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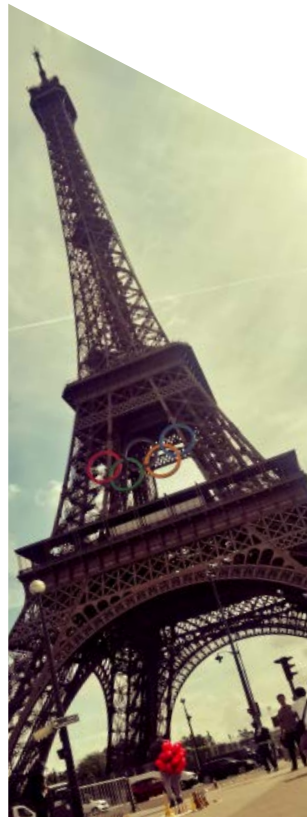
St Thomas More
Catholic High School

SUMMER 2024

WELCOME TO THE EUROS

With much excitement surrounding the football this summer, many of our students have been looking forward to visiting some of the countries we have been watching on the pitch. Since our last issue, we have had visits to St Johann in

Austria for our ski trip at Easter, a Geography visit to Sorrento in Italy in late June, then Languages visits to Paris, France and Rhineland, Germany in the first two weeks of July. Articles can be found on pages 6-7.



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CITIZENS ACTION TEAMS

This year, students formed a Mental Health Action Team with the support of Michael, our school chaplain, and leaders at Tyne & Wear Citizens. Students have also been busy campaigning on other issues, including Racial Justice in Education. It has been a very busy term, and here are just some snippets of the work we have achieved this year! Full details at stmacademy.org.uk/citizens-action-teams-2024/.

MAYORAL ASSEMBLY

Students from the Mental Health Action Teams attended pre-meetings with Mayoral Candidates for the recent North East Combined Authority election, asking candidates to commit to funding a pilot programme for school-based counsellors. Many of our students then had prominent roles at the Assembly in April. Rachel Bennett, Year 12, said, "Being able to help make change on issues that affect me or people I know, truly empowers me. It made me realise that my voice does matter and that change is possible."

MEETING SIR ALAN CAMPBELL, LABOUR PARTY CHIEF WHIP

As soon as the General Election was announced, we organised a meeting with Labour candidate Sir Alan Campbell. One of our Year 8 students, Brooke Buglass, shared passionate testimony and inspired a room full of local people. She said, "My testimony had such a big impact on Sir Alan that he shared some of his own personal story too. He pledged that, if the Labour Party was elected on the 4th of July 2024, which has happened, they would ensure that every school will have Mental Health professionals." Grace Hogan said it "was a great opportunity to continue advocating, as well as helping improve my confidence. The meetings went very well and helped move forward our campaign."

MEETING DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, ANGELA RAYNER CITIZENS UK GENERAL ELECTION ASSEMBLY

Citizens UK leaders organised and co-led an Assembly at Methodist Central Hall in Westminster just three days before

the General Election. Fourteen of our students travelled to London to attend. Present at the Assembly were the now Deputy Prime Minister, Angela Rayner, as well as other prominent politicians. Semira Kilic, Year 12, said, "Attending the General Election Assembly was an amazing opportunity and left me feeling hopeful that our concerns had been heard and acknowledged by the people with power."

MEETING CARDINAL VINCENT NICHOLS CALLED TO ACTION EVENT

At this event, we launched a new toolkit to help Catholic schools campaign on their own issues, as well as having a space to present the story of our Fair Fares campaign. The event was opened and blessed by Cardinal Vincent Nichols, the most senior member of the Catholic Church in our country. Semira said, "The event with Cardinal Nichols was spiritually enriching and made me feel like we had made a difference."

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FEAST DAY 2024

On Wednesday the 19th of June, students and staff from St Thomas More came together to celebrate our annual Feast Day Mass at St Columba's Church in Wallsend. The evening was a big celebration which included prayer, singing, dancing and more. It was great fun to be part of such a special event and I was honoured to be asked to be part of the choir, to read a bidding prayer and to run a stall. After the Mass, we had a gathering outside the church to showcase some of the incredible opportunities on offer to students at STM. It was very lively and many people attended. It was great fun and I am already looking forward to being part of it next year. - Neve Pringle, Year 8



"It was a privilege to be able to attend this event. The musicians, choir, readers and dancers were fabulous, so confident and capable, they are a credit to the school community and their families. I couldn't help but feel, as the dancers portrayed their thanks for all Jesus has done in their lives, that their prayers were answered and we did get more than a glimpse of God's kingdom of heaven here on earth shining in these young people." - Christine Wright (School Governor)



PROM 2024



I can distinctively remember the very first welcome assembly we had in Year 12, where none of us quite knew what to expect. We were told how fast the years were going to go by, and now that we've actually left, I find

myself wondering where the two years have gone!

Sixth Form has been the best and most rewarding years of my life. The bonds we've made as a year group and as a 'family' will forever stick with me, and I'll always cherish the memories we've made as a community, as well as simply spending every day with people we care about so much.

Although everyone has had stressful days, we are extremely lucky to have had such relentless support from all teachers, especially Mr Burnett, Mr Clifford and Mrs Hallam. Their positivity and enthusiasm meant that there wasn't a day went by where I didn't have a smile on my face.

It will be strange to part ways, especially after seven years, but I can confidently say that Sixth Form has provided us with everything we need for this next jump! Thank you 'Class of '24' for the most memorable two years. I would do it all again in a heartbeat and I couldn't have asked for a better year group to spend it with. – Marina Fayez, Year 13 and Prom Queen



Julian Medina, Year 13 and Prom King added, "I want to say thank you to the Sixth Form team for balancing the need to push us with letting us have some fun, from hosting charity events to organising a Prom we will never forget. From the first day of Sixth Form right to the end, I have developed closer friendships with people as well as creating memories that will live forever.

EMPLOYABILITY AWARD

The Sixth Form Employability Group was set up to support students who don't want to pursue the university route after A Levels. The students attend weekly sessions which help them with key employability skills. At the beginning of the scheme the students are made aware that there will be a cash prize for outstanding commitment and active

engagement with the course, funded by Steve Hart, Director at Central Employment. The prize can be used to help students make work-related purchases (a travel pass, new work-wear, money towards a laptop etc). This year's winners were Amelia Loudon and Jessica Evans, who both showed real maturity and focus and were proactive in seeking and applying for apprenticeship opportunities.



"The Employability Group was great as they gave me tips on writing a great CV and cover letter and also helped me develop my interview skills. Having this hour every Tuesday also gave me the time to apply for this apprenticeship. I have secured an Apprenticeship with South Tyneside Council to be a Level 3 Payroll Assistant; I plan to use the prize for some smart work wear!"
- Amelia Loudon, Year 13



"I had no idea what an apprenticeship actually was when I first started, but I knew that I did not want to go to uni. The teachers worked hard with me and created a calm environment to ensure we found the best opportunities. In September I start an apprenticeship as an Outdoor Activity Instructor, working at Dukeshouse Wood near Hexham." - Jessica Evans, Year 13



LOURDES



Lourdes has been an unforgettable experience for all that participated in the 2024 Easter pilgrimage and I can confidently say it is impossible

to forget. Previous pilgrims from 714 told us that the Lourdes experience is so difficult to advertise because it is unlike anything you have experienced before in the absolute best way - they were not wrong.

You board the plane at Newcastle airport with a lot of trust in the organisers and leaders as nobody knows quite what to expect on the other side. On the plane there's an atmosphere of excitement and nerves, but what you are certainly guaranteed is seven days full of life-altering experiences and moments you will carry for the rest of your life.

Lourdes is completely euphoric. Everyone who travels here has a different background and different reason for travelling. No matter what, they are accepted and valued as one family united by this cathartic experience. It was extraordinary to meet all these incredible people from all over the world, such as Croatia, Spain and even America. It was great to make new bonds with sixth formers from all over the UK and create new memories with them. The power of song and smiles is strong through the streets of Lourdes and something as simple as a cheer upon entrance to mass is enough to make someone's day. As young people, it has allowed us to see the incredible impact that kindness and faith can have on a person and how music and dance can unite strangers as a community.

- Semira Kilic, Izzy Dutton and Skye Brunton, Year 12



"I do not know where to begin as I am so overwhelmed by the love, kindness, experience and most importantly, the true power of the Holy Spirit I have felt in the last seven days. Lourdes will forever hold a special place in my heart. My faith is even stronger, as are friendships new and old. To think I ever had second thoughts is slightly embarrassing. The courage and bravery demonstrated by our VIPs fills me with so much joy. I am extremely grateful for this experience that I will treasure for the rest of my life." - Semira Kilic, Year 12

Throughout the course of the Brilliant Club, we participated in several tutorials focused on the topic, "Disease Detectives." These tutorials covered various aspects of infectious diseases, including the different types of infections, how they are spread, how vaccines work, and detailed information about malaria. Each tutorial was designed to build towards the completion of our final 1,500-word essay. Both the tutorials and the homework assignments were helpful in preparing us for writing our final essays. - Lily Guest, Year 8

After all of our tutorials we had around a week to write our final essays on malaria strategies. In my experience I found it quite good; I had to do a lot of research and it took a lot of effort but I believe it really pushed me to try my best. After writing our essays we received incredible feedback from our PhD tutor and I believe that all the students who took part were very happy with their feedback. -Tania Abraham, Year 8

As a result of The Brilliant Club programme, we took an educational trip to Newcastle University, where we reflected on the course as a whole. We recognised the time and effort that each individual had put into it and the knowledge, skills and confidence they have gained from it. We then took a tour of the university and explored the on-site campus, with the lead of the helpful student ambassadors. Finally, we had a graduation ceremony where students were congratulated on their achievements. The Brilliant Club has been a memorable and joyful experience for all that have taken part. - Maggie Stead, Year 8

BRILLIANT CLUB



WELCOME TO THE EUROS

My time on the ski trip was one of the best weeks of my life. I was in Mrs Collins' group and I couldn't have asked for a nicer group leader she was the supportive character we all needed. I didn't have all my friends in my group, but that just made it better, being able to meet new characters and make new friends along the way was a great experience.

The sixth formers made the ski trip even better, cracking jokes and lending a helping hand wherever they were needed.

I was in the top group for skiing because I have been skiing before. My instructor was called Justin. He was great, always making jokes and letting the Year 12s, Jackson and Joe, put their speaker on (under the condition he could request a song!).

The ski trip was an amazing experience and one that I will remember forever. The trip was just made better by the staff and students I went with. My advice for anyone wanting to go next year would be, put your name down and don't worry!
- Archie Worrall, Year 8



AUSTRIA YEAR 8 & 12 ST JOHANN



On the 30th June, we travelled to Paris by Eurostar, staying in a hotel in Bussy St Georges on the outskirts of the city.

On our first morning, we had a very exciting day. We did a cruise on the River Seine and saw a lot of sights, including the Eiffel Tower. One of the best parts of the day was the Champs-Élysées. To finish the day, we visited the picturesque village suburb of Montmartre.

On Tuesday morning, we visited a traditional French market where we got to interact and bargain with native French speakers. We had a quick picnic stop before heading to the Musée d'Orsay, where we got the time to look at the beautiful artwork. That evening we went to a traditional French restaurant where we got to try French foods such as snails.

On Wednesday we spent the day at Disneyland. We had all day to explore the park, then watched the fireworks. The experience was magical!!!

Before getting the train home on Thursday, we visited

FRANCE YEAR 10 & 11 PARIS



the Catacombs, the underground quarries filled with bones, which gave us a really good insight into Parisian history. - Ellie Smith and Lucas Moralee, Year 10



On the 23rd June, over forty Year 10 Geography students travelled to the Italian coast for an amazing four day trip. On our first day we recovered from the night journey with a sunset walk on the beach.

On our first full day we got to walk around the ruins of a temple above a huge underground volcano. We then made our way into Sorrento to explore the beauty of the streets, shops, buildings and churches. That evening, we got a private ice cream making session in the heart of Sorrento and even got some delicious gelato to try.



The next day, we walked to the top of Mount Vesuvius, where we had an unbelievable view of Pompeii and also got to see some incredible geographical landforms. After making our way back down the volcano, we took part in a guided tour of Pompeii. During this tour, we got to see in person what life used to be like there and explore the very streets that saw the devastation of the eruption in 79AD. Arriving back at our home for the week, we spent time in the pool and on the football pitch before dinner. We went back to the beach that night and ate at a lovely restaurant whilst watching the England game and spending time in the sea.

On our last day, we visited Naples before making our way back to the airport and home to share our stories with everyone of our incredible Italy trip.

- Hannah Henderson, Year 10



ITALY YEAR 10 SORRENTO



GERMANY YEAR 9 & 10 RHINELAND

After our long but scenic journey we arrived in Aachen, where we were welcomed by the fantastic hotel staff. Later in the day we went for a walk around the beautiful old town. We loved learning about the German culture through visiting landmarks such as the Aachen cathedral.

The next day, we travelled down to Cologne and were greeted by a welcome 32° weather. Our day was very busy, including a guided tour around the Lindt chocolate museum, followed by free time in Cologne, where we learnt more about the culture and tried some of Germany's most popular foods. Finally, we had an impressive boat ride along the Rhine river.

On Wednesday we woke up earlier than ever to get breakfast at seven. We headed to the Drachenfels Funicular Railway to get a train up to Drachenburg Castle. Later we visited Bonn, the former capital of West Germany, and got a great lunch of German treats. Although a few of us who picked History already knew quite a bit about German History, the museum was interesting as we got to see the German perspective as well as see the bigger picture. After the museum we went to a Haribo shop nearby where we all spent too much money!

At the time of writing, we've just arrived at Phantasialand in the sunshine!

- Olivia Cunningham, Ashton Dodds and Christopher Pearce, Year 10



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Given the famously wet summer we have been having, we were blessed to have a dry day for Sports Day on Tuesday 2nd July; the sun even broke through briefly. Congratulations to all students who competed for their form.

School records were broken by Macy Cunningham in the Girls 300m and James Sturman in the Boys 800m and 1500m. Year 7 records were also broken by Emily Eggett in the Girls 1500m, Jack McGlynn in the Boys Javelin and Aiden Nish, who equalled the record in the Boys Shot Putt.

Overall form class standings were as follows:
Year 7 1st place was 7A followed by 7E and 7S
Year 8 1st place was 80 followed by 8C and 8R
Year 9 1st place was a tie between 9M and 9C, followed by 9R
Well done to everyone for their participation.

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MISS LEWIS TAKES ON SNOWDONIA



On the 10th May, Miss Lewis (Science Dept) ran the 100 kilometre race at the Ultra-Trail Snowdonia. She finished 3rd, beating many women who do this professionally.

Having been active when growing up, her friend from university asked if she would run the Edinburgh marathon with her. They trained together and raced but Miss Lewis felt like she could go further. Her first ultra-distance race was around 8 years ago when she ran Hadrian's Wall, which was 70 miles. Her furthest race was 130 miles, but the ultra-trail in Snowdonia provided a new challenge due to an extremely hilly and rocky terrain.

Although Miss Lewis regularly runs and trains, her preparation for this event was during the winter when the weather made training much harder. Because of the terrain she would be running on in the race, she went and trained in the Lake District and in Wales.

One of the challenges of a race this long is fuelling (eating). There were checkpoints every 10 miles throughout the course where she could fill up water bottles and, if she was hungry, have some food. But the clock doesn't stop at the checkpoints, so she would keep moving instead of sitting down, or walk and eat. She also carried her own food with her in a bag. She had an energy gel every hour and some flapjacks when she needed a snack. During the whole event she had 15 energy gels and 5 flapjacks, with a few pieces of pizza! Due to how quick Miss Lewis was, she didn't have to do too much running in the dark, it was only the last hill that she put on her head torch. Other competitors were running all through the night into the early hours of the morning.

Miss Lewis said she would love to do it again, but although she would be tempted, she probably wouldn't go professional in case it took the enjoyment out of racing and training.

- Katy Otterson, Year 9 (and nationally-competing triathlete)

About Katy: I've moved up an age group which means that I have been racing in the Super Series which is a National competition. There are different formats of racing in different places over the country. My last was in Scotland a couple of weeks ago and my next one is at the end of August near London. I've been really enjoying it so far.

FUTURE SPORTS LEADERS

This year a number of Year 8 and 9 girls have completed their first steps towards becoming sports coaches.

The DFE 'Your Time' Leadership Award aims to inspire more girls to take part in sport by enabling more girls to take a lead. Twelve Year 9 girls completed the award and ran a very successful Year 7 inter-form tournament as their final project. Throughout the year they have also supported our feeder school sports festivals and have been fantastic role models. Well done to all involved.

The Year 8 and 9 football leaders have completed the Barclays/FA 'Go Lead' course this term, starting with workshops to develop their skills. They have then demonstrated these skills perfectly at the Primary School Football Festival, leading warm ups, managing teams and refereeing. I am looking forward to working with them next year to further develop girls football opportunities at St Thomas More.

- Mrs Plummer, PE



NEWS & EVENTS



YEAR 10 MATHS FEAST AT NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY

Maths Feast is a fun, educational challenge for Year 10 students, which tests problem-solving and teamwork skills. Congratulations to our team of Isaac Knox, Elliot Marlborough, Grace Nelson and Thomas Rowell, who achieved second place and were awarded a Maths book of their choice. It is the best result for the school for a number of years. - Dr Borwick, Maths

Isaac reports: "On a very rainy Monday, in cold British weather, four of St Thomas More's best mathematicians ventured to Newcastle University, facing challenges such as delayed buses, frostbite and especially the queue at Greggs! We were stationed at table 17, and with water bottles beside us and Twixes in hand (other chocolate bars are available) we were solving problem after problem, equation after equation. Our endless effort resulted in a well deserved second place. We had a brilliant time!" Elliot added that "one round was based on TV gameshows such as the 1% club, where the questions became progressively trickier. Another round involved constructing pyramids from paper and then forming shapes using these pyramids. We made a cube and a rhombic dodecahedron."

CIAN RETURNS TO THE MATHS CHALLENGE AFTER SUCCESS LAST YEAR

Earlier on this year I was lucky enough to participate in the yearly Maths Challenge organised by Newcastle University. This challenge involves difficult puzzle-like questions that require a lot of time, concentration and logical thinking. It took place over the February half-term and I gave it a shot once again after winning the prize in Year 7. This year, I was fortunate enough to be part of the handful of students to receive a certificate. This also included an invitation to the ceremony at Newcastle University, where prizes were handed out and we were given a presentation on probability from a University lecturer. I am very happy and proud to have attended this; I personally had a great experience and would strongly recommend others to have a go in the next few years. - Cian Penet, Year 8



STUDENT COUNCIL AT THE YOUTH CONFERENCE

At the end of March, the Student Council attended a Youth Conference provided by North Tyneside Council. They explored the theme of democracy and school councils. The highlight of their day was playing a game called 'Ready for Life', which helped students to discuss and make hypothetical financial decisions. Tom Horsley, Year 11 said, "I thought that 'Ready for Life' was a great game to assist children in financial advice, which is much needed today." Archie Worrall, Year 8 said, "I enjoyed being able to have our voices heard." Ellie Graham, Year 10 said, "The 'Ready for Life' game was a great educational experience. I found the whole day really informative."

- Miss Allen, Student Council and Student Ambassador Coordinator

AMBASSADORS IMPRESS OUR VISITORS

Mr Towns, who organised Year 12 Careers Day on Monday 1st July, said "the black tie crew were absolutely amazing. The visitors were so positive about how they asked them questions when walking over the yard, got them cups of tea and just made them feel so welcome. It blew me away!" Well done black tie crew!



SPORTING NEWS & EVENTS



NORTH TYNESIDE UNDER 13 LEAGUE CHAMPIONS 2023/24

Our Year 8 Boys Football team were last month crowned North Tyneside champions for the 2023/24 season, a great achievement in such a competitive league. The students have been consistently outstanding all season, and finished with 9 wins from 9 games. It is very rare that a team go a full season unbeaten, never mind do so without even drawing any league game. The boys are looking to improve again next season, as we aim for more silverware. Finnian Mallie (part of the winning team) said, "It's been a great season

playing for the Year 8 football team. My favourite things were winning the league, beating Marden High School, and Mr Knowles' terrible music choices on the bus!" Congratulations to all on a very successful season. - Mr Knowles, PE

DANCE WORKSHOP FROM DANCE CITY

In May, a group of Year 9 students with an interest in dance took part in a workshop with Michaela Wate from Dance City. The workshop allowed students from Years 7 to 9 to do different contemporary classes to express themselves through something familiar or something very new! She taught us many new techniques, a new dance, and helped us to create a dance that we made ourselves in groups. It was an amazing experience that we all enjoyed.

Contemporary Dance was new to many of us but trying it was very fun! It was an amazing experience which we all enjoyed. We created our own dance and performed it to the rest of the class, which was nerve-racking, but everyone was so supportive and gave constructive criticism to help us improve.

Staff including Mrs Sinclair and Mrs Johnson supported us during the workshop, helping us if we couldn't do anything in it. Overall, the workshop included everyone and made us all feel like we were welcome to be there, no matter our abilities!

- Daisy Bamford, Year 9



ATHLETICS

We have had a fantastic athletics season this year, 100+ students have been attending athletics club each Wednesday and over 40 of those students were selected

to represent North Tyneside at the Northumberland Championships. Well done to athletes on their amazing achievements and parents/ guardians for helping to get them to each event.

- Mrs Plummer, PE



JAMES STURMAN CROSS COUNTRY

Huge congratulations to James Sturman in Year 9, who qualified to represent Northumberland County at the English Schools on the 11th/12th July. He is currently ranked 5th in the UK for his age group at 1500m with a PB of 4.09!!! We are so proud of you, James!!

- Mrs Plummer, PE





ALFIE GETS HIS WINGS

On Monday 10th June I went flying with the Royal Air Force Air Cadets at RAF Leeming. This was an amazing experience as I got to fly in the Grob Tutor T1, which is a training aircraft for the RAF. After a safety briefing and practising escaping the plane on the simulator, I got into my parachute and placed my helmet on. I met my pilot, Flt Lt Hotson, and at 16:00 we took off from runway 34. We climbed to 6,000 ft and then I was given control, this meant I was the only person in control of the aircraft. I did some basic turns and altitude changes which I got spot on, before moving on to some aerobatics. For my aerobatics the Flt Lt took control and prepared me for a barrel roll. This caused me to feel about positive 4G which is 4x the strength of gravity, this pulled me into my seat and was an eery surreal moment. After we completed the aerobatics I took control and did some sight-seeing including Light Water Valley theme park. After some final challenges, the pilot took control and we came back in to land a RAF Leeming. What a day! - Alfie Howie, Year 10

EX-PUPIL SUCCESSES

For many of our readers, the stories from our ex-pupils is one of the highlights of the newsletter. We are so proud to see what people have done with their lives, and how things have worked out. If you or someone you know would like to feature in our ex-pupil section, no matter how big or small your success, please contact alogie@stmacademy.org.uk.

ELEANOR McCABE

2010 - 2017



I am currently a History teacher at a secondary school just outside Durham. My love for History started at STM; Mrs Ireland and Mrs Mole nurtured my fascination at GCSE and A level, helping me to achieve the grades I needed to study History at the University of Hull. I have had so many incredible opportunities through teaching such as running a pilot scheme for a new workshop with Beamish and Durham University; being part of a nationwide assembly focussed

on Black History Month; visiting Iceland earlier this year and currently planning trips to Berlin and Edinburgh for my students. It was the STM Berlin trip which inspired me to plan my own; I definitely now appreciate all the planning and time that goes into getting ready for a trip!

Outside of the classroom I spend my time following Sunderland AFC up and down the country and am a regular voice on the 'Wise Men Say' podcast. I love doing this; knowing that thousands of people are listening on a weekly basis is both daunting and exciting. We are currently the only Sunderland football podcast with regular female voices, this is so important to me as female voices in the world of sport are often lost. I hope to encourage more women to take part as we can be just as football mad as men.

JACQUES HALL

2009 - 2016



Having had a love for Business and Maths in school, it made sense to do a degree in Accounting and Finance. Being a bit of a homebird, I studied for my degree and Masters at Newcastle University. The plan had then been to do a bit of travelling and find

a graduate job but, with the year of graduation being 2020, the world had other plans. I initially found myself working in the Ritz (Wallsend) before another lockdown. Fortunately, I managed to secure myself a job as a trainee auditor starting October 2021, and worked as an academic mentor in a local Maths department in the meantime. In a nutshell, I currently work on a range of companies (in terms of size and type), ensuring that their financial accounts are correct. I am also now one exam away from being a qualified chartered accountant.

I look back at my time at STM with some great memories, whether that be the general craic with Mr Mason before form every day or away days with the football team with Mr Towns/Mr Burnett. It's also probably worth a shoutout to Mrs Hallam for the cracking Business Studies lessons!

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