

Dear Parents/Carers

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

ENDURANCE: *'By your endurance you will gain your lives.'*

– **Last Sunday's Gospel** - Luke 21:5-19

This week we have had our very important Anti Bullying Assemblies in School. As a school we are against all forms of bullying and victimisation and we want all students to behave in a respectful, polite and positive manner with each other and all members of the community. We are aware that as students grow up that they can make mistakes, fall out and be unkind to each other, however the students got a very clear message this week that being deliberately unkind or engaging in repetitive hurtful banter at someone else's expense is not an acceptable way to behave and is not tolerated at St Thomas More RC College. Students are always reassured that when they do report any incidents to staff in school that they are dealt with appropriately and effectively so that students can feel safe and happy in their school. It is pleasing to note that in our most recent parent/carers survey from parents evening that over 92% of parents/carers felt that bullying was very rare in school or they had not heard about any incidents of bullying and that 92% of parents also felt that the school dealt with bullying effectively when students did fall out, or they had not had any experience of bullying in the school.

Students were clearly told in the assemblies this week about the wide range of avenues that they can use in school to report any concerns including using Whisper Online, speaking to the Safeguarding team or Designated Safeguarding Lead – Miss O'Mullane, reporting to staff in Room 41/Room 36, talking to their Form Tutor or Head of Year, telling a member of SLT, any teacher or indeed any other adult in school including support staff, as all staff in school are trained to pass on concerns to the most appropriate person to deal with any matters effectively.

To find out more about Anti-Bullying Week please visit

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2025/anti-bullying-week-2025>

I have also added the slides from this week's Anti Bullying Assembly to the Headteacher's Letters Page on the School Website.

Admissions News! Oversubscribed again

I am please to inform you that even as the number of school aged students within the local area falls that our school is once again incredibly popular with parents/carers and students for admissions next year in September 2026.

For just 160 places we have received **over 470 initial applications** which, doesn't include late applications, this figure is once again a huge increase on the previous year and shows just how highly regarded our school is due to the great outcomes and results that we deliver due to our high standards and expectations. Our robust behaviour policy for students means that we can focus on high quality learning and keeping students safe and happy, this is clearly something that is very attractive to parents/carers and we are proud to be such a highly effective school.

Reminder: School Closure Day: Friday 28th November

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

Reminder: Year 11 (Leavers) Presentation Evening

On Wednesday 26th 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.

Maths Week

Thank you to Mrs Kruvele and the Maths Department for putting on a superb and engaging Maths Week over the past 5 days. With student Maths Riddles, World Record Attempts with Buffon's Needle, Year 7 Maths Squares and many more activities it has been a fun packed week of numeracy that has raised the importance and profile of Maths across the school.

Well done to all the students who have taken such an active part in the week!

Please see the school's social media pages on Facebook, X or Instagram for some pictures of the activities.

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

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
Year 7 Total					
Joseph M 2660	Enya K 2300	Nancy L Inioluwa A 2140	Margot K 2380	Billy W 2770	Izzy N 1850
Year 8 Total					
Valentina FN 2220	Isabelle C 1750	Mikayla C 2230	Maddie D 18300	Daisy T 1890	Stemilly O 1710
Year 9 Total					
Jalodia O 1640	Abbie H 2480	Aiden F 2040	Charlotte L 2110	Eleanor L 1740	Erin L 1900
Year 10 Total					
Lucy M 2550	Chris M 2000	Oliver D 2180	Iris L 1930	Carragan M 2180	Ole M 2170
Year 11 Total					
Olivia K	Oliver H	Pelumi A	Elizabeth O	Harry C	Cody S

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Weekly Winners

T	H	O	M	A	S
Year 7 Weekly Total					
Joseph M 210	Oliver J Lily E Taylor C 140	Bella H Inioluwa A 1140	Margot K 230	Billy W 260	Qasim IB 170
Year 8 Weekly Total					
Caitlin W 170	Isabelle C 210	Ella F-O Temidayo WS 260	Maddie D 190	Abigail B 170	Darcie K 190
Year 9 Weekly Total					
Ruben F 150	Abbie H 160	Aiden F 160	Franek S 190	Jacob B 140	Ruby W 180
Year 10 Weekly Total					
Alex S 230	Anya S 160	Emily G 260	Finlay D 180	Carragan M 270	Lillia SD 170
Year 11 Weekly Total					
Paul K 250	Jack R 190	Pelumi A 180	Elliot S 210	Harry C 290	Cody S 250

Reminder: 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.

Reminder: 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 18th 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

REMINDER: Countdown to Year 11 December Mocks Examinations

Only 1 Week 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/carers consent deadline: **Friday 24th October 2025**

Student deadline for completion of all paperwork: **Friday 23rd 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 22nd January 2026 to 24th January 2026.

All the case 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

St Thomas More RC College Fantasy Football League.

No Premier League Football last weekend due to the International break so no changes to the standings, managers need to make any changes to their teams before the early kick off between Burnley and Chelsea tomorrow.

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 are 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

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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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

Dear Lord

Teach us, in your name,
to give and not to count the cost,
to fight injustice and not to heed the wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest,
to labour and to ask for no reward,
knowing that we do your will.

Amen

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

Thursday 25 th September	Open Evening
Monday 29 th September	Year 11 Information Evening
Wednesday 1 st to 3 rd October	Year 7 Retreats Savio House
Tuesday 14 th October	Visit of the Right Reverend Bishop of Salford
Tuesday 21 st October	Year 11 Mock Interviews
Wednesday 22 nd to 24 th October	Year 8/9 Battlefields Trip
Thursday 23 rd October	Talent Show
Friday 24 th October	School Closes for October Holiday
Monday 3 rd November	School opens for November Half Term
Thursday 6 th November	Year 11 Parents Evening
Wednesday 26 th November	Leavers Presentation Evening
Friday 28 th November	School Closed to Students/Staff
Monday 1 st December	Year 11 Mock Exams Begin
Thursday 4 th December	Advent Mass
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 18 th December	Senior Citizens Christmas Party
Friday 19 th December	School closes for Christmas 12:15
Tuesday 6 th January	School Opens for Spring Term for Students
Thursday 8 th January	New Year Mass
Thursday 22 nd January	Year 10 Parents Evening
Thursday 29 th to 30 th January	Year 7 Stratford Trip

Friday 13 th February	School Closes For February Holiday
Monday 23 rd February	School opens for February Half Term
Thursday 26 th February	Year 9 Parents Evening
Thursday 5 th March	GCSE Drama Performance Event
Monday 9 th March	Year 9 Pathways Evening
Thursday 19 th March	Year 7 Parents Evening
Friday 27 th March	School Closes for Easter Holiday
Monday 13 th April	School Opens for Summer Term
Wednesday 29 th April	Open Mic Event
Thursday 30 th April	Year 8 Parents Evening
Tuesday 5 th May	GCSEs Begin Year 11
Friday 22 nd May	School Closes for May Half Term
Monday 1st June	School opens for June Half Term
Wednesday 10 th to 11 th June	Year 10 Science Residential
Tuesday 16 th June	Year 10 Exams Begin
Monday 29 th June	Year 6 Information/Induction Evening
Wednesday 1 st July	Year 11 Prom
Thursday 9 th July	Key Stage 3 Rewards Evening
Thursday 9th July to Saturday 11th July	Year 10 London Trip
Friday 17 th July	School Closes for Summer 12:15