

20<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Year 10 Feast Day – St Mother Teresa – Tuesday 8th July**

It has been a pleasure to support Year 10 throughout this academic year in my role as Head of Learning. The pupils consistently uphold and embody the St Thomas More value of *"Aspire not to have more but to be more"*, and I am confident that this positive attitude will continue during their time at STM.

As part of our Catholic Social Teaching programme, each year group has adopted a Saint to learn from and emulate. Year 10 have chosen St Mother Teresa, whose life was dedicated to helping others in the community and showing compassion in the face of adversity.

To honour St Mother Teresa, we will be celebrating her Feast Day on Tuesday 8th July. On this day, Year 10 pupils are invited to wear non-uniform in exchange for a voluntary donation of £1. In addition, the year group will be fundraising through sponsored sporting activities during lunchtime, with all proceeds going to their chosen charity, Macmillan Cancer Support. Highlights will include a staff vs student Benchball match, and – in what I expect to be a particularly popular feature – I will be in the stocks, giving pupils the chance to throw a wet sponge at me!

We will also be marking the occasion with a visit to St Anne's Church on Terrace Road for a short liturgy during Period 1. This will take place during the school day, so no alternative travel arrangements are required.

Please find the schedule for the day outlined below:

- Registration: As normal
- Period 1: Walk to St Anne's Church, Buxton, for a short liturgy
- Period 2: STM "Gladiator" challenge (focusing on teamwork and supporting others)
- Period 3: Lesson as normal
- Lunch: Staff vs Student Benchball match and throw a sponge at Mrs Doherty
- Period 4: Lesson as normal
- Period 5: Lesson as normal until 2:45 pm, when pupils will gather in the hall for a short celebration, featuring cake and a time of reflection on the life and legacy of St Mother Teresa.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss any part of the day in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Doherty-Perkins  
Head of Learning for Year 9 and 10