

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had some wonderful reward assemblies this week to celebrate a fantastic half term for our hardworking students. The amount of achievement points that have been awarded and collected this half term have just been incredible and because achievement points are often awarded for effort and attitude to learning it shows how committed the overwhelming majority of our students are to their learning. In all year groups the students are creating the foundations for their future success with their superb approach to their studies.

Well done to our students on a great half term.

The excellent learning culture that we have created in school is only possible with the hard work of all the staff to maintain our high expectations and standards in terms of student behaviour, uniform and effort so thank you to all the school staff for an outstanding start to the school year.

I am always of course very grateful to our Parents/Carers for your support of the school and our systems and structures because it does allow us to give each individual student the best possible opportunity to reach their full potential.

As we are breaking up for the half term break today I hope all the students, our families, and staff have a well-deserved rest next week and a nice holiday. School reopens on Monday 4th November.

Year 11 Mock Interviews

Year 11 students presented themselves incredibly well yesterday during their Year 11 Mock Interviews. The activity that ran throughout the day was an opportunity for Year 11 to practice their interview technique and oracy skills for any future college, university or job interviews.

We are so proud of them because the feedback we have received from the business and further education representatives that visited school has been overwhelmingly positive and full of praise for the students' maturity, politeness, intelligence and confidence.

Many of our guests visit a number of schools in their roles and they were hugely impressed by the school and our students!

Some of the students did so well in the mock interviews that in some cases the business representatives have offered to host them for work experience in their chosen career over the Summer, amazing!!

School Production: A Night at the Musicals

Well done to all the performers, backstage crew and front of house team who this week delivered three wonderful nights of acting, singing and dancing in the school production "A Night at the Musicals". There was something for everyone with excerpts from "Mamma Mia", "Bugsy Malone", "Hairspray", "Oliver", and "Matilda". There was incredible talent on display and the performances were very enjoyable, thank you so much to the parents/carers and family members who came to watch.

A special thank you as well to all the staff who volunteered to give up their time on the night of the performances and of course all the staff who worked so hard for many months to prepare the students for the stage.

A special mention to Mrs Doran and Ms Tindale who were the creative driving force behind the whole project, thank you both for your commitment to the school and the students.

Well done to all involved on a great success.

Year 11 Parents Evening

Year 11 Parents Evening will be held in school on Thursday 7th November 3:30pm to 6:30pm for all Year 11 Parents and Carers. The event is an invaluable opportunity to gain really important information about your child's progress during this crucial year of their GCSE and vocational qualifications.

The link to the online booking system is as follows but you will need the login information from the separate letter that has been sent home to access the system to book your appointments:

<https://stmcollege.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Please contact school if you have any issues booking appointments

St Mary's Primary School and Parish

I have been asked to inform you of an exciting event taking place at the Hall at St Mary's Primary School on Friday 8th November, a "Strung Sung Supper".

It promises to be a very enjoyable evening of singalong fun for all the family with lyrics provided so everyone can take part. Pie and peas supper is included in the ticket price with a vegetarian option available.

Family tickets for 2 adults and 2 children are priced at £30, with individual tickets priced at £8.30

Please see the St Thomas More website on the Headteacher's Letter page to view a flyer for the event.

St Thomas More RC College Fantasy Football League.

With few goals it was a relatively low scoring week for all our budding football managers last week!!

Don't forget there is a premiership game this evening so any team changes need to be done by 18:30

Mr Turner continues on top spot in the League this week with a 501 points

Thomas H was the game week 8 winner with 63 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 join the league.

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

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 even in the last week of term!

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 1580	Erin K 1660	Ella F 1230	Rohan G 1890	Abigail B 1250	Lillie M-P 1290
Year 7 Weekly Winner					
Valentina F 300	Tom SM 190	Dominic C 180	Maya L 260	Skye H Abigail B 170	Isabel D 280
Year 8 Total					
Aiden F 1690	Albie N 110	Abbie H 1660	Ellis P 1340	Charlotte L 1630	Erin L 1570
Year 8 Weekly Winner					
Aiden F 210	Jacob B 190	Abbie H 300	Ellis P 230	Charlotte L 170	Charlie M 300
Year 9 Total					
Miracle O 1900	Chris M 1470	Lucy W 1490	Evelyn S 980	Carrie M 14600	Ole M 1310
Year 9 Weekly Winner					
Miracle O 200	Chris M 190	Maria B 190	Florence S 100	Jessica M 230	William C 130
Year 10 Total					
Olivia K 1710	Sam A 1120	Dominik C 1280	Kaitlyn F 1880	Harry C 1670	Jakub O 1050
Year 10 Weekly Winner					
Olivia K 190	Laura P 120	Dominik C Emma H 130	Kaitlyn F 180	Harry C 250	Jakub O Will T 120
Year 11 Total					
Jess K 1460	Hope C 1240	Joshua McK 1400	Daisy N 1530	Mia Rose L 1150	Megan T 1280
Year 11 Weekly Winner					
Tymon N 150	Hope C 150	Pippa SM 260	Daisy N 230	Sara K Akiel U 130	Archie W 190

Reminder: Operation Christmas Child: Shoe Box Appeal

We are once again running our Shoe Box Appeal in support of Operation Christmas Child.

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/ways-to-give/>

The Samaritans Purse is an extremely worthwhile charity that supports some of the most vulnerable children and families right across the world throughout the year but especially at Christmas. Each form group will be putting together Christmas Shoe Boxes that can include the following items

Toys - A football and pump, cuddly toys, dolls, toy cars, small musical instruments, yo-yos, skipping ropes, balls, small puzzles etc.

School Supplies - Pens, pencils & sharpeners, crayons or felt pens, stamps & ink pad sets, writing pads or notebooks, solar calculators, colouring & picture books etc.

Hygiene Items - Toothbrush, bars of wrapped soap, comb or hairbrush, flannel etc.

Other Items - Hat, gloves, scarf, sunglasses, cap, socks, T-shirt, flip-flops, hair accessories, jewellery set, watch, wind-up torch etc.

Please don't include: - Toothpaste, sweets, lotions and liquids; used or damaged items; war-related items (e.g. Toy Guns); seeds, gum, chocolate or food items; religious or political literature; medicines, aerosol cans, sharp or fragile items.

Any donations of the above items that students can bring into school would be gratefully received. Please note: there is also the option of making a small financial donation on the School's Parent Pay website if families would prefer.

The deadline for the completion of boxes in school is early November.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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

Dear Lord,

help us always strive to serve others.

Guide our world leaders to act with humility, to serve their people selflessly,

and to make decisions that promote the well-being of all. Amen.

Amen.