

Dear Parents/Carers

This is the last full week in school for our Year 11s as they will all have their last exam at some point next week with most finishing their GCSEs on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. I would just like to take this opportunity to congratulate the class of 2025 on the fantastic young men and women that they have become over the last 5 years since we first met them in Year 7 during the challenges of the COVID pandemic. It has been a pleasure for all the staff in school to work with them during their school career and we are exceptionally proud of all the hard work and kindness they have demonstrated and their unique gifts and talents that have enriched our community. I know everyone in school wishes them every success and happiness for their future, we will miss them hugely in school as they are incredible individuals and a fantastic year group.

Good luck class of 2025

A Leaving Prayer for our Outstanding Year 11

God, we pray for our Year 11 students,

As you leave this place.

Take with you every blessing you received here:

Blessings of friendship

Blessings of memories

Blessings of knowledge

And as you leave to begin a new journey, leave us your blessing; your uniqueness, the mark you leave on this place that is only you.

Always remember our community is infinitely better to have known your presence.

May you all be refreshed this Summer, so when the next step in your journey begins,

you may all meet new challenges, new places, new people,

with a bright and cheerful heart.

We pray that all may grow and learn to live with Love.

May God bless you all this day and through all the days to come.

Amen

Uniform (pre-loved)

Students at our school who wear their uniform with pride look incredibly smart and this helps to contribute to our high standards that lead to our fantastic outcomes.

We are aware that the cost of school uniform can be a significant consideration for parents/carers so over the last two years we have reviewed our school uniform policy with affordability in mind, the uniform policy is available on the school website policy documents page.

For parents/carers who are finding purchasing uniform challenging we can on occasion offer financial support, but each year we go further and seek to provide good quality second hand uniform for free or for a small voluntary donation.

If you do have any unwanted uniform at home that is in good condition then please do consider donating it to school for redistribution, we are especially interested in blazers, jumpers, ties and school PE Kit.

Any items for donation can be brought to the school office and over the summer we will arrange a pre-owned uniform collection event for families who wish to use the service to obtain uniform for their sons/daughters.

Thank you to all those that have already donated items of uniform.

Year 10 Geography Trip

Well done to the Year 10 Students who attended the Geography Fieldtrip in New Islington in Manchester, on Thursday of this week, the student's behaviour was excellent and the students learned a great deal in preparation for their Geography case studies.

Perfect Punctuality

At St Thomas More we are proud to celebrate the excellent attendance and punctuality demonstrated by our hardworking students!

Thank you to all families for your continued support in ensuring students arrive on time and ready to learn. As we continue to emphasise the importance of good habits, we are introducing a new measure from next week, any student who is late after 8:45am on two or more occasions in a single week will receive a one-hour afterschool detention on Friday. Thankfully we envisage that due to the superb conduct of our students that the numbers that will be in the detention will be very small.

This step aims to reinforce the value of punctuality and ensure a positive start to the day of learning ahead, of course being on time is a vital skill for the future and the world of work.

Thank you for helping us maintain our simple standards and expectations so we can give every student the opportunity to be successful.

Reminder: 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.

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 7360	Erin K 5990	Ella F 6180	Maddie D 7740	Abigail B 5550	Isabel D 6310
Year 7 Weekly Winner					
Valentia FN 150	Alice F 140	Mikayla C 210	Maddie D 220	Abigail B Imogen S 160	Lillie MP 190
Year 8 Total					
Aiden F 7680	Abbie H 6620	Steve C 5330	Milena R 6970	Charlotte L 7630	Erin L 7340
Year 8 Weekly Winner					
Aiden F James M Charlotte H 170	Frank CS 160	Alfie D Ravin R 140	Milena R 100	Charlotte L 180	Erin L 240
Year 9 Total					
Brooke D 8190	Chris M 6460	Thomas H 6510	Iris L 5100	Carragan M 6010	Ole M 6120
Year 9 Weekly Winner					
Brooke D Jamie W 140	Doreen A Phelan C 160	Oliver D 190	Evelyn S 190	Ryan C Luca F 180	Harmony W 210
Year 10 Total					
Olivia K 7660	Jack R 5410	Dominik C 6940	Kaitlyn F 6820	Harry C 7770	Reve MM 5310
Year 10 Weekly Winner					
Leo R Olivia K 160	Joshua A 140	Dominik C 180	Kaitlyn F 140	Harry C Ciaran M 140	Jakub O Cody S 100

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

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.

Sunday Mass this week celebrates the important Feast of the Holy Trinity.

The Trinity is a hugely important mystery of the Catholic Faith that reveals the belief that there is one God and in this one God there are three Divine Persons; the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit, who are united as one God.

Prayer to the Holy Trinity

God our Father,

have mercy on us and support us in our lives.

May the love which unites your Holy Trinity
shape our lives, and the lives of all people, for the benefit of all.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Son,
who celebrates life with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever

Amen.