

Dear Parents/Carers

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

PEACE: *“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”*

– **Last Sunday’s Gospel** - Matthew 3:1-12

I am sure Year 11 are pleased today that the vast majority of Mock Exams have been completed today, the whole Year Group have committed superbly to the tasks of revision and applying themselves during each exam and they now await the results to be released in January, after the Christmas Holidays. As I have said before we are sure that these students will perform superbly in their Mock Exams and Summer Exams as they have incredible potential and constantly display the calm, polite, respectful and purposeful behaviour that will bring them success.

Thank you to the students in Year 7-10 who have made every effort to move around the school quietly during the periods of time that the exams have been taking place so that all the students in the exam hall could concentrate fully.

Year 7 Christmas Theatre Trip

Thank you to Mrs Kay and the English Department for arranging a super Festive Christmas Trip for a group of Year 7 Students to see “A Christmas Carol” at the Octagon Theatre, the students behaved superbly I am told and had a wonderful time.

Christmas Careers

Thank you to Mr Wright for producing the regular Career of the Week information on our School Social Media accounts so that all our young people have access to information about a wealth of aspirational careers based on the local and national job market. Please look out for the Festive Careers Information each day over the next few days on our social media accounts to spread a bit of Christmas cheer in the world of Careers.

St Mary’s Foodbank

Thank you to all the staff, students and families for your very kind and generous donations towards the St Mary’s Christmas Foodbank Appeal, this has been one of our most successful years ever for the appeal and the kindness shown by our community will help lots of people in genuine need over the Christmas period.

Thank you for an amazing effort.

Reminder End of Term: Advance Notice

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

As usual the 790 and 787 school buses will be available to transport students home at the earlier finish time, however the 719 will not be available at the earlier finish as it is a public bus.

School reopens for the Spring term on Tuesday 6th January.

Reminder: Christmas Dinner Day – Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Dinner Day – Christmas Jumper Day are both on Wednesday 17th December.

Students wishing to eat Christmas Dinner need to purchase the dinner in advance on ParentPay before Friday 12th 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 17th 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!!

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.

No Year 11 this week due to Mock Exams

Total Points

T	H	O	M	A	S
Year 7 Total					
Joseph M 3270	Enya K 2930	Nancy L 2810	Margot K 2900	Billy W 3360	Izzy N 2520
Year 8 Total					
Valentina FN 2700	Isabelle C 2720	Mikayla C 2690	Maya L 2370	Daisy T 2400	Isabelle D 2100
Year 9 Total					
Jalodia O 1980	Abbie H 2860	Aiden F 2360	Charlotte L 2640	Eleanor L 2170	Erin L 2410
Year 10 Total					
Lucy M 3290	Chris M 2290	Lucy W 2600	Iris L 2350	Carragan M 2760	Ole M 2560
Year 11 Total					
Exams	Exams	Exams	Exams	Exams	Exams

Weekly Winners

T	H	O	M	A	S
Year 7 Weekly Total					
Joseph M 180	Enya K 150	Bella H 210	Olivia B 170	Rosie B 170	Efe O 430
Year 8 Weekly Total					
Poppy A 180	Libby HK Isabelle C 140	Dominic C 160	Maya L 180	Mieszko J 130	Solomon K 220
Year 9 Weekly Total					
Kieran H Charlotte H Darcey D 140	Abbie H Zuzanna F 140	Aiden F 140	Charlotte L 220	Dylan J 150	Ruby W 230
Year 10 Weekly Total					
Lucy M 260	Laila G Doreen A 110	Lucy W 160	Iris L 160	Jessica M 190	Joshua F 160
Year 11 Weekly Total					
Exams	Exams	Exams	Exams	Exams	Exams

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 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 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

St Thomas More RC College Fantasy Football League.

Bobby still leads the way with the chasing pack closing in. Managers need to make any team changes before 13:30pm on Saturday

The current overall school leader with 931 points is still Bobby D.

Ethan B Yr 9 was the game week winner with a huge 84 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 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 during Advent

Christ Jesus, bringer of Good News,
liberator of captives and all who are oppressed,
restorer of sight,
guide us on our journey through life
and lead us all to be signs of hope in our world.

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