

Dear Parents/Carers

On behalf of all the staff at St Thomas More RC College, we would like to thank all our parents and carers for their continuous support this year and we appreciate all the excellent work that you do on a daily basis to ensure your child is prepared for the day ahead so they have a good attitude to learning at St Thomas More RC College. Furthermore, thank you for supporting the excellent culture and ethos of our school and our community is a calm and welcoming place to be.

Well done to all our committed, resilient and conscientious pupils, who have made excellent progress in their studies this year and it has been a great pleasure to celebrate their success with our community. As always, our pupils have supported each other throughout the year by displaying a positive attitude towards our school and the community they are part of. In addition, I would like to thank our excellent teachers and staff for their hard work and continuous care for our pupils this year, and it is a pleasure and privilege to work with such a dedicated team of staff.

It has been a busy year with lots of fantastic opportunities for our pupils to participate in and thank you to all the staff who have organised extra-curricular events and trips, which have been a great success! Yesterday, our Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils had their end of year Rewards trip and as always, they were a real credit to our school and community and their behaviour was exemplary.

STM Athletics Sports Day

Thank you to our fantastic PE Department for ensuring all our pupils had a great Sports Day and even the rain could not dampen our STM spirit! It was lovely to see all our pupils work collaboratively and they supported each other throughout the day. As always, we had lots to celebrate with individual awards and team awards, which have been presented in the Head of Year Rewards Assemblies today. The PE Department praised our pupils for their excellent team work and for making the event a great success.

Special Mention: Dance World Championships in Burgos 2025

It is an absolute delight to share the success of our pupils with our STM community, and we are exceptionally proud of a group of girls that attended the prestigious Dance World Championships in Burgos. We would like to congratulate Olivia B (Y9), Kaila D (Y9), Lily D (Y8), Izzy Mai H (Y7) and Isabelle M (Y7) for their outstanding achievement at the event. The competition was challenging and our girls demonstrated their resilience, determination and dedication to their craft throughout the event. The girls team came 12th in the world out of 27 countries and at one point, they were 1 point behind Hong Kong in a very difficult sector of the dance competition. We are looking forward to celebrating more of their success with community over the coming year and these girls are outstanding role models for all our pupils at STM.

Goodbye

Today, we say a fond farewell to Mrs McNairn, Miss Tindale and Mr Baryl. I would like to express my gratitude and thanks to these members of staff for being part of our St Thomas More community and for supporting our pupils and staff during their time at St Thomas More. Mrs McNairn has been a Curriculum Leader of Geography and a teacher at St Thomas More for 17 years. Her passion for her subject and outstanding subject knowledge has had a huge impact on the lives of our pupils at St Thomas More, and a significant number of pupils have continued their Geography studies at A-Level and beyond. Miss Tindale has been the Curriculum Leader for Art for 9 years and her creativity and flair has inspired pupils across the school to follow a career in the Arts. Furthermore, Miss Tindale has organised a number of excellent extra-curricular events with Drama and Music to promote the Arts.

across the school. Finally, thank you to Mr Baryla, who has covered Ms Matley's maternity leave, for supporting our pupils in their Maths lessons this year and for being part of our community.

Year 10 Work Experience

Thank you to Mr Wright for organising the Year 10 Work Experience Placements and online work experience. The placements have been a great success and we have had lots of excellent feedback from the placements commending our Year 10 pupils on their exemplary and mature attitudes in the work place. Furthermore, this has been an excellent opportunity for our Year 10 pupils to explore career pathways and gain essential life skills for their next steps.

Back to School: Wednesday 3rd September 2025

All pupils will return to school on Wednesday 3rd September, and the school day starts at 8.45am. Pupils can arrive on site from 8.25am and pupils will attend school in their full uniform, which they wear with pride and they always look incredibly smart in.

Furthermore, our new Year 7 pupils will be guided to the Hall by their Head of Year, Ms Mayson and Year 7 form tutors, for a welcome assembly.

Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd September are INSET Training Days for staff and the school will not be open to pupils.

Preloved Uniform

The Preloved Uniform event will take place at St Thomas More RC College on Thursday 14th August from 10am until 12pm.

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 11 GCSE Results Day: Thursday 21st August 2025

Pupils can collect their GCSE results in person between 9.30am – 10.30am from college.

If you have any queries, please contact Ms Mansoor, the Exams Officer, via email at r.mansoor@stmcollege.org.uk

Finally

From all the staff at St Thomas More RC College, we would like to wish all our parents, carers, pupils and community a wonderful summer holiday and we are looking forward to welcoming our new Year 7s and all our pupils at St Thomas More back to school on Wednesday 3rd September at 8.45am. Furthermore, we are looking forward to another successful year and again, thank you for your continuous support.

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.

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

St Thomas More RC College - Term Dates 2025-2026

Term	First day	Last day
Autumn half-term 1	Wednesday 3 rd September	Friday 24 th October
Half-term holiday	Monday 27th October	Friday 31st October
Autumn half-term 2	Monday 3 rd November	Friday 19 th December
Christmas holiday	Monday 22nd December	Friday 2nd January
Spring half-term 1	Tuesday 6 th January	Friday 13 th February
Half-term holiday	Monday 16th February	Friday 20th February
Spring half-term 2	Monday 23 rd February	Friday 27 th March
Easter holiday	Monday 30th March	Friday 10th April
Summer half-term 1	Monday 13 th April	Friday 22 nd May
Half-term holiday	Monday 25th May	Friday 29th May
Summer half-term 2	Monday 1 st June	Friday 17 th July

Important Dates

School Closed to Pupils: Friday 28th November 2025

Christmas Day (Bank Holiday): Thursday 25th December 2025

Boxing Day (Bank Holiday): Friday 26th December 2025

New Years Day (Bank Holiday): Thursday 1st January 2026

Good Friday (Bank Holiday): Friday 3rd April 2026

Easter Sunday: Sunday 5th April 2026

Easter Monday (Bank Holiday): Monday 6th April 2026

Bank Holidays: Monday 4th May (School Closed)

Monday 25th May (During Summer half-term holiday)

INSET Days

There are three INSET days (when school is closed to pupils) during the year but open for staff these are:

Monday 1st September 2025

Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Monday 5th January 2026

On the 19th December 2025 and 17th July 2026 the last days of Christmas and Summer term the school will close early to pupils at 12:15pm