

Dear Parents/Carers

It was lovely to welcome back all the students and staff this week after the half-term holiday, thank you to our supportive parents/carers who made sure that their sons/daughters were dressed smartly in their uniform, fully equipped and ready to learn at the start of this half-term, all the standards and expectations that we have are designed so that the focus remains on teaching and learning so that all students have the opportunity to be highly successful in school. We are very grateful for your support.

This will now be the last full half term before the GCSE examinations begin in May so it is vitally important that Year 11 students are completing lots of revision at home at evenings during the week and at the weekends. It isn't always the easiest task for Year 11 students to revise consistently and regularly at home so any support and encouragement provided by parents/carers could be crucial in securing the best possible grades for your child. Thank you for your support in this, these next few weeks are a hugely important time for Year 11 students and any sustained revision that they can do at home in the next few weeks will be a superb preparation for their exams.

**Please note that the Summer 2025 GCSE Timetable is available to download on our school website and also on Satchel One.**

#### **Vaping/Electronic Cigarettes**

I have written previously about the Government's position on vaping in that under 18s should not have access to vapes or vaping related items.

The school's strong position that vaping is unacceptable for under 18s has been reinforced by a recent Manchester Metropolitan Medical Study that this week has indicated that the long-term serious health consequences of vaping may "actually be worse than smoking cigarettes"

The study's findings have been reported in the Manchester Evening News:

[Vaping horror as first ever study reveals deadly side effects - Manchester Evening News](#)

Thankfully due to the school's very strong and proactive response to the use of vapes there are only a tiny number of occasions when a vape may be seen in school, however we do take our responsibility to safeguard all students extremely seriously, especially in light of this new study.

The school's response will continue to be that on the rare incidents where students are caught in possession of a Vape or E-Cigarette a suspension will likely be issued. By using one of the most serious sanctions available to deal with these matters we believe we send a strong signal about the unacceptable and dangerous nature of vaping and we minimise the risk of other students becoming exposed to the use of vapes in school. As always, I make no apology for having the highest standards and expectations in school for the benefit of the whole community especially when it concerns students long term health.

#### ***Reminder: Consideration of our Neighbours (parking)***

*I am sorry to say that we have been contacted by some of our neighbours who are concerned about parking in the streets near school at pick up and drop off time. We have always had a fantastic relationship with the local community so could I please ask parents and carers to be mindful and considerate of where you are parking and please don't park across residents driveways or dropped kerbs, I am sure that this has only happened inadvertently as I am sure that no-one would*

*deliberately or knowingly park across someone else's driveway but please do take a moment to consider where you are parking/waiting particularly at the end of the day.*

### **Year 7 Parents Evening**

Thank you to all the parents/carers who attended Year 7 Parents Evening yesterday the event was extremely positive and thank you to all the parents/carers who wrote such lovely comment on the feedback forms, it was lovely to hear your sons/daughters are so happy with the school.

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

A high scoring few gameweeks over the holiday has seen Thomas H (90) return to top spot with 1775 points

Clarke F in form 7A takes the prize for Gameweek 27 with a solid 69 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 Carrie M and Isla R**

Well done to Carrie M in Year 9 who has been volunteering in the community with the Junior Park Run team in Glossop, Carrie has received special praise from the organisers for her commitment and dedication and it is great to hear that the volunteering is supporting Carrie to achieve her Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Well done also to Isla R in 7T who completed in a Cheerleading Competition in Ireland with Team Apex over the holidays and won first place. A fantastic achievement, amazing Isla!!

### **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](mailto: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.*

T	H	O	M	A	S
Year 7 Total					
Valentina F 4840	Erin K 4570	Ella F 4240	Maddie D 5040	Abigail B 4100	Connor M 4300

<b>Year 7 Weekly Winner</b>					
Valentina F 640	Isabelle C 650	Ella F Temidayo WS 630	David E 750	Gospel O 600	Isabel D Lillie May P 660
<b>Year 8 Total</b>					
Aiden F 5170	Albie N 3840	Abbie H 4820	Milena R 4740	Charlotte L 5060	Erin L 5070
<b>Year 8 Weekly Winner</b>					
Charlotte H 150	Scarlett B 140	Maddie D 130	Illona F Franek S Milena R 190	Charlotte L 190	Hugo S 200
<b>Year 9 Total</b>					
Alex S 5500	Chris M 4370	Thomas H 4460	Evelyn SH 3050	Carrie M 4170	Ole M 4040
<b>Year 9 Weekly Winner</b>					
Brooke D 230	Doreen A 150	Lucy W 190	Iris L 420	Jessica M 380	William C Erica S 150
<b>Year 10 Total</b>					
Olivia K 5150	Jack R 3800	Dominik C 4270	Kaitlyn F 4970	Harry C 5500	Reve MM 3610
<b>Year 10 Weekly Winner</b>					
Paul K 180	Laura P 160	Valerie I 200	Skye A 140	Harry C 150	Jakub O 190
<b>Year 11 Total</b>					
Eid A 3640	Luca H 2960	Pippa SM 3730	Daisy N 4770	Mia Rose L 3560	Megan T 3200
<b>Year 11 Weekly Winner</b>					
Jess K 220	Rachel L Ryan F 140	Tyler C Pippa SM 150	Daisy N Sienna F 200	Charlie G Layla D 120	Isiah P 250

## 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.

As you will be aware Pope Francis has been very ill in hospital over the past few days so I have included a prayer to ask for help and support for the Holy Father.

#### **Prayer for Pope Francis**

Loving and Merciful God,

We come before You in prayer, lifting up Your servant, Pope Francis, in his time of need.

We ask You to surround him with Your loving presence, granting him strength and recovery.

May Your divine grace rest upon him, restoring his health and filling him with renewed vigour to continue leading Your Church with compassion and wisdom.

We offer this prayer in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**