

Dear Parents/Carers

Although the weather hasn't been kind this week it has been fantastic to welcome all the students back to school for the last half term of the year. This is such an important period with assessments, learning and enrichment activities that set up students for success in the following year, it's vital that our hardworking students continue to turn up to school each day, dressed smartly, well rested, and ready to learn without distractions; as that means they have every opportunity to be successful on their school journey.

Well done to all the students who have made such a good start this week, the right attitude and polite/kind behaviour will get you a long way in life.

Advance Notice of Key Dates

Please be aware that the school breaks up for the Summer holiday on Friday 18th July, school finishes at 12:15 for students on the last day.

Students return to school on Wednesday 3rd September 2025.

Year 6 Transition Evening is on Tuesday 1st July for parents of new Year 7s starting at school in September 2025

Yr7-10 Rewards Evening will be celebrated on Thursday 10th July and further details will follow for nominated students and families in due course.

STM Podcast: Beyond the Board - Inside STM

Episode Two of our student-led Podcast is available now via Spotify.

A special thank you to Ms Hague for volunteering to feature, and also to all students who have interacted with the podcast.

Well done to Year 10 students Harry C, Olivia K, Paul K, and Jack R, who work tirelessly to plan, record, edit and produce such engaging content for our community.

Any feedback is welcomed to the team via email at: podcast@stmcollege.org.uk

Listen here: <https://open.spotify.com/episode/6NR5nTjGv0GxCcBZUR4PUv>

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

7200	5900	5950	7460	5390	6220
Year 7 Weekly Winner					
Valentia FN 280	Alice F Libby SM 90	Damian A 140	Maya L Maddie D Heidi K 160	Barakat K 110	Cassie D 180
Year 8 Total					
Aiden F 7490	Abbie H 6540	Steve C 5210	Milena R 6810	Charlotte L 743	Erin L 7080
Year 8 Weekly Winner					
Aiden F 280	Jacob B 230	Alfie D Eva K 170	Ellis P 240	Charlotte L 260	Erin L 220
Year 9 Total					
Brooke D 8050	Chris M 6270	Thomas H 6380	Iris L 4930	Carragan M 5890	Ole M 5900
Year 9 Weekly Winner					
Miracle O 390	Doreen A 220	Thomas H 300	Reon C 340	Jake T 200	Seyi S 190
Year 10 Total					
Olivia K 7470	Jack R 5360	Dominik C 6750	Kaitlyn F 66500	Harry C 7610	Reve MM 5220
Year 10 Weekly Winner					
Olivia K 190	Oliver H 130	Pelumi A 310	Tayler G 150	Harry C 170	Reve MM 200

St Thomas More RC College Fantasy Football League. WINNER

The competition is over for another season and thank you to all the players in school that have made it such an enthralling contest.

Our fantasy football league winner for the 2024/25 season is Thomas H with 2,447 points beating last season's winner Mr Turner into second place. Well done Thomas!!

Mrs Halligan take the prize for gameweek 38 with 75 points!

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 this week with Pentecost Sunday in our minds when the Holy Spirit visited the 12 Disciples and gave them the courage to spread Jesus's message of Peace, Hope and Love.

Friday Prayer

Holy Spirit, Helper and Guide,

come to us,

teach us,

bring to us the courage to live out and share the Good News of the Gospel.

Amen.