Dear Parents/Carers

A warm welcome back to the whole school community for the start of the Summer term. Well done to all the students who returned to school looking smart/professional in their uniform showing a commitment to their studies and being ready to learn each day in this important final session of the academic year.

A reminder that we have now moved to our Summer Uniform and students don't need to wear their jumper to school, students must of course still have their Blazer and Tie. As always Jumpers will be required again in the new school year in September.

It is worth saying well done and thank you once again to everyone who helped the school raise £5458 for the Christie Cancer hospital during Lent.

We of course started the week with the very sad news that Pope Francis had died aged 88. We opened the new school chapel for quiet reflection for staff and students on Tuesday and the GIFT team organised a Book of Remembrance in the School Foyer to give individuals a chance to put their thoughts into words during this period of mourning in the Catholic Church. We also remembered the life of Pope Francis with all Year groups during our Easter Liturgies on Tuesday morning and we prayed for the soul of Pope Francis by saying the Prayer of Eternal Rest, which I have included at the end of this letter as a mark of respect to a Pope who was dearly loved by so many of his worldwide congregation. May he rest in Peace.

Year 8 Parents Evening

Thank you to all the parents/carers and students who attended last nights year 8 parents evening where colleagues were able to have lots of really positive conversations about the great progress that students are making through the curriculum here at St Thomas More RC College.

Year 11 Revision

The GCSE timetable continues to be on the school website at: https://www.stmcollege.org.uk/parents/examination-guidance

Please be aware that the first GCSE and Summer Examinations have now started with exams 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

It is absolutely vital that students are now doing plenty of revision at home as work in these last few weeks and days can be the difference between one grade and another, thank you for the encouragement of your sons/daughters with their studies at home. It is also really important that students continue to remain 100% focused in class in these next few weeks as staff will be able to give them crucial information and guidance for the exams, a good night's sleep each night is now so important so concentration levels can remain as high as possible for each individual.

Silver Duke of Edinburgh

Best of luck to all the students who are completing their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Expedition this weekend, we hope the weather remains good for you, thank you to all the staff who are giving up the majority of their weekend to facilitate this wonderful activity.

St Thomas More RC College Fantasy Football League.

Thomas H continues to look uncatchable at the top of the league with 2,154 points

Oliver HH takes the prize for gameweek 33 with 102 points!

Once students have created a Premier League account and a team at <u>Fantasy Premier League</u>, <u>Official Fantasy Football Game of the Premier League</u> 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

Well done to all the students who are collecting so many achievements by doing the simple things really well in school. Bravo!

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	Erin K	Ella F	Maddie D	Abigail B	Isabel D		
5920	5420	5010	6410	4800	5230		
Year 7 Weekly Winner							
Valentia FN	Kacper C	Anna M	Maddie D	Mieszko J	Isabel D		
270	90	170	190	150	160		
Year 8 Total							
Aiden F	Albie N	Abbie H	Milena R	Charlotte L	Erin L		
6290	4740	5790	5900	6230	6080		
Year 8 Weekly Winner							
Darcy D	Albie N	Steven C	Milena R	Avaleigh C	Hugo S		
120	110	110	140	110	Jaiden B		

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Year 9 Total						
Brooke D	Chris M	Thomas H	Iris L	Carragan M	Ole M	
6900	5330	5260	4070	5200	5000	
Year 9 Weekly Winner						
Lucy M	Chris <	Jake M	Iris L	Jaksen M	Evie B	
190	160	230	140	210	60	
Year 10 Total						
Olivia K	Jack R	Dominik C	Kaitlyn F	Harry C	Reve MM	
6290	4620	5600	5730	6540	4300	
Year 10 Weekly Winner						
Olivia K	Ava B	Dominik C	Kaitlyn F	Ciaran M	Reve MM	
100	Joshua A	240	70	90	100	
	70					
Year 11 Total						
Eid A	Luca H	Pippa SM	Daisy N	Mia Rose L	Megan T	
4930	3840	4730	6190	4380	3980	
Year 11 Weekly Winner						
Maddie McG	Caitlyn McC	Max M	Daisy N	David W	Archie W	
Jess K	Ryan F	210	130	120	90	
60	110					

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.

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2025 Jubilee Year for the Catholic Church

2025 has been designated as a Jubilee Year by the Catholic Church 'Pilgrims of Hope' as the theme.

This week we join together in the Prayer of Eternal rest in remembrance of Pope Francis who has died aged 88.

Prayer for Pope Francis

Eternal rest grant unto your loving servant Pope Francis, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen