

Dear Parents/Carers

Salford Diocese Theme of the Week for Schools for the Current Week. (Monday – Friday)

**REMEMBRANCE:** *“He was speaking about the temple of His body.”*

– ***Last Sunday’s Gospel - John 2:13-22***

This week we marked Remembrance Day in School on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November with a lovely prayer service in the Prayer Garden just before the minutes silence for Remembrance Day. It was humbling to see once again the students who took part in the service in their Cadet or Volunteer Uniforms, it was a reminder of all the good that the members of these organisations do for their communities. Thank you to the Stewards, Gift Team, and the Faith in Action team who helped organise the service and the laying of poppy wreaths and to all the students and staff who took part in a very respectful moment of silence to Remember those who have perished in the fight for peace.

I have included a prayer of Remembrance and Peace at the end of my letter.

***Reminder: School Closure Day: Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November***

*A reminder that school is closed to students on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025 for 1 day during this half term as indicated in the school calendar, school is open as normal on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December.*

***Reminder: Year 11 (Leavers) Presentation Evening***

*On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November we will be welcoming back students from last year’s Year 11 to celebrate their successes and collect their GCSE certificates. It is traditionally a very happy evening full of celebration and we are very much looking forward to it in school following the students’ superb performances in their exams.*

### **Satchel One Achievement Points**

A few weeks ago, we were made aware of an issue that meant that the wrong points total for Achievement and Behaviour for a tiny number of students was being displayed on Satchel One. The correct total was visible in school systems but the error meant that some totals were displaying incorrectly on student and parent/carer pages. To avoid any confusion the behaviour points display was turned off in Satchel One for a temporary basis. I am pleased to say that the software company who is responsible for Satchel One has reported that the matter has now been addressed and the points display will be turned back on at the start of next week.

### **St Thomas More RC College Achievement Point League**

Well done to all the students who are collecting so many achievements by doing the simple things really well in school. Bravo!

Remember that you can log into satchel one to check your child individual achievements and successes at any time as the parent page is updated daily, if you are unable to log in for any reason please contact school for help. [admin@stmcollege.org.uk](mailto:admin@stmcollege.org.uk)

*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.*

## Total Points

| T                    | H                  | O                 | M                   | A                  | S              |
|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| <b>Year 7 Total</b>  |                    |                   |                     |                    |                |
| Joseph M<br>2420     | Enya K<br>2180     | Nancy L<br>2000   | Margot K<br>2470    | Billy W<br>2470    | Izzy N<br>1740 |
| <b>Year 8 Total</b>  |                    |                   |                     |                    |                |
| Valentina FN<br>2080 | Isabelle C<br>1520 | Mikayla C<br>1980 | Maddie D<br>1640    | Daisy T<br>1720    | Una L<br>1590  |
| <b>Year 9 Total</b>  |                    |                   |                     |                    |                |
| Jalodia O<br>1570    | Abbie H<br>2270    | Aiden F<br>1830   | Charlotte L<br>1910 | Eleanor L<br>1580  | Erin L<br>1750 |
| <b>Year 10 Total</b> |                    |                   |                     |                    |                |
| Lucy M<br>2330       | Chris M<br>1790    | Oliver D<br>1990  | Iris L<br>1810      | Carragan M<br>1890 | Ole M<br>1970  |
| <b>Year 11 Total</b> |                    |                   |                     |                    |                |
| Olivia K<br>1720     | Oliver H<br>1480   | Valerie I<br>1890 | Elizabeth O<br>1900 | Harry C<br>2130    | Cody S<br>1920 |

## Weekly Winners

| T                           | H                                   | O                           | M                          | A                                      | S                           |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Year 7 Weekly Total</b>  |                                     |                             |                            |                                        |                             |
| Joseph M<br>220             | Enya K<br>Lily E<br>130             | Riley W<br>160              | Olivia B<br>180            | Billy W<br>220                         | Eloise D<br>220             |
| <b>Year 8 Weekly Total</b>  |                                     |                             |                            |                                        |                             |
| Alice F<br>210              | Isabelle C<br>150                   | Ella F-O<br>180             | Maya L<br>230              | Raquel M<br>160                        | Conor M<br>Emily McD<br>110 |
| <b>Year 9 Weekly Total</b>  |                                     |                             |                            |                                        |                             |
| Jalodia O<br>170            | Albie N<br>310                      | Aiden F<br>170              | Ellis P<br>Milena R<br>160 | Eleanor L<br>Chloe McE<br>Isla Y<br>90 | Ruby W<br>160               |
| <b>Year 10 Weekly Total</b> |                                     |                             |                            |                                        |                             |
| Alex S<br>190               | Chris M<br>110                      | Oliver D<br>Isla McG<br>160 | Evelyn SH<br>140           | Olivia G<br>190                        | Erica S<br>240              |
| <b>Year 11 Weekly Total</b> |                                     |                             |                            |                                        |                             |
| Saskia T<br>180             | Joshua A<br>Sam A<br>Chloe G<br>100 | Hendrik M<br>170            | Olivia M<br>170            | Phoebe S<br>170                        | Cody S<br>200               |

## Salford Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2026

We have been asked by The Salford Diocese to pass on the following information:

<https://www.stmcollege.org.uk/news/headteachers-letters>

Please follow the link above to the Headteacher's Letter section of the school website to view a letter from The Diocese of Salford regarding a Pilgrimage to Lourdes that the Diocesan Team are organising.

### **Flu Vaccinations**

Flu vaccinations for years 7 to 11 will take place in school on Tuesday 25th November.

If you would like your child to receive the flu vaccine in school this year, please follow this link to complete an online consent form. If you would like to decline, please complete a no consent form on the following link <https://nhslmms.azurewebsites.net/session/45883ac6> The link will close on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November.

If your child has already had the Flu vaccine elsewhere since Sept 2025, please complete a 'No' to consent form. If you have any problems accessing the link or need help with any questions answering, please telephone 0333 358 3397 – Option 1, Option 6 & 1.

Thank you

### **Student Spotlight**

#### Cake Stall

Well done to Carragan M who organised a Cake Stall this week to raise money for Diabetes UK, over £70 raised for a fantastic cause!

Superb!

### **Operation Christmas Child: Shoe Box Appeal**

Thank you to staff, students and families for your generosity in response to the Christmas Shoebox Appeal, well over 100 boxes have been created so that we can share the joy of Christmas with others who might not have otherwise received a gift this year.

### **REMINDER: Countdown to Year 11 December Mocks Examinations**

#### Only 2 Weeks to the Year 11 December Mock Examinations

*Key Messages before the Mock Exams Year 11:*

- *The importance of the Mock Examinations can't be overstated, Students who do well in the Mocks go on to do well in the Summer GCSEs. Students must make the Mock Examinations a priority.*
- *Students have been given challenging/appropriate target grades to work towards for their Mock Exams, it is great to hear that some students have been requesting increased target grades!!*
- *Revision outside of school is key, students have been provided with a revision timetable and booklet, students should be doing some revision most days (5/6 days out of 7 days) in the lead up to the Mocks and Summer exams. Revision for the Mocks should have started now.*
- *Getting enough sleep this year is vital so that students can concentrate well in class everyday.*
- *Consider how much screen time (mobile phones/consoles) is appropriate to leave enough time for revision, if screen time is too high it needs to be reduced to leave enough time to revise for exams.*
- *Work hard in every lesson without distraction and ensure attendance and punctuality is as good as it possibly can be.*

- Attend as many revision classes as possible afterschool, some of these classes have already begun in subjects such as RE and Geography and they can be vital in supporting students to hit and exceed their targets

### **Reminder: Year 10 Work Experience**

Last week, Year 10 students attended a morning assembly led by the Director of Our Futures - the work experience company who facilitate year 10 work experience.

In tutor time, pupils received a set of work experience letters detailing the next steps in beginning their work experience journey, and in securing their work experience placements.

Parents/carers: Please read the work experience letters and use the QR codes to register and express consent.

Dates of note (issued by the work experience company)

Parent/carer consent deadline: **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

Student deadline for completion of all paperwork: **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026**

**Reminder:** All year 10 students can access 1:1 support with all related work experience queries at the Careers Cafe, each Tuesday after school in room 42.

### **Reminder: Tameside Youth Drama Group**

A number of St Thomas More Students are taking part in the Tameside Youth Drama Group Pantomime production of Cinderella, running from 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2026 to 24<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

All the cast are working incredibly hard in rehearsals and we wish them all the best of luck for the performances in January!!

Tickets are now on sale priced at £10/£12 and are available at [www.sparksem.co.uk](http://www.sparksem.co.uk)

### **St Thomas More RC College Fantasy Football League.**

No Premier League Football this weekend due to the International Break.

Well done to our current league leaders

The current overall school leader with 737 points is still Bobby D.

Lennon G was also the Game week winner with a massive 67 points.

There is still time to join the league as there are weekly winners for every gameweek.

Once you have created a Premier League account and a team at [Fantasy Premier League, Official Fantasy Football Game of the Premier League](https://fantasy.premierleague.com/) you can join the school mini league named;

St Thomas More League

The league code is; rfjc8l

Alternatively, you can click on the link below to automatically join the league.

<https://fantasy.premierleague.com/leagues/auto-join/rfjc8l>

**Reminder: GCSEs in other Languages**

*Can your child speak an additional language other than English and would like to achieve an additional GCSE?*

*Students in Year 10 and 11 who are able to speak a language other than English and would like to sit a GCSE in the Summer 2026 in this language are encouraged to please see Mrs Laycock/Mrs Jennings during your lunch or after school in R29B/R29A as soon as possible so we can make the arrangements to support you in achieving an additional GCSE.*

**Reminder: Exam Invigilator Vacancy**

*CASUAL POSTS: During exam periods only (2wks Dec; 8wks May & June)*

*Hours as required: 8.15am – 4.00pm*

*St Thomas More RC College is looking for Exam Invigilators, responsible for the supervision of external (GCSE) and internal examinations in the examination rooms in accordance with the rules and regulations of the respective examination boards and the school as instructed by the Exams Manager. If you interested and require any further information or an informal discussion about the post, please do not hesitate to contact our Exams Manager via: Email: [r.mansoor@stmcollege.org.uk](mailto:r.mansoor@stmcollege.org.uk)*

**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](mailto: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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**2025 Jubilee Year for the Catholic Church**

2025 has been designated as a Jubilee Year by the Catholic Church 'Pilgrims of Hope' as the theme.

**Prayer of Remembrance and Peace**

Dear Lord

Lift up in prayer our brothers and sisters who have gone before us, sacrificing their own lives for the protection and safety of others. We are grateful for their service. May they inspire us to live selflessly in our own lives, as Christ calls us to do.

As we pray for those who lost their lives in conflict throughout our history, we recognize the ongoing war and violence that continues to plague humanity in many places, and in many forms.

We pray for peace, which those we honour fought valiantly to achieve.

In Your name we pray.

**Amen**

**Upcoming Events (dates may be subject to change for unforeseen circumstances)**

|                                                        |                                               |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> September                    | Open Evening                                  |
| Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> September                      | Year 11 Information Evening                   |
| Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> to 3 <sup>rd</sup> October   | Year 7 Retreats Savio House                   |
| Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October                       | Visit of the Right Reverend Bishop of Salford |
| Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October                       | Year 11 Mock Interviews                       |
| Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> to 24 <sup>th</sup> October | Year 8/9 Battlefields Trip                    |
| Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October                      | Talent Show                                   |
| Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October                        | School Closes for October Holiday             |
| Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November                        | School opens for November Half Term           |
| Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> November                      | Year 11 Parents Evening                       |
| Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November                    | Leavers Presentation Evening                  |
| Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November                       | School Closed to Students/Staff               |
| Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December                        | Year 11 Mock Exams Begin                      |
| Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December                      | Advent Mass                                   |
| Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December                    | Christmas Dinner Day                          |
| Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December                       | Senior Citizens Christmas Party               |
| Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December                       | School closes for Christmas 12:15             |
| Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January                        | School Opens for Spring Term for Students     |
| Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> January                       | New Year Mass                                 |
| Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January                      | Year 10 Parents Evening                       |
| Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup> January  | Year 7 Stratford Trip                         |
| Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February                       | School Closes For February Holiday            |
| Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February                       | School opens for February Half Term           |
| Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> February                     | Year 9 Parents Evening                        |
| Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March                         | GCSE Drama Performance Event                  |
| Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March                           | Year 9 Pathways Evening                       |
| Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March                        | Year 7 Parents Evening                        |
| Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March                          | School Closes for Easter Holiday              |
| Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April                          | School Opens for Summer Term                  |
| Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April                       | Open Mic Event                                |
| Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April                        | Year 8 Parents Evening                        |
| Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May                            | GCSEs Begin Year 11                           |
| Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May                            | School Closes for May Half Term               |
| Monday 1st June                                        | School opens for June Half Term               |
| Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> to 11 <sup>th</sup> June    | Year 10 Science Residential                   |
| Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June                          | Year 10 Exams Begin                           |
| Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June                           | Year 6 Information/Induction Evening          |
| Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July                         | Year 11 Prom                                  |
| Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July                          | Key Stage 3 Rewards Evening                   |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July                           | School Closes for Summer 12:15                |