

Dear Parents/Carers

It was fantastic to be able to show off our school last night during Open Evening and it was one of our busiest evenings ever in terms of visitor numbers which demonstrates how popular our school is across the region. I want to thank all the prospective Parents/Carers and their sons/daughters for attending and creating such an exciting buzz across the school by getting involved in all the different activities that were on offer. I want to also thank all the staff for working so hard to create a memorable evening and giving up their time for the school community. I must also mention our wonderful student volunteers who acted as helpers in subject departments or tour guides for our visitors, they were absolutely incredible and fantastic ambassadors for our school, we are very grateful to all of them and so proud of their effort for the good of their school community.

Well done all!

Assemblies this week have focused on a variety of topics depending on the year group but have included Work Experience for Year 10, Community for Year 8 and Year 11 have had another set of College talks as they plan for their next steps after secondary school.

Duke of Edinburgh Year 9

Mr Marsh launched the application process for the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award with Year 9 this week. The Duke of Edinburgh is a fantastic opportunity for young people to develop their skills and knowledge in a wide range of interesting activities.

Mr Marsh will be putting details of the application process on Satchel One and if parents/carers want to find out more about the award then please visit.

<https://www.dofe.org/>

Enrichment and Extra Curricular Activities

<https://www.facebook.com/StThomasMoreRCCollege>

Ms Emery our Enrichment Co-ordinator has posted the activities schedule on our school Facebook page, if you aren't already following our social media pages then I would urge you to sign up as there are some fantastic stories and additional information about the school available for parents/carers.

Emotional Friendly Schools Survey

In 2021/2022 we started a pilot programme in partnership with Tameside Local Authority to carry out work towards developing the features of an Emotionally Friendly School EFS. A great deal of work has been carried out in school including the updating of policies and practice and delivery of key themes in Assembly, CPSHE lessons and in other subjects right across the curriculum.

We would now like to gather the views of parents/carers and students so that we can evaluate the progress of the pilot scheme.

Parent/ carer views can be completed online at: <https://forms.office.com/e/wj0713fwUg>

Student views will be collected in ICT lessons over the course of the next term, if you would like to opt your child out from completing the survey then please fill in the attached opt out form and return it to the school office before Friday October 4th 2024. The form can be emailed into admin@stomcollege.org.uk or printed out and returned to the office by hand.

If you would like to know more about EFS then please visit <https://www.emotionallyfriendly.co.uk/>

St Thomas More RC College Achievement Point League

The students are doing so well collecting their points, it shows how superbly they are doing in their studies.

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Year 7 Total					
Valentina F 570	Erin K 740	Harry M Poppy G 600	Rohan G 750	Gospel O 590	Lillie M-P 580
Year 7 Weekly Winner					
Valentina F 150	Raluca D Erin K 150	Mikayla C Ella F Harry M 160	Rohan G 270	Gospel O 160	Lola Mc 170
Year 8 Total					
Aiden F 820	Frank CS 380	Abbie H 730	Ellis P 570	Charlotte L 730	Erin L 750
Year 8 Weekly Winner					
Aiden F 200	Frank CS 150	Abbie H 200	Milena R 130	Charlotte L 170	Hugo S 210
Year 9 Total					
Miracle O 700	Doreen A 650	Thomas H Isla Mc 680	Isabelle P 590	Carrie M 670	Oyinkansola O 630
Year 9 Weekly Winner					
Brooke D 190	Anya S 160	Priyah F Isla Mc 130	Isabelle P 260	Leon P 200	Oyinkansola O 200
Year 10 Total					
Olivia K 800	Sam A 610	Isabella S 570	Kaitlyn F 880	Alice O'C 740	Reve MM 500
Year 10 Weekly Winner					
Olivia K 190	Jack R 180	Owen B Isabella S 130	Kaitlyn F 230	Harry C Alice O'C 170	Beth M 130
Year 11 Total					
Jess K 700	Hope C 600	Joshua McK 630	Daisy N 680	Mia Rose L 470	Megan T 630
Year 11 Weekly Winner					
Jess K 200	Luca H 120	Pippa S 160	Daisy N 170	Charlie G 90	Aditi K 170

St Thomas More RC College Fantasy Football League.

No change at the top this week, managers should make sure they make any changes to their team before the early kick off tomorrow between West Ham and Chelsea.

I am still just the current overall school leader with 368 points.

Clayton L in Year 8 was the in school gameweek 5 winner with a massive 87 points.

There is still time to join the league as there are weekly winners for every gameweek and there is always the chance to win the whole league and take the trophy off reigning champion Mr Turner!

Once students have created a Premier League account and a team at [Fantasy Premier League, Official Fantasy Football Game of the Premier League](#) they can join the school mini league named;

St Thomas More League

The league code is; v25n52

Alternatively, you can click on the link below to automatically join the league.

<https://fantasy.premierleague.com/leagues/auto-join/v25n52>

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.

God bless

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2024 Year of Prayer

As you may be aware in the Catholic Church 2025 has been designated as a Jubilee Year by Pope Francis with 'Pilgrims of Hope' as the theme.

The Holy Father has therefore asked that 2024 be year of prayer, as a preparatory year for the Jubilee.

Prayer

God of unity,

You have made us one family, sharing one common home.

Help us to value the gifts of each person,

turning away from conflict and division,

to seek the peace and justice of your reign.

Amen.