

Dear Parents/Carers

It was amazing this week to welcome our future Year 7 students to our school on Year 6 induction day. There were a few nervous faces in the morning but lots of smiles during the day as the students got to know our wonderful community. I talked to the students in the morning about our core values of calm, polite, purposeful, and respectful behaviour and the opportunity to make a great impression on everyone each day. The Year 6 students responded brilliantly and gave a superb account of themselves. We look forward to September when they will all become an official part of the St Thomas More RC College Family.

Year 10 College Taster Day - Tuesday 1st July

Our year 10 cohort took part in our annual college taster day event on Tuesday. As usual, our year 10 pupils were a credit to themselves and our school.

Year 10 sampled a range of post-16 courses at Clarendon Sixth Form and Tameside College and were enthused to begin considering their future pathways. Staff at the colleges remarked on our pupils' exemplary conduct throughout the event.

Well done, year 10! Thank you also to the staff who supported the event.

Exam Invigilator: Vacancy

CASUAL POSTS: During exam periods only (2wks Dec; 8wks May & June)

Hours as required: 8.15am – 4.00pm

St Thomas More RC College is looking for Exam Invigilators, responsible for the supervision of external (GCSE) and internal examinations in the examination rooms in accordance with the rules and regulations of the respective examination boards and the school as instructed by the Exams Manager.

If you interested and require any further information or an informal discussion about the post, please do not hesitate to contact our Exams Manager via

Email: r.mansoor@stmcollege.org.uk

Berlin Trip 2025

Year 10 students on the Berlin Trip seem to be having a wonderful time and making lots of happy memories.

I am sure they will have some great stories when they return, thank you so much to the staff who are spending time away from their families to supervise the trip. Taking students on a foreign trip is a huge responsibility and I am so grateful to the staff who have organised and attended the trip for the benefit of our students.

Maths Careers

Well done to all the students who attended the Advanced Maths Support Program session this week that was all about possible careers that needed Maths, the students were enthusiastic and excellently behaved which of course means they got a lot out of the sessions. Well done Year 9.

Laudato Si Award: WINNERS

Well done to the St Thomas More Stewards team who have won the Laudato Si Award for their excellent environmental protection work during this academic year, lots of schools in the Diocese were nominated but there could only be one winner at the presentation event at Wardley Hall and we are so proud that it was us! Well done to the Stewards Team and the staff that support them.

Spelling Bee and Tameside Athletics

Well done to all the brave Year 7 and Year 8 students who took part in our Annual Spelling Bee. Special congratulations to our runners up Tom S-M 7H, Valentia F 7T, Ethan B 8M and Charlotte H 8T, and our wonderful winners Cassie D 7S and Hugo S 8S.

Fantastic effort also from all the students who represented the school at Tameside Athletics this week, it was great to see the superb haul of medals that the squad brought back! Talented Competitors throughout the school!

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 7940	Erin K 6420	Ella F 6610	Maya L Maddie D 8190	Abigail B 5870	Isabel D 6610
Year 7 Weekly Winner					
Valentia FN 180	Caitlin W 120	Mikayla C 120	Maya L 160	Daisy T 190	Stemilly O 110
Year 8 Total					
Aiden F 8110	Abbie H 7010	Steve C 5580	Milena R 7530	Charlotte L 8150	Erin L 7970
Year 8 Weekly Winner					
James B Charlotte H 220	Zuzanna F 110	Nathan B 90	Milena R 180	Alex S 170	Erin L Nolan T 210
Year 9 Total					
Lucy M 8680	Chris M 6890	Thomas H 6980	Iris L 5530	Carragan M 6410	Ole M 6540
Year 9 Weekly Winner					
Lucy M 360	Willow M 180	Lucy W Emily G 140	Finlay D 110	Jake T Luca F 140	Ole M 130
Year 10 Total					
Olivia K 7940	Jack R 5500	Dominik C 7340	Kaitlyn F 6990	Harry C 8090	Reve MM 5660

Year 10 Weekly Winner					
Thomas H 130	Sam A 80	Dominik C 180	Lauren L 140	Ruby L William W 80	Reve MM 110

Reminder: 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

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 30 minute 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.

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

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.

This week we received the symbolic Anchor for the Jubilee Year from St Mary's RC Primary School soon it will be our turn to pass it on to its next destination but before we do we have the opportunity for it to inspire us to pray for Hope in the World.

Prayer for Pilgrims of Hope

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation

of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen