by 6:30pm

Mr Turner continues on top spot in the League this week with 729 points

Mrs Halligan was over the moon to be a first time weekly winner with 84 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 Mentions

Well done to Lucas B-T in 7M.

We are very proud of him because he has achieved an AJ sailing award at his sea cadets!  
The award is the culmination of lots of hard work over the last 2 years and it is very well deserved.

Well done too to Charlotte H in 8T.

Last weekend she has ran the 5k festive dash with her sister and mum and has raised £722 pounds for the Christie.

Charlotte then went straight to St John Fisher Church Christmas Fair to sell raffle tickets. We are so proud of her for being a fantastic student and giving up her time to raise money for charity.

## 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

*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.*

T	H	O	M	A	S
<b>Year 7 Total</b>					
Valentina F 2440	Dalyn McG Erin K 2320	Ella F 2030	Rohan G 2840	Abigail B 2190	Una L 2150
<b>Year 7 Weekly Winner</b>					
Valentina F 190	Isabelle C 180	Ella F 240	Maddie D 230	Holly P Imogen S 200	Connor M 180
<b>Year 8 Total</b>					
Aiden F 2770	Jacob B 1800	Abbie H 2590	Ellis P 2220	Charlotte L 2610	Charlie M 2600
<b>Year 8 Weekly Winner</b>					
Charlotte H Aiden F 160	Tallulah P 120	Connor McC 200	Ellis P 180	Aerin L 220	Erin L 160
<b>Year 9 Total</b>					
Alex S Miracle O 2880	Chris M 2300	Thomas H 2270	Oliver T 1490	Carrie M 2390	Ole M 2180
<b>Year 9 Weekly Winner</b>					
Miracle O 260	Anya S 160	Lucas K 170	Iris L 160	Jake T 130	Will C Alfred K 170
<b>Year 10 Total</b>					
Olivia K 2960	Sam A 1810	Dominik C 2220	Kaitlyn F 2850	Harry C 2640	Reve MM 1840
<b>Year 10 Weekly Winner</b>					

Olivia K 150	Josh A 140	Valarie I 180	Lauren L 190	Harry C 150	Reve MM 160
<b>Year 11 Total</b>					
Jess K 2100	Hope C 1800	Joshua McK 2230	Daisy N 2380	Mia Rose L 1830	Megan T 1890
<b>Year 11 Weekly Winner</b>					
Eid A Maddie Mc 100	Rachel L Ryan F 130	Joshua McK Ben F Max M 140	Frankie D 130	Layla D 80	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 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.

**Dear Lord,**

*May all of our thoughts, words, and actions serve to reflect your love, mercy, and peace.*

*Guide us as to celebrate the virtues of humility, forgiveness and hope.*

*May your light shine through us to reflect your vibrant message for the world.*

**Amen.**