

Dear Parents/Carers

There have been no Year group assemblies this week due to the mock examinations in the Hall but form groups have still completed their weekly Faith Friday prayer and reflection in form time with the focus this week about the important Sacrament of Baptism in light of the celebration of the feast day for the Baptism of our Lord at last Sunday's Mass.

Thank you to the RE Department, Miss Hague and the student GIFT team for creating the Faith Friday resources and reflections each week, they are a wonderful part of our shared Catholic Ethos.

### **Year 11 Mocks**

Today was the last full day of Mock exams for Year 11 and I must congratulate the students on the fantastic and sensible way they have approached these important assessments, I know the students after a brief, well deserved rest will use the experience as a starting point for their revision for the Summer Examinations so that they can be as successful as students in previous years and put themselves in an excellent position for their future careers.

Well done Year 11.

### **Year 10 Loreto College Debating Team**

Well done to the Year 10 students who represented the school at the Loreto College "Debating Masterclass". The students responded brilliantly in this unique opportunity that is a fantastic preparation for the world of work or study at university, we are so proud of the students and it is fantastic that we can provide these opportunities that teach them so much about themselves and provide additional success for their CV. We are committed to ensuring that our students have the opportunity to stand out from the crowd as outstanding well-rounded individuals when they are applying for their next steps.

### **Year 10 Parents Evening**

Year 10 Parents Evening will be held in school on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 3:30pm to 6:30pm for all Year 10 Parents and Carers. The event is an invaluable opportunity to gain really important information about your child's progress during this crucial first year of their GCSE and vocational qualifications.

The link to the online booking system is as follows but you will need the login information from the separate letter that has been sent home to access the system to book your appointments:

<https://stmcollege.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Please contact school if you have any issues booking appointments

### **Reminder: St Thomas More Alumni**

*We are inviting former St Thomas More RC College students to get in touch and join our alumni programme so they can share the stories of their careers and success to inspire the next generation! If you would be happy for us to celebrate your successes on social media or even are willing to come into school to talk to our current students then please get in touch on the following email address.*

[alumni@stmcollege.org.uk](mailto:alumni@stmcollege.org.uk)

**Reminder: Job Vacancy: Parish of St Mary and St John Fisher: Parish Administrator**

*I have been asked to inform you of the following job opportunity in the local Parish Community:*

*The parish of St Mary and St John Fisher are looking for a Parish Administrator to provide administrative support to the parish including office administration, secretarial and basic accounting duties*

*The role is part-time, permanent Working hours: 9 hours per week, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9:30am- 12:30pm Location: St Mary's Presbytery, Duke Street, Denton, M34 2AN Salary and benefits: £12.60 per hour, 25 holidays, plus statutory bank holidays and 5 Diocesan closure days (subject to pro-rata).*

*For more details please see the advert that I have included on the Headteacher's Letter section of the school website.*

<https://www.stmcollege.org.uk/news/headteachers-letters>

### **Special Mention Erin K 7H**

A special mention and thank you to year 7 pupil Erin K who produced a poster for the school over the weekend because she wanted to say how fantastic her school community is. Amazing!!!

The main themes of the poster are positivity, kindness and respect and it is wonderful that students can have such a brilliant experience in our school community when they really engage and apply themselves.

Well done Erin, the poster has pride of place on the success board in my office! Very proud!

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

After the midweek fixtures following the weekends FA Cup action Thomas H in Year 9 continues to sit at the top of the school league with 1324 points.

Georgie A in Year 10 wins Week 21 with 90 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>

### **St Thomas More RC College Achievement Point League**

Fantastic points collection from all students this week and in the week before the holidays, well done to all the students who are doing so well with their learning and attitude, we could list hundreds of students but unfortunately there is only the space to list those at the top of each list but well done to all.

*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 3480	Erin K 3310	Ella F 2860	Rohan G 3860	Abigail B 3130	Lillie May P 2900
<b>Year 7 Weekly Winner</b>					
Valentina F 220	Erin K 230	Mikayla C Ella F Harry M 160	Hugo T 300	Imogen S Mieszko J 130	Solomon K 200
<b>Year 8 Total</b>					
Aiden F 3870	Albie N 2720	Abbie H 3640	Milena R 3310	Charlotte L 3730	Charlie M 3630
<b>Year 8 Weekly Winner</b>					
Aiden F 170	Albie N 170	Abbie H 250	Milena R 220	Charlotte L 270	Erin L 220
<b>Year 9 Total</b>					
Miracle O Alex S 4300	Chris M 3450	Thomas H 3490	Evelyn SH 2320	Carrie M 3500	Ole M 3280
<b>Year 9 Weekly Winner</b>					
Alex S 270	Chris M 170	Thomas H 230	Evelyn SH 180	Luca F 150	Ole M 190
<b>Year 10 Total</b>					
Olivia K 4230	Jack R 2990	Dominik C 3340	Kaitlyn F 4020	Harry C 4280	Reve MM 2860
<b>Year 10 Weekly Winner</b>					
Olivia K 200	Oliver H 160	Isabella S 200	Lauren L 170	Harry C 250	Cody S 170
<b>Year 11 Total</b>					
Jess K 2700	Hope C 2250	Joshua McK 2930	Daisy N 3480	Mia Rose L 2470	Megan T 2350
<b>Year 11 Weekly Winner</b>					
Jay P Jess K 70	Ryan F 60	Jessica R 70	Daisy N 15	David W 60	Lucas J Julie A Alex T 50

## 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.

*Please Note: If you have an appointment to meet with a member of staff in school, then please ensure that you are on time to the meeting, on the rare occasion a parent/carer is more than 15 minutes late to a meeting then due to the busy nature of schools the meeting will be cancelled and will need to be rearranged at another time and/or date.*

*If you are offered an appointment time for a meeting with a member of staff in school, then please ensure that you have confirm your attendance at the meeting in advance either verbally or in writing to prevent the meeting time being rebooked.*

God bless

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### **2025 Jubilee Year for the Catholic Church**

2025 has been designated as a Jubilee Year by Pope Francis with 'Pilgrims of Hope' as the theme.

### **Prayer for the Baptism of the Lord**

Almighty, eternal God,

When the Spirit descended upon Jesus at His

baptism in the Jordan, you revealed Him as your own beloved Son.

Keep us, your children born of water and the Spirit faithful to our calling.

May we always treat each other with kindness, respect, and love,

as you taught us during your time on Earth.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,

your Son, who lives and reigns with you

and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**