

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you to Mrs McEnroe for delivering assemblies this week that have focused on the very important event of Victory in Europe Day which we remembered on Thursday with bunting displayed in school and also marked by the GIFT Team, Stewards and Faith in Action Team in the prayer garden. It is so important that we remember the lessons of history so that we can build a better world together and it was fantastic to see all the students being so respectful.

We have met the news that a new Pope has been elected with great excitement in school and all form groups have shared prayers to ask for support and guidance for the new leader of the Catholic Church. Robert Francis Prevost, 69, will be the 267th occupant of the throne of St Peter and he will be known as Pope Leo XIV. He is the first American to fill the role of Pope, although he is considered as much a cardinal from Latin America because of the many years he spent as a missionary in Peru.

We pray for our new Pope and wish him every success, I have included a prayer for the new Pope at the end of my letter and also one in remembrance of VE day.

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!

Please note this is the last week for Year 11 scores as Year 11 will be regularly in exams from next week. Well done to Year 11s for all your hard work this year and good behaviour that has resulted in so many more points.

Remember that you can log into satchel one to check your child's 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 6400	Erin K 5570	Ella F 5430	Maddie D 6850	Abigail B 5030	Isabel D 5670
Year 7 Weekly Winner					
Valentia FN 130	Kacper C Alice F 80	Ella F Mikalya C Harry M 130	Heidi K Maya L 140	Lyla W 100	Angel A Isabel D Conor M Lillie May P 110
Year 8 Total					
Aiden F 6730	Abbie H 6110	Steve C 4780	Milena R 6250	Charlotte L 6680	Erin L 6450
Year 8 Weekly Winner					
Charlotte H 180	Caius H Albie N 130	Ravin R 180	Milena R 150	Charlotte L Eleanor L 100	Isabelle P 150

Year 9 Total					
Brooke D 7550	Chris M 5700	Thomas H 5790	Iris L 4390	Carragan M 5370	Ole M 5420
Year 9 Weekly Winner					
Joe W 320	Jessica F 160	Lucy W 190	Timmy S 130	Ryan C Jessica M 130	Ole M 140
Year 10 Total					
Olivia K 6900	Jack R 4790	Dominik C 6130	Kaitlyn F 6250	Harry C 7040	Reve MM 4680
Year 10 Weekly Winner					
Olivia K 140	Faith Mcl 130	Emma H Isabella S 140	Kaitlyn F 150	Hanna K Alice O'C 120	Gracie M 120
Year 11 Total					
Eid A 5400	Luca H 4250	Pippa SM 5150	Daisy N 6820	Mia Rose L 4870	Megan T 4430
Year 11 Weekly Winner					
Maddie McG 200	Aiden M Kendra O 120	Jessica R 150	Tija R 190	Sara K 180	Megan T 180

St Thomas More RC College Fantasy Football League.

Thomas H continues to look uncatchable at the top of the league with 2,267 points

Both Finlay W and Joseph H take the prize for gameweek 35 with 64 points!

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>

Reminder Year 11

School will now be open to Year 11 students from 8:20am and this will continue during the exam period so that they can have a relaxing start with possibly some last-minute revision before the day of exams ahead, in previous years it has been great to see so many students taking advantage of this and showing so much commitment to success in their examinations. This early start is not compulsory but can be hugely beneficial to the students who find it useful.

Year 11 will continue to attend all their lessons during these initial parts of the exam timetable, we have found through many years of experience that it is much better for students to continue to attend their lessons on days when they don't have exams as teachers are able to direct and support their revision.

*We have carefully considered the exam timetable structure and concluded that on **Friday 6th June** the first week back after half term that the majority of the exams will have been completed, after this date students will then only need to come into school for their exams or for lessons in which they still have an exam left to take, at other times from Monday 9th June students can then revise for the small number of remaining exams at home.*

On Friday 6th June students will be given the opportunity to sign shirts at the end of their exams that day. There will be time for this to be completed before the bell for the end of the day but students will also be welcome to stay behind after school should they wish if they need additional time for this activity, this has been a lovely experience for students in previous years.

The date for the Year 11 Prom is Thursday 26th June 7pm to 10pm, please remember that the Prom is by invitation only at the discretion of the school and that students must be in positive More points to have the opportunity to attend.

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:

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 days as this 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 even as the exams start 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.

Reminder: Tameside SEN Inspection Parent/Carer and Student Survey

We have been notified by Tameside Local Authority that OFSTED are to inspect their SEND provision.

We have been asked to share with Parents/Carers details of a survey that Parents/Carers and Students with SEND are asked to complete.

The details of the survey are contained within a letter from Tameside that can be found on the school website at the following web address:

<https://www.stmcollege.org.uk/news/headteachers-letters>

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/carers 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 the Catholic Church 'Pilgrims of Hope' as the theme.

This week we share two prayers, the first to celebrate our new Pope Leo XIV and the second in remembrance of VE Day that we marked on Thursday.

Prayer for Pope Leo XIV

Faithful God, You guide us on the path of life
and your goodness is our constant companion.

Be with our new Shepherd, Pope Leo XIV, in his service of the Church.

Fill him with the power of your Spirit, the peace of your presence
and the compassion of Christ.

May he walk with you, in wisdom and humility,
and lead us, together with all God's people,
to embody your love for the world.

Amen.

Prayer for VE Day and those who died in the Second World War

O God of truth and justice,
we hold before you those have died in the conflict of war,
and particularly in the Second World War on VE Day.

On this day we remember the sacrifices of all people that brought Victory in Europe.

We honour their courage and cherish their memory,
and we put our faith in the future as you help us work for Peace;

for you are the source of life and hope,
now and for ever.

Amen.