

Dear Parents/Carers

This week we welcomed the Message Trust, "Respect Me" tour into school and all Year groups took part in interactive sessions focused on respectful relationships, risky behaviours, how to find support and much more. It was fantastic to be able to invite such skilled and knowledgeable professionals into school. Our guests said that the students were an absolute credit to St Thomas More RC College and that all the students behaved superbly. Well Done to all the Students.

For more information: <https://www.message.org.uk/>

<https://www.message.org.uk/event/lift-tameside/>

### **Reminder Lent Charity Focus**

There are lots of activities taking place school as form group try to raise as much money as possible for our "Eight is Great" Lenten Charity Drive for the Christie Cancer Hospital. Please remember that parents and carers are able to make donations if you are able through parent pay online.

### **Special Mentions**

Well done to the Year 8 Girls Football team who played a superb match on the new Astroturf against Denton Community College, the match was superb and every player represented the school superbly.

### **Maths Pi Day**

Thank you to Mrs Kruvele and the maths department for hosting a wonderful Pi day today full of lots of maths activities including a "Digits of Pi" memory competition. I believe there are a few contenders who could break the school record with their amazing recall.

Well done also the Year 9 Students who visited the University of Manchester to participate in the "Maths in the real-world event". The students had a great time cracking codes and solving problems and were fantastic ambassadors for the school.

### **Confirmation Programme at St Mary's and St John Fisher.**

#### **Students in Year 8 and above**

#### St Mary's and St John Fisher Parish

The Confirmation Programme for 2025 is due to begin in St Mary's and St John Fisher Parish soon. If your child is currently in Year 8 or above and wishes to receive this Sacrament then we would like to invite you, along with them, to a short introductory meeting **on Thursday 3rd April, 7:30pm, in the hall at St Mary's, Denton**. This is to complete the necessary forms to enrol your child on the programme and lay out the timetable for the following weeks. Please register your interest with your OWN parish, either, St Mary's, Denton; Holy Family, Dane Bank; or St Joseph's, Reddish, before Thursday 27th March. The confirmation team look forward to welcoming you.

#### **Year 9 Parents Evening**

Year 9 Parents Evening will be held in school on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March 3:30pm to 6:30pm for all Year 9 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

### **Careers Fair**

We are delighted to announce we are hosting our annual Careers Fair on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March in the school hall.

We have secured an array of providers ranging from companies like Jet2.com through to local providers of apprenticeships, technical qualifications and A-Levels. This is a great opportunity to speak to industry professionals, speak with institutions first-hand and to begin considering your future journey.

This is open to all pupils and their parents and carers. It begins at 2:45pm until 3:45pm. Key Stage Four pupils will exclusively be attending the event from 1:45pm until 2:45pm.

### **Willow Wood Award: Faith in Action**

Well done to the Faith in Action team who were victorious this week in the Willow Wood Hospice Awards taking the overall prize of the "Willow Wood Enterprise Award", the team also won one of the other awards at the presentation event and were very proud to have secured the "Strategic Investment Award".

Well done to all the team and the staff especially Miss Hague who supports the students to put so much good into the wider community.

We are very proud of them!!

### **Reminder Year 11 Revision**

*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.*

### **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.*

## St Thomas More RC College Fantasy Football League.

Thomas H in Year 9 continues to sit at the top of the school league with 1836 points.

Will H in Year 9 wins Week 28 with 80 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

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.*

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<b>Year 7 Total</b>					
Valentina F 5190	Erin K 4920	Ella F 4510	Maddie D 5520	Abigail B 4350	Connor M 4630
<b>Year 7 Weekly Winner</b>					
Valentina F 160	Libby HK 170	Oliver HH 160	Maya L 230	Abigail B Noah GS 160	Isabel D Harvey W 190
<b>Year 8 Total</b>					
Aiden F 5600	Albie N 4160	Abbie H 5160	Milena R 5190	Charlotte L 5500	Erin L 5470
<b>Year 8 Weekly Winner</b>					
Charlotte H 250	Scarlett B 180	Abbie H 160	Milena R 190	Charlotte L 260	Hugo S 210
<b>Year 9 Total</b>					
Brooke D 5940	Chris M 4760	Thomas H 4640	Iris L 3480	Carrie M 4630	Ole M 4510
<b>Year 9 Weekly Winner</b>					
Brooke D Jamie W Olivia H Alex S	Chris M 190	Oliver D Rachel L 110	Iris L 120	Angel O 80	Isla N 140

120					
<b>Year 10 Total</b>					
Olivia K 5590	Jack R 4130	Dominik C 4860	Kaitlyn F 5250	Harry C 5960	Reve MM 3840
<b>Year 10 Weekly Winner</b>					
Olivia K 200	Jack R 170	Valerie I 200	Annabel S 170	Harry C 180	Cody S 110
<b>Year 11 Total</b>					
Eid A 4130	Caitlyn McC 3400	Pippa SM 4020	Daisy N 5250	Mia Rose L 3880	Megan T 3550
<b>Year 11 Weekly Winner</b>					
Tymon N Maddie McG 190	Luca H 160	Jessica R 130	Maddie W 280	Mia Rose L 140	Megan T 150

### 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.

This week was the 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Pope's Francis election as the Leader of the Catholic Church, so we join all Catholic's around the world praying for his recovery.

Happy Anniversary

### Prayer for Pope Francis

We pray today as a community for Pope Francis

We thank you for Pope Francis and all he has done to promote your teachings of love, dignity and care.

We pray for Pope Francis and his speedy recovery.

Stay with us lord on our Journey

**Amen**