

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 10 are completing their End of Year Exams in the Hall this week and next week in preparation for their Final GCSEs next year and I must say that they have made a wonderful start to their exams with their hard work and excellent behaviour in the exam hall.

Well done Year 10.

On Sunday it is the Feast Day of our Holy Patron, Saint Thomas More and this week in form time the students have been reflecting on the excellent example that St Thomas More sets for us, by always trying to be kind and doing what is right even when it can be difficult or challenging.

The students have also received a small gift of an ice pop this afternoon from their Heads of Year as a treat in the warm weather and a celebration of the Feast of St Thomas More

Enrichment Activities

Well done to the Year 9 students and Miss Kirk who attended the Green Power Challenge at Tameside College this week, the student team built a fully working powered go kart before taking it to a race track on Day 3 to compete against other karts. The students were praised for their intelligence, skill, team-work and excellent behaviour. Bravo!!

Well done to our young sportsman and sportswomen in Year 7 and Year 8 who took part in the Quad Kids Athletic tournament, the event was a huge success and lots of fun with a number of St Thomas More Teams winning medals. Fantastic.

Thank you to the RE Department for organising the Year 8 Mosque trips this week that gave students the opportunity to learn more about the Islamic Religion, the Catholic Church puts a great emphasis on the importance of understanding other Religions to support our Catholic Faith through a tolerant and kind attitude. The Year 8 students were fantastic ambassadors for the school and incredible representatives for our shared Catholic Faith.

Year 11 Results Day

Thursday 21st August 2025. Results can be collected by Students in person between 9:30am – 10:30am from college. If you have any queries please contact the Exams Officer via email: r.mansoor@stmcollege.org.uk

Hungry Holidays: Appeal St Marys Foodbank

With the cost of living crisis, we are aware that more families and individuals in our wider community are experiencing times when they are struggling to find enough money to put food on the table. As part of our Catholic mission of Social Justice we are committed to trying to find ways to support those in need in our community. So, we can try to help those in need who might otherwise go hungry at over the Summer Holiday, we are asking all forms to collect non-perishable food items so that the school can make a significant donation to St Mary's Foodbank based in Haughton Green. This local foodbank has been operating for many years and is a wonderful charitable cause to support.

We asking students to bring in the following items if possible, Powdered Milk, Tea/coffee, Instant Noodles, Tinned Soup, Cereals, Tinned Fruit/Veg/Meat/Fish/Tinned Meals, Rice/Pasta, Multi pack crisps/biscuits, Toiletries – non-liquid only e.g. Bars of soap.

We do understand that our families may be facing their own pressures so please only donate if you are able. The deadlines for donations are Monday 30th June.

Students should bring any items into form-time and pass them onto their form tutor.

Many thanks in advance for your kindness.

Student Special Mention

Well done to Jaiden B in Year 8 for entering the Manchester to Blackpool bike ride to raise money for the Christie Cancer Hospital, the 60-mile challenge is an incredible event and we are so proud of him. Superb!

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 7600	Erin K 6160	Ella F 6340	Maddie D 7870	Abigail B 5640	Isabel D 6410
Year 7 Weekly Winner					
Valentia FN 230	Alice F 210	Mikayla C 180	Lillie LK 130	Daisy T 130	Connor M 130
Year 8 Total					
Aiden F 7880	Abbie H 67300	Steve C 5390	Milena R 7100	Charlotte L 7840	Erin L 7510
Year 8 Weekly Winner					
Aiden F 170	Zuzanna F Jacob B Amelia H 120	Alfie D 120	Ellis P 170	Aerin L 190	Isabelle P 200
Year 9 Total					
Brooke D 8320	Chris M 6610	Thomas H 6730	Iris L 5290	Carragan M 6070	Ole M 6280
Year 9 Weekly Winner					
Miracle O 220	Chris M 140	Thomas H 200	Iris L 180	Jessica M 120	Ole M 140
Year 10 Total					
Olivia K	Jack R	Dominik C	Kaitlyn F	Harry C	Reve MM

7820	5460	7090	6930	7990	5510
Year 10 Weekly Winner					
Georgie A Isla C Olivia K 120	Oliver H 160	Pelumi A 140	Lauren L 130	Harry C 190	Reve MM 100

Reminder: 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.

Reminder: 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.

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.

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 feast of St Thomas More our patron Saint.

Prayer to St Thomas More

Lord God, we honour the memory of our Patron Saint,
Saint Thomas More.

In his earthly life, he was totally devoted to preparing for the life to come.

Everything he endured prepared him not only for heavenly glory, but also to be a kind and steadfast friend to all who call upon him.

We ask that you grant to us, through our prayers and intercession, the grace to follow in his footsteps of faith, hope and steadfast love, so that we may have the courage and strength to be kind and do what is right for the benefit of others.

Amen