

Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to take the opportunity to wish everyone in our extended Catholic Community a very Happy and Holy Easter and I hope everyone enjoys the rest and sunshine over the two-week holiday.

All students had the opportunity to celebrate the mysteries of Holy Week in a lovely Liturgy this morning led by members of the GIFT team. In a very prayerful service we explored the themes of The Last Supper on Maundy Thursday and the Crucifixion of Christ on Good Friday so that we are prepared to look toward Easter Sunday to celebrate the resurrection and the basis of our shared Catholic Faith.

Thank you so much to staff for their hard work this term for the benefit of the students and thank you as well to all the students who have behaved so well and committed 100% effort to their learning. I would also like to express my gratitude to parents and carers for your ongoing support for our Outstanding Catholic Community

Easter Holidays

A reminder that school closes today at the normal time for the Easter Holidays and students return to school on Tuesday 22nd April after the Easter Monday Bank Holiday.

Thank you in advance for making sure that students return to school in the Summer Term in full uniform and without makeup and jewellery that are not allowed under the school's behaviour policy. The students look so smart and ready to learn when in correct uniform and I am very grateful for your support in these matters.

Please note that due to the warm weather this week and likely warm weather after the Summer Holidays we have now reverted to our Summer uniform which means students don't need to wear their jumper to school, students must of course still have their Blazer and Tie however. Jumpers will be required again in the new school year in September.

Year 9 Pathways

Thank you so much to all the parents and carers who attended the Year 9 Pathways Evening last Tuesday the event was a great success with key information shared on the pathways process so that students can make good choices about their option subjects for study in Year 10 and 11.

The online Options Form can be found at the following link. <https://shorturl.at/g19cD>

Please remember that the deadline is 25 April 2025. The link is also on Satchel One for students and can also be found by following the QR code shared at the event.

Lent Charity Focus

Thank you to students, staff and parents/carers for all your support in the Lent Charity focus for the Christie, there have been a record number of events and activities and I am astounded by the generosity of this community for those in need. The amazing running total for the funds raised is £5458.58. Well done everyone! Incredible!!

Year 11 Revision

The GCSE timetable continues to be on the school website at:

Please be aware that the GCSE and Summer Examinations start on the following dates:

GCSE Summer 2025 Exams:

MFL (Speaking) & Art -- 22nd April 2025 to 2nd May 2025

GCSE Written Exams begins -- 6th May 2025 to 18th June 2025

This means that the Easter Holidays are perhaps the last opportunity for Year 11 students to complete a significant amount of revision at home in preparation for these key examinations.

The time over Easter spent revising could be crucial in securing the best possible grades for your child and any sustained revision that they can do at home in the next two weeks will be a good preparation for their exams.

Students will have plenty of materials to revise from that have been provided by all relevant subject areas and there are plenty of resources available online too such as BBC Bitesize. Through years of experience, school staff know that there is no better preparation for exams than individual students sitting down in a quiet space and making notes on a topic whilst also practicing exam questions that are available both from staff in school and exam board websites. Please also remember that students can do a huge amount of revision for Maths just using the SPARX website, and the school has paid for access to this resource for every student.

School Social Media

A reminder to ask you to check in with the school's social media pages when possible, there are lots of updates and pictures about school life available on both Facebook and Instagram, recent posts have included: the return of Fencing Club, Silver Duke of Edinburgh Expedition updates, Christie Fundraising Updates including Paul K and Harry C, Primary School Dance Competition, Faith in Action Team update, Year 9 pathways update and much more!

Breaking Barriers Production Company Blindside

Many thanks to the Breaking Barriers Production Company from Rochdale who came into school to perform a powerful monologue with a facilitated discussion afterwards on the theme of preventing a narrative of Violence against Women and Girls, a topic that is of particular relevance at the moment with the interest around the Netflix Series "Adolescence".

Well done to Year 7 and 8 who watched the production, the cast and crew said your behaviour was excellent and they were very impressed by the intelligent and mature discussions in the final session.

For more information please follow the following weblink:

[Blind Side | Breaking Barriers Rochdale](#)

Reminder: 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.

We 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 come for 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.

St Thomas More RC College Fantasy Football League.

A low score from myself this week sees my team drop to 5th with Thomas H looking uncatchable at the top of the league with 1,948 points

Clark F takes the prize for gameweek 30 with 72 points!

Once students have created a Premier League account and a team at [Fantasy Premier League](https://fantasy.premierleague.com/leagues/auto-join/v25n52), [Official Fantasy Football Game of the Premier League](https://fantasy.premierleague.com/leagues/auto-join/v25n52) 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

A superb term of points collection, brilliant behaviour and excellent attitude to learning, well done to all the students who have collected points so diligently this term.

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 5620	Erin K 5340	Ella F 4860	Maddie D 6210	Abigail B 4690	Isabel D 5060
Year 7 Weekly Winner					
Valentia FN Coady C 80	Erin K 120	Alex S 140	Lucas BT 160	Dylan K 140	Isabel D 180
Year 8 Total					
Aiden F 6190	Albie N 4620	Abbie H 5710	Milena R 5720	Charlotte L 6110	Erin L 5980
Year 8 Weekly Winner					

Aiden F 150	Albie N 150	Ravin R Eva K 110	Ellis P 160	Charlotte L 170	Isabelle P 160
Year 9 Total					
Brooke D 6740	Chris M 5160	Thomas H 5100	Iris L 3910	Carragan M 5120	Ole M 4920
Year 9 Weekly Winner					
Brooke D 220	Archie G 120	Oliver D 200	Madison L 230	Jake T Angel O Jaksen M 170	Ole M 100
Year 10 Total					
Olivia K 6190	Jack R 4540	Dominik C 5360	Kaitlyn F 5650	Harry C 6510	Reve MM 4200
Year 10 Weekly Winner					
Isla C 120	Liam G 120	DJ C 190	Elliot S 130	Francesca D Alice O'C 90	Izzy L Amelia S Jakub O Cody S 110
Year 11 Total					
Eid A 4830	Caitlyn McC 3730	Pippa SM 4540	Daisy N 6000	Mia Rose L 4260	Megan T 3900
Year 11 Weekly Winner					
Max T 480	Richard A 240	Pippa SM 270	Shadi Al-M 300	Charlie G 160	Clare G 270

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 Easter

Dear Lord

We pray, that the glory and the promise of this joyous time of year bring peace and happiness to us
and those we hold most dear.

And may you Christ, Our Risen Savior, always be there by our side to bless us abundantly and be our
loving guide through Easter and beyond.

Amen

Have a lovely Easter everyone!