



THOMAS MORE COLLEGE

PARTICIPATION POLICY DOCUMENT

The purpose of our Participation Policy is to get pupils actively involved in the life of Thomas More College, be it on the sporting or cultural front or in a service driven activity for the school.

Grade 8 and 9:

The Grade 8 and 9s follow the Participation Point Programme. This is a system where points are allocated to learners for participating in various Sporting or cultural activities offered by the school. Points are also allocated to learners who participate in service driven activities.

The aim of the Participation Point Programme is to expose the pupils to a variety of Sporting, Cultural and Service activities offered by the school. We hope they will continue with their activities throughout their schooling years and adult life.

Grade 8 and 9 Participation Point Requirements:

Each pupil is required to earn a **minimum of 40 Points** by the end of the year. 10 of these must be from Outreach.

Points are allocated for the following categories:

- Sport (SP)
- Cultural (C)
- Service (S)

Please refer to Figure 1 for the points allocations.

Outreach falls under the Service category. It is done throughout the year in the grades. The points are allocated at the end of Term 4. Learners are expected to meet the Outreach requirements of their grade to obtain their full 10 points.

Please note Outreach points are only awarded for school driven outreach activities.

In Term 1, we also have our Thomas More **Long Walk**, which is a very important day for our school as it builds unity and tradition and as a result, we allocate up to a maximum of 15 points for this, depending on how far pupils walk.

We do not award points for outside activities such as club sports, karate, ballet etc. While we will still acknowledge pupils for their outside achievements, the purpose of the Participation Points system is to encourage pupils to be actively involved in 'school related activities'. Integration into the College, social interaction, team-work, dealing with peers, learning responsibility and accountability and your child's physical well-being, are all vitally important to your child's development and as a result we strongly believe in pupils being involved in school extra murals as a participant, supporter or helper, where they develop invaluable life skills and develop a life-long passion for sport, culture and Thomas More College as a whole.

| GRADE 8 AND 9: PARTICIPATION POINTS ALLOCATION (40 POINTS REQUIRED PER YEAR) | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| ACTIVITY | CATEGORY | TERM | MAXIMUM POINTS | ACTIVITY | CATEGORY | TERM | MAXIMUM POINTS | ACTIVITY | CATEGORY | TERM | MAXIMUM POINTS |
| Art Club | C | All | 6 per term | Speaker Circle/DYC/Dale Carnegie/United Nations | C | 1, 2, 3 | 6 per term | Rugby | SP | 2 | 15 |
| Biology Club | C | All | 6 per term | Cricket | SP | 1 & 4 | 15 per term | Soccer | SP | 3 | 15 |
| Community Orchestra | C | All | 4 per term | Conditioning | SP | All | 8 per term | Softball | SP | 3 | 15 |
| Cultural Period | C | All | 2 (day time) | Cross Country | SP | 2 | 4 | Swimming | SP | 1 | 10 |
| Debating | C | 1,2,3 | 15 per term | Dance Sport | SP | 1 | 10 | Tennis-Girls | SP | 1 | 8 |
| Design and Technology Club | C | All | 6 per term | Equestrian | SP | 1,2 & 3 | 5 per Inter-Schools event for TMC; 2 per SANESA | Tennis-Boys | SP | 2 | 8 |
| Kearsney Arts Festival | C | 3 | 3 | Golf | SP | 1 & 3 | 6 per term | Waterpolo | SP | 3,4 | 15 |
| Marimbas | C | All | 10 per term | Hockey (Boys and Girls) | SP | 2 | 15 | Event Helpers | S | All | Max 4 per event |
| Olympiads (English/Maths/CAT/IT) | C | All | 2 per Olympiad | Indoor Hockey-Boys | SP | 3 | 8 | Library helpers | S | All | 10 per term |
| One Act Plays | C | 1 | 15 | Indoor Hockey-Girls | SP | 1 | 15 | Oureach | S | All | 10 per year |
| Retrobeats | C | All | 6 per term | Long Walk | SP | 1 | 15 | Photography Helpers | S | All | 6 per term |
| Robotics | C | All | 6 per term | Mountain Biking | SP | 3 | 10 | Scorer - Cricket, Hockey, Soccer & Water Polo | S | All | 6 per term |
| School Play | C | 2 | 15 | Netball | SP | 2 | 15 | S.T.I.C | S | All | 6 per term |
| Supper and Song | C | 3 | 3 per performance (Max 6) | Pre-season Activities | SP | All | 6 per term | Tuckshop Helpers | S | All | 10 per term |
| Vocal Tenacity | C | All | 12 per term | Rock Climbing | SP | 1,2,3 | 15 per term (Term 3 only 10) | * No points are allocated for Tours, Presidents award or support | | | |

Figure 1: Participation Point allocations.

Grade 10-12s:

Grade 10-12 pupils are required to participate in two activities as well as meet the Outreach requirements for their respective grade.

The two activities must be from Sport and/or Cultural activities. These activities will only be reflected on the report if 70-80% commitment is shown.

Service activities will contribute towards service awards, but will not be recognized as one of the two activities that the Grade 10-12 learners must do.

| CULTURAL | SPORT | SERVICE |
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| Art Club Design and Technology Club Community Orchestra Cultural Period Debating Vocal Tenacity Kearsney Arts Festival Marimbass Biology Club Olympiads (English/Maths/CAT/IT) One Act Plays Retrobeats Robotics S.T.I.C School Play Supper and Song Speaker Circle/DYC/Dale Carnegie/United Nations | Cricket Conditioning Cross Country Dance Sport Equestrian Golf Hockey (Boys and Girls) Indoor Hockey-Boys Indoor Hockey-Girls Long Walk Mountain Biking Netball Preseason Activities Rock Climbing Rugby Soccer Softball Tennis-Girls Tennis-Boys Waterpolo Swimming | Event Helpers (Interhouse- Gala and Athletics Day, Awards Evening Watrons,etc) Photography helpers Scorer - Cricket, Hockey, Soccer & Water Polo Tuckshop Helpers. Technical table Library helpers Referee / Umpire / Coach for sport offered at the high school, senior primary and junior primary. Sound Technician Backstage helper Lighting crew MLC contribution School magazine helper First Aid helper |

At the end of the day we want our pupils to exit the College in Grade 12, having being actively involved in the life of the School, having a real sense of passion, pride and ownership for our wonderful school.