

Dear Parents/Carers

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

BEGINNINGS: *'When Jesus was baptised He saw the Spirit of God.'*

– **Last Sunday's Gospel** - Matthew 3:13-17

Assemblies this week have been delivered by Deputy Headteacher Ms O'Mullane and focused on the importance of great attendance at school to get a superb education so that our young people can be happy, successful and aspirational for their future. All our students have such fantastic potential and we want them to be in our vibrant school community so they are learning really well each day. Ms O'Mullane also expressed the importance of doing the simple things consistently each day to breed success such as: getting enough sleep, being on time, bringing in all your equipment, completing all your learning to the best of your ability and making sure that all homework and revision is done on time. We are really proud of the culture we have created that allows our students to excel and it is fantastic to see each year group rise to the challenge every day.

Year 7 Welcome GOOD NEWS for Everyone

It was lovely to see Year 7 give a really warm and polite welcome to the Members of the Good News for Everyone organisation, who visited their assembly today. Good News for Everyone are a UK based organisation that introduce others to the Lord Jesus Christ by distributing copies of the Bible, to people from all walks of life. It was a pleasure to see the representatives of the organisation handing out copies of the New Testament to each student in Year 7. Good News for Everyone are the same organisation that leave copies of the Bible in hotel rooms that you may have noticed when staying away from home. As usual Year 7 displayed impeccable manners and our guests were very impressed with the students and the school.

Well done Year 7!

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 3840	Enya K Lily E 3390	Inioluwa A 3540	Dora C 3400	Billy W 4060	Izzy N 2950
Year 8 Total					
Valentina FN	Isabelle C	Mikayla C	Maya L	Daisy T	Isabelle D

3380	2780	3410	3000	3070	2620
Year 9 Total					
Charlotte H 2290	Abbie H 3300	Aiden F 2940	Charlotte L 3130	Eleanor L 2590	Charlie M 2790
Year 10 Total					
Lucy M 4040	Chris M 3060	Oliver D 3260	Iris L 2930	Carragan M 3580	Ole M 3360
Year 11 Total					
Olivia K 2650	Oliver H 2160	Dominik C 2870	Elizabeth O 2940	Harry C 3580	Reve MM 2960

Weekly Winners

T	H	O	M	A	S
Year 7 Weekly Total					
Sam G 150	Gosia K Taylor C 180	Inioluwa A 140	Dora C 310	Rosie B 240	Bella MR 170
Year 8 Weekly Total					
Archie M 220	Kacper C 130	Mikayla C 230	Denver S Cain D Maya L 130	Gospel OE 150	Angel A 170
Year 9 Weekly Total					
Darcey D 170	Zuzanna F 190	Aiden F 150	Leonie J 160	Joshua H 160	Charlie M Hugo S 29
Year 10 Weekly Total					
Lucy M 380	Archie G 370	Lucy W 430	Oliver T 390	Carragan M 450	Ole M 550
Year 11 Weekly Total					
Olivia K 180	Chloe G 160	Pelumi A 180	Leyton W 160	Harry C 210	Aneiya G Jakub O 150

Year 10 Parents Evening

Year 10 Parents Evening will be held in school on Thursday 22nd January 3:30pm to 6:30pm for all Year 10 Parents and Carers. The event is an invaluable opportunity to gain really important information about your child's progress during this crucial first year of their GCSE and vocational qualifications.

The link to the online booking system is as follows but you will need the login information from the separate letter that has been sent home to access the system to book your appointments:
<https://stmcollege.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Please contact school if you have any issues booking appointments

Reminder: Year 10 Work Experience

Year 10 students recently 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 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.

Well done to all our managers, don't forget to make any changes before 11am and the early kick off for the Manchester Derby!

No changes to the league this week due to FA Cup matches last week.

The current overall school leader with 1307 points is still Bobby D.

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.

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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Prayer

May God guard us and keep us in safety and comfort
and in health and strength, sending us nothing but good.

May God send down so many blessings,
that the day is not long enough for them all.

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 1 st 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