

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had another lovely week in school and it has been fantastic to have the opportunity to visit lessons this week and see the students working so hard to get a great education so they can have access to a bright and successful future. Our committed students look exceptionally smart in their uniform at the moment and it is the high standards and expectations that run through the culture of our school that allow us to provide students with the opportunity to achieve such fantastic outcomes including outstanding GCSE results year after year. I would like to thank parents and carers for your ongoing support as we know you do so much to support the ethos of the school so that your sons and daughters can be safe, happy and successful in school.

Year 7 Retreats

Thank you to the staff who organised and attended the Year 7 retreats to Savio House that took place this week. The staff at Savio House have commented on the excellent behaviour and manners of the students who attended and all the students who I have spoken to said that they have had a wonderful time. The students had the opportunity to take part in a number of activities and reflections that have made it a very lovely and prayerful start to St Thomas More for Year 7.

Savio House works with young people offering retreat experiences and ministry in the style of Don Bosco, an Italian priest who dedicated his life to working with young people. On retreat young people have the opportunity to reflect on their lives and experiences, learning more about their gifts and talents, and discovering a little about the reality of God in their lives.

To find out more about the work of Savio House please visit:

[Salesian | Savio House Retreat Centre | Bollington](#)

Year 11 Information Evening

Thank you to all the students and parents/carers who attended the Year 11 information evening last Monday. It was a fantastic turnout and it was a great opportunity to explain a little bit about the structure of the year ahead and the support that is available as students as they look to their GCSE and Vocational Examinations at the end of the year. It has been incredible to hear how many students have already started their revision for the Summer GCSEs as this mature long-term approach to preparing for their examinations leads to excellent results and reduces the pressure in the weeks before the exams. If parents/carers were unable to attend there is a wealth of information available on the school website but please remember that all Year 11 students will be taking mock examinations in January and it is essential that students are revising well at home for these important assessments at the mid-point of the year.

Stewards/Chess Club/Sporting Success/Revision and Sparx club

Well done to all the students who have taken part in the wide variety of after school activities this week.

The stewards have been making eco bricks from recycled plastic bottles and taking part in an ecology project by completing the annual worm count. We have also had netball and football fixtures on a busy sporting week. The new Chess club has got underway and it was so popular that we need even more boards and chess sets for next week. Superb effort as well from all the students who have attended extra revision classes, Sparx club or homework club.

Year 10 - Work experience

We are delighted to announce that we have successfully secured the work experience programme for year 10 students, which is coordinated by Mr Wright who liaises with Our Futures Ltd who make sure placements have the relevant health and safety procedures and *Employers' Liability Insurance* in place to ensure students are safeguarded in their placements. Year 10 pupils will undertake their work experience during the week commencing Monday 14th July 2025.

Your child should have received a work experience information pack during form time this week which outlines the work experience programme, and the next steps that parents/carers need to take to log-in and begin securing placements.

Further information will be communicated via Satchel: One. If you do not have access to an internet-enabled device, please contact the school office so that paper copies of the forms can be provided.

We highly value careers enrichment at St Thomas More RC College, and this is reflected in our school's total fulfilment of the Gatsby Benchmarks, pupil voice and the confirmation from Greater Manchester Combined Authority that our school is in the top 7 schools in the whole of Greater Manchester on a number of careers education measures.

If you have any further queries, please contact admin@stmcollege.org.uk and include 'WORK EXPERIENCE' in the subject line.

St Thomas More RC College Achievement Point League

Another brilliant week of points collection well done to all the students in school on working so hard this week.

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 F 830	Erin K 930	Poppy G 770	Rohan G 970	Gospel O 710	Lillie M-P 750
Year 7 Weekly Winner					
Valentina F 210	Jason T Erin K 160	Poppy G 140	Dante M 140	Elsa R 120	Isabel D 180
Year 8 Total					
Aiden F 1090	Albie N 570	Abbie H 960	Milena R Ellis P 740	Charlotte L 970	Erin L 940
Year 8 Weekly Winner					
Aiden F 230	Albie N Tanzil A 210	Mitchelle N Abbie H 210	Lucy T 170	Avaleigh C 230	Charlie M Hugo S 190
Year 9 Total					

Miracle O 940	Christopher M 880	Thomas H 870	Isabelle P 680	Carrie M 870	Ole M 150
Year 9 Weekly Winner					
Lana McC 180	Chris M 160	Lucy W 150	Evelyn SH 100	Jessica M 150	Ole M 150
Year 10 Total					
Olivia K 1020	Jack R 720	Isabella S 720	Kaitlyn F 1120	Alice O'C 910	Reve MM 610
Year 10 Weekly Winner					
Olivia K 190	Laura P 160	Isabella S 160	Kaitlyn F 210	Harry C 170	Cody S 120
Year 11 Total					
Jess K 840	Hope C 750	Joshua McK Ben F 820	Daisy N 900	Mia Rose L 590	Megan T 790
Year 11 Weekly Winner					
Alex P 170	Richard A 160	Ben F 150	Daisy N 180	David W Charlie G 110	Aditi K Rosin M 120

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 Crystal Palace and Liverpool

Mr Turner has taken the top spot in the League this week with a huge 422 points

Thomas H in Year 9 was the in school gameweek 5 winner with a massive 85 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.

October is the Month of the Rosary so today we pray the Hail Mary.

Prayer

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.

Blessed art thou amongst women

and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,

now and at the hour of our death.

Amen.