

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had a variety of assemblies this week because we have been celebrating Interfaith week and the students have had the opportunity to hear from Faith Leaders from the Jewish Faith, Muslim Faith, Buddhist Faith and Christianity, all the sessions were very informative and engaging. As usual school staff were extremely proud to be told that our students were superbly behaved during the sessions and listened attentively. Thank you to the RE department and Mr Johnson for organising the week of activities, it is wonderful that the school can do our part to increase understanding and dialogue between different Faiths through supporting the ideals of diversity and inclusion.

Astroturf Update

I am pleased to announce that the full size floodlit Astro-turf construction project has now been completed and, subject to final checks by the FA, the pitch will be ready for school and community use very soon. It has been a privilege working with the Premier League, FA and Football Foundation to secure this wonderful facility for the school that involved close to a million pounds of investment.

I would also like to thank the construction company S&C Slatter who carried out the building work as they have done a superb job with the minimum of disruption even though the school continued to be open each day of the project. The representatives from all the companies on site reported in the handover meeting that the pupils have been helpful, polite and respectful to their staff during the build, they remarked that they are amazed at our students because they don't witness such good behaviour at all the schools they work at.

In due course we will have an official opening ceremony for the pitch but we will be able to make use of the pitch before that date for PE lessons and after school activities, it is vitally important therefore that I share with you the details of the permitted footwear for students using the pitch which is attached to this letter and is available on the school's website.

When students are timetabled for PE lessons on the Astroturf in the future they must have one of these accepted forms of footwear or they will not be allowed to enter the pitch area.

Football boots with moulded studs, Football boots with screw in plastic studs less than 1.5cm, Football Boots with metal studs less than 1.5cm, Football boots with blades, Astroturf Boots.

Students cannot wear Flat Soled Trainers or Shoes to enter the pitch, this includes running/exercise/PE trainers and school shoes.

Please note: We have no control over the approved list of footwear as it is a condition of both the funding grant we have received and the ongoing insurance conditions for the pitch.

Year 11 Revision

Well done to the Year 11s who are staying behind after school for revision activities such as English Revision Hub. Students should now have received back their Mock Exam results in the majority of their subjects and these results will be posted home to parents/carers in the coming days, the mock exams are a really useful way of identifying areas that students need to concentrate on in their studies. It is of course absolutely vital that all Year 11 students are now completing additional revision outside of school including at weekends if they are going to reach their individual potential in their GCSEs. As the exams start in May, the GCSEs will be here in 3 months' time and it is crucial each Year 11 student puts the effort in now so that they are not left disappointed or wondering "what if" on results day in the Summer.

Well done to all the Year 11 students who I speak to who tell me that they are revising every day outside of school as they are building an excellent foundation for the future. Thank you also to parents/carers for encouraging and supporting your sons/daughters to do as much meaningful revision outside of school away from distracting devices and smartphones. The effort the students put in now will pay dividends in the future.

Reminder: Year 9 Booster Vaccinations SLB/MEN ACWY

If your child is in year 9 please be aware they have been given a consent form for the SLB/MEN ACWY booster vaccinations.

The immunisation team will be coming into school on Monday 24th February and Tuesday 25th February. Please could you complete the forms and return to school by Monday 10th February.

St Thomas More RC College Fantasy Football League.

Nothing to report this week due to the extended gameweek due to the FA Cup and the rearranged Everton Liverpool match which will be played on Wednesday 12th February.

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

Very well done to Keegan JM, Max B, and Logan DH in Year 7 who represented the spirit of St Thomas More superbly this week. When travelling home from school these three fantastic students noticed a Mum who could not find her son as he had got lost, the three boys then helped her locate her son by searching the surrounding area and asking people in the area if they had seen him.

Wonderful, kind and helpful.

St Thomas More RC College Achievement Point League

Magnificent points collecting by all our committed students week after week!

Remember that you can log into satchel one to check your child individual achievements and successes at any time as the parent page is updated daily, if you are unable to log in for any reason please contact school for help. admin@stmcollege.org.uk

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 3930	Erin K 3780	Ella F 3410	Rohan G 4400	Abigail B 3510	Connor M 3440
Year 7 Weekly Winner					
Valentina F Isabelle McM 170	Sophia N 140	Mikayla C 180	Maddie D 191	Imogen S Holly P 130	Angel A Connor M 170
Year 8 Total					
Aiden F 4520	Albie N 3200	Abbie H 4150	Milena R 4030	Charlotte L 4460	Erin L 4300
Year 8 Weekly Winner					
Aiden F 220	Albie N 150	Mitchelle N Olivia N 180	Milena R 210	Evie S 170	Erin L 140
Year 9 Total					
Alex S Miracle O 5080	Chris M 4030	Thomas H 4110	Evelyn SH 2760	Carrie M 3930	Ole M 3690
Year 9 Weekly Winner					
Miracle O 310	Erin C 170	Thomas H 210	Evelyn SH 100	Angel O 110	Erica S Harmony W 130
Year 10 Total					
Olivia K 4810	Jack R 3410	Dominik C 3930	Kaitlyn F 4630	Harry C 5080	Reve MM 3330
Year 10 Weekly Winner					
Isla C 150	Joshua A 180	Isabella S 180	Kaitlyn F 150	Harry C 210	Daniel R 110
Year 11 Total					
Eid A 3250	Caitlyn McC 2680	Joshua McK 3410	Daisy N 4160	Mia Rose L 3200	Megan T 2850
Year 11 Weekly Winner					
Eid A 150	Luca H Richard A 150	Max M 120	Frankie D 110	David W 130	Cadhla B 100

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.

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 to celebrate our Interfaith week

God of all people,

open our hearts to understanding other faith traditions.

We are all made in your image and seek to know and follow

your ways, to praise you, and to be instruments of your Holy presence.

May we respect those who are different from us, who follow a different faith tradition than us.

May we seek to know the truth of your Word and find common ground among the many faith traditions and recognize that we share a common humanity.

Help us to be people of compassion and understanding, creating a path to a peaceful coexistence among all people.

Amen