

Dear Parents/Carers

Happy Mother's Day for this Sunday!! I hope all the Mums in our community have a lovely restful weekend and enjoy every moment of being pampered and looked after.

This week in school on Faith Friday we remembered the Feast of the Annunciation when Mary was visited by the Angel Gabriel to give her the news that she would give birth to Jesus which is very fitting before Mothering Sunday.

Today we also had a stall selling small gifts for Mother's Day with all proceeds going to our Lenten Effort for the Christie.

Well done also 8S and Lennie V who raised £134 for Charity on their cake sale this week!

St Thomas More RC College: Podcast

A team of year 10 pupils have been working incredibly hard planning, sequencing, recording, and editing the school's very first podcast: *Beyond the Board: Inside STM!*

Year 10 students Harry C, Olivia K, Paul K, and Jack R have dedicated a lot of time after school in planning, learning the technological nuances of the equipment, recording and editing to create an entertaining and informative podcast for all stakeholders in our community!

It is available on Spotify and can be accessed

here: <https://open.spotify.com/episode/34dGm4Pbn51DCZ1mlhRlFH?si=4cd6688b8876409f>

The team would love to receive your feedback and you are more than welcome to email podcast@stmcollege.org.uk with your views and suggestions for future episodes and what you would like to hear featured!

Thank you to Harry C, Olivia K, Paul K, and Jack R for your ingenuity in creating engaging content for our community.

Advance Notice: Year 9 Parents Pathways Evening

Year 9 parents/carers please remember that Year 9 Pathways Evening takes place on Tuesday 1st April at 6pm in the Main Hall, the event is a very important opportunity to receive information so that you can support your son/daughter to make their option choices for study in Year 10 and Year 11. We look forward to seeing you there.

Reminder Lent Charity Focus

There are lots of activities taking place in school as form groups 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.

ST ANNE'S FAIRFIELD - CONFIRMATION 2025; SECOND SESSION:

St Anne's Fairfield are having the second meeting for prospective candidates and parents for this year's confirmation programme on Monday 7th April at the Parish hall at 6.30pm. They only had a small number of candidates in the last session, so there are spaces on the programme available if students wish to enrol however Monday 7th April is the last chance to sign up.

They will be celebrating Confirmation for young people in Year 8 or older on the 6th and 8th of July 2025. All who would like to participate, are warmly invited to the meeting and other subsequent sessions.

Reminder Confirmation Programme at St Mary's and St John Fisher.

Students in Year 8 and above

*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.*

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 grade s 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.

St Thomas More RC College Fantasy Football League.

No Fantasy Football activity this week or at the weekend with international games and FA cup fixtures so managers need to be ready for the next team selection deadline on 1st April.

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

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 FN 5470	Erin K 5210	Ella F 4740	Maddie D 6020	Abigail B 4540	Connor M 4870
Year 7 Weekly Winner					
Valentia FN 130	Alice F 120	Alex S 170	Maddie D 200	Raquel M 110	Conor M 80
Year 8 Total					
Aiden F 6010	Albie N 4450	Abbie H 5590	Milena R 5540	Charlotte L 5900	Erin L 5840
Year 8 Weekly Winner					
Aiden F 210	Jacob B 150	Abbie H 160	Ellis P 120	Charlotte L 130	Erin L 180
Year 9 Total					
Brooke D 6490	Chris M 5050	Thomas H 4900	Iris L 3770	Carrie M 4970	Ole M 4810
Year 9 Weekly Winner					
Brooke D 320	Jessica F 170	Sam H 210	Kairo L 170	Lily W 150	Isla N 170
Year 10 Total					
Olivia K 6100	Jack R 4420	Dominik C 5190	Kaitlyn F 5520	Harry C 6440	Reve MM 4090
Year 10 Weekly Winner					
Olivia K 220	Junior K Ava B Jack R 140	Pelumi A 140	Kaitlyn F 160	Harry C 200	Jakub O 130
Year 11 Total					
Eid A 4540	Caitlyn McC 3440	Pippa SM 4270	Daisy N 5750	Mia Rose L 4120	Megan T 3820
Year 11 Weekly Winner					
Jess K 210	Luca H 150	Meida K 150	Poppy M 180	Sara K 180	Megan T 140

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.

This week we pray with Mothering Sunday in Mind

Prayer for Mother's Day

Loving God, we thank you for all the people who have mothered us throughout our lives.
For all who have held us and fed us, cared for us and comforted us, challenged and encouraged us.

We pray for new mothers experiencing changes they could not predict.
Grant them rest and trust in you.

We pray for girls and women who think about whether to become mothers.
Grant them patience and discernment.

We pray for mothers who are raising their children in poverty.
Grant them courage and relief.

We pray for mothers who face the demands of single parenthood.
Grant them strength, support, and wisdom.

We pray for mothers who are separated from their children.
Grant them faith and hope.

We pray for adoptive and foster mothers.
Grant them gratitude and insight.

We pray for mothers whose relationships are going through difficult times.
Grant them clarity and support.

We pray for women who long to be mothers.
Grant them strength, hope, and opportunities to share their love.

We pray for step-mothers, godmothers, and all men and women who have assumed a mother's role
in a child's life.

Grant them joy and the appreciation of others.

We pray for those people present who grieve the loss of a mother, and for mothers who have lost
children.

Grant them comfort, healing, and the hope of Christ's resurrection.

Merciful Father,
Accept this prayer, for the sake of your son,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen