

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you to all the students and staff for their hard work this half-term, school has been a lovely place to be once again for the last few weeks, as always, I have been very grateful for the support of parents/carers in making sure your sons/daughters are ready to learn each day so that they can make great progress through the school curriculum.

I hope all our families have a lovely half term break and enjoy the bank holiday weekend.

Reminder: Half term Holiday

Please be aware that the school breaks up for the May half term holiday today on Friday 23rd May.

Students return to school on Monday 2nd June.

Advance Notice of two important dates: The last day of the Summer term is Friday 18th July with school closing at 12:15 and Year 11 results day is on Thursday 21st August.

Trips and Visits

Well done to the Year 9 who completed their Duke of Edinburgh practice overnight expedition successfully last weekend, I believe a great time was had by all, thank you as well to the school staff who gave up their weekend to help supervise the students.

The Year 10 students who are on their London Residential Trip this week are having a wonderful time I believe with lots of activities including the Warner Brothers Tour and watching the musical Matilda, the students are fantastic representatives for the school in our capital city and thank you again to the staff who have given up their time to organise and supervise the trip.

The Year 10 Enterprise and Computing trip to Alton towers last week was also a great success with superb behaviour from the students on a very enjoyable day out, thank you again to the staff who attended the trip.

Faith in Action

The personalised Rosary Beads that have been created by the Faith in Action Teams of our partner primary schools (St Anne's/St John Fisher/St Mary's) and St Thomas More have been completed and put on display in St Mary's RC Parish Church. The artwork will be on display all through May as the month of Our Lady, please do visit Church to take a look.

Staff Spotlight

Well done to Mr Speakman who ran 60 miles in April to raise over £800 for Prostate Cancer Research and to Mrs Ross and Miss Jordan who ran the Manchester 10K, Miss Jordan was also raising money for "Mary's Meals" a charity that provides meals for school children in a number of countries in Africa.

Superb effort!!

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 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 6900	Erin K 5790	Ella F 5790	Maddie D 7280	Abigail B 5270	Isabel D 6050
Year 7 Weekly Winner					
Valentia FN 210	Alice F 130	Ella F 180	Maya L 270	Holly P 160	Isabel D Antonia MR 160
Year 8 Total					
Aiden F 7180	Abbie H 6370	Steve C 5000	Milena R 6590	Charlotte L 7110	Erin L 6850
Year 8 Weekly Winner					
Aiden F 220	Albie N Olivia N 150	Valentine I 140	Franek S 160	Charlotte L 190	Isabelle P 190
Year 9 Total					
Brooke D 7800	Chris M 6040	Thomas H 6060	Iris L 4730	Carragan M 5710	Ole M 5700
Year 9 Weekly Winner					
Lucy M 240	Conor P 250	Emily G 210	Oliver T Timmy S 230	Annabelle H Lily W 190	William C Isla N 290
Year 10 Total					
Olivia K 7170	Jack R 5180	Dominik C 6510	Kaitlyn F 6450	Harry C 7420	Reve MM 4920
Year 10 Weekly Winner					
Paul K 140	Jack R 90	Pelumi A 160	Lauren Ly 170	Ciaran M 110	Cody S 120
Year 11 Total					
Eid A 5710	Luca H 4410	Pippa SM 5380	Daisy N 7270	Mia Rose L 5070	Megan T 4610
Year 11 Weekly Winner					
David P 80	Dylan M 60	Harrison M 120	Sophie J Ethan C 140	Jonjo C 60	Cadhla B 60

St Thomas More RC College Fantasy Football League. FINAL WEEKEND

Managers need to make any transfer changes to their squads before 2:30pm on Sunday as it's the final weekend of the Premier League

Thomas H continues to look uncatchable at the top of the league with 2,377 points

Sam H take the prize for gameweek 37 with 71 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 -- 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.

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

We pray weekly as a strong Catholic community so that we may receive guidance and support.

Friday Prayer

Dear Lord, God of peace,

Thank you for making your home in us.

We are sorry for the times we can't hear your Spirit and your peace is elusive.

We pray that we might live this peace,
bringing your love more alive in the world each day.

Amen.