

Dear Parents/Carers

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

**HOPE:** *“Stay awake so that you may be ready.”*

– **Last Sunday’s Gospel** - Matthew 24:37-44

We have had form time reflection and prayers this week instead of assemblies as the Mock Exams for Year 11 are now taking place in the assembly hall over the next couple of weeks. I must congratulate the Year 11 students on their mature and professional approach to these exams, their diligence and behaviour during each of the examinations has been exemplary and I am looking forward to really good results for each student in the Mock Examination results in January as these results will be a great indicator of the huge potential this amazing Year group has in the Summer Examinations.

Well done Year 11.

### **End of Term: Advance Notice**

The school term ends on Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> December at 12:15 for the start of the Christmas Holidays.

Details of which buses will be available for the early finish will be communicated in due course.

School reopens for the Spring term on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January.

### **Christmas Dinner Day – Christmas Jumper Day**

Christmas Dinner Day – Christmas Jumper Day are both on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

Students wishing to eat Christmas Dinner need to purchase the dinner in advance at on ParentPay before Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December so that the correct food order can be submitted.

Any child who does not purchase a ticket in advance will need to bring a packed lunch. Christmas Dinner will be the only food service available on the 17<sup>th</sup> December.

On our annual Christmas Jumper Day students can wear a Christmas themed Jumper or Hoodie instead of their school uniform jumper. Please note that students must still wear full uniform if substituting their school jumper for a Christmas themed jumper.

On Christmas Jumper Day we are supporting the amazing Willow Wood Hospice Charity. If you are able, please donate to this worthwhile charity through our parent pay website to support this amazing charity. Many thanks in advance for your generosity.

<https://willowwood.org.uk/>

Merry Christmas!!

### **Tameside Local Authority Support Groups**

We have been asked to share the details of two Tameside Local Authority Support Groups with Parents/Carers and Families, they are:

1. Parent Peer Support Group

What is the Parent Peer Support Group?

An informal space for parents & carers to share their experiences of supporting children with Emotional and Mental Health difficulties with like-minded people, alongside the support of our teams

## 2. The Guardian Angels

The Guardian Angels is an opportunity to meet and talk about your experiences of raising your grandchildren and what you think could support you as a grandparent raising grandchildren, alongside the support of our teams (for example private family arrangement, Special Guardianship Order)

Further details about both of these groups can be found on the school website on the Headteacher's Letter page.

### **Year 9 Royal Armouries Trip Leeds**

Well done to the Year 9 students who represented the school superbly on a trip to the Royal Armouries Museum in Leeds, there were lots of engaging historical activities and the students had a wonderful time and display impeccable behaviour and politeness at all times.

### **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.*

### **No Year 11 this week due to Mock Exams**

#### **Total Points**

T	H	O	M	A	S
<b>Year 7 Total</b>					
Joseph M 3070	Enya K 2780	Inioluwa A 2650	Margot K 2780	Billy W 3200	Izzy N 2140
<b>Year 8 Total</b>					
Valentina FN 2520	Isabelle C 2120	Mikayla C 2550	Maya L 2180	Daisy T 2280	Isabelle D 1990
<b>Year 9 Total</b>					
Jalodia O 1860	Abbie H 2680	Aiden F 2220	Charlotte L 2350	Eleanor L 2030	Erin L 2220
<b>Year 10 Total</b>					
Lucy M 3010	Chris M 2220	Oliver D 2480	Iris L 2180	Carragan M 2610	Ole M 2470
<b>Year 11 Total</b>					
Exams	Exams	Exams	Exams	Exams	Exams

#### **Weekly Winners**

T	H	O	M	A	S
<b>Year 7 Weekly Total</b>					

Joseph M 210	Lily E 220	Joe N 230	Margot K 240	Lola G 200	Qasim IB 180
<b>Year 8 Weekly Total</b>					
Archie M 210	Isabelle C 170	Dominic C Ella F 160	Maddie D 220	Daisy T 170	Isabel D 110
<b>Year 9 Weekly Total</b>					
Georgia O'N 140	Tanzil A 140	Alfie D 120	Ellis P 160	Eleanor L 150	Ruby W Isabelle P 170
<b>Year 10 Weekly Total</b>					
Lucy M 190	Erin C 1110	Lucy W 150	Finlay D Iris L 130	Carragan M 270	Ole M 140
<b>Year 11 Weekly Total</b>					
Exams	Exams	Exams	Exams	Exams	Exams

### **Reminder: St Mary's Foodbank Appeal**

*With the cost-of-living crisis, we are aware that more families and individuals are experiencing times when they are struggling to find enough money to put food on the table. As part of our Catholic mission of Social Justice we are committed to trying to find ways to support those in need in our community. So, we can try to help those in need who might otherwise go hungry at Christmas, we are asking all forms to collect non-perishable food items so that the school can make a significant donation to St Mary's Foodbank based in Haughton Green. This local foodbank has been operating for many years and is a wonderful charitable cause to support.*

*We asking students to bring in the following items if possible, Powdered Milk, Tea/coffee, Instant Noodles, Tinned Soup, Cereals, Tinned Fruit/Veg/Meat/Fish/Tinned Meals, Rice/Pasta, Multi pack crisps/biscuits, Toiletries – non-liquid only e.g. Bars of soap.*

*We do understand that our families maybe facing their own pressures so please only donate if you are able. Please give any donations to your child to bring into school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December*

### **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 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 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](http://www.sparksem.co.uk)*

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

No change at the top this week with Bobby still leading the way after a hectic set of midweek games, managers need to make any team changes before 11am pm on Saturday

The current overall school leader with 886 points is still Bobby D.

Coby H Yr 11 was also the Game week winner with a huge 94 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](#) 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.*

**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 for the start of Advent

**Christ, our Redeemer,  
we wait in hope for your arrival at Christmas.  
May we be found ready at all times, alert to the needs of others  
and eager to answer your call  
Amen.**

**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 1 <sup>st</sup> 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
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July to Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 10 London Trip
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	School Closes for Summer 12:15