

Dear Parents/Carers

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

UNITY: ‘Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the World!’

– **Last Sunday’s Gospel** - John 1:29-34

As I have visited classrooms and toured the school this week, the quality of the teaching and learning and behaviour of the students has been outstanding. It is really pleasing to see the students really engaging with the calm, polite, respectful culture that we insist on in school, as it is only through this purposeful and focused environment that we can deliver the excellent educational outcomes that are so important for student’s futures.

Thank you to all the students for your commitment and effort to your studies this week and thank you as well to all the school staff for your hard work and determination to deliver the best possible opportunities for the students of St Thomas More.

Year 10 Parent’s Evening

Thank you to all the Parents/Carers who attended Parent’s Evening last night to gain valuable information on the progress and achievements of their sons and daughters at the start of their GCSE and vocational studies pathway. There was a really positive atmosphere throughout the whole event and thank you to all the parents/carers who completed the questionnaires with such positive responses about the school’s work.

Apprenticeships Explained Webinar

Parents/Carers and students are invited to an online webinar for National Apprenticeship Week 2026, on Wednesday 11th February 2026, 6pm to 7pm, the course is run by Greater Manchester Learning Provider Network.

The session aims are to explain what apprenticeships are all about and the kind of careers that they can lead to.

If you are interested in booking onto the webinar then please follow the link below to book a place

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/d6f80596-abec-45d9-b428-677d82135ae4@c9004982-b41c-453a-aa29-cd344abc4ec5>

FAITH IN ACTION - Enterprise Challenge

Big congratulations to Alex S who organised and refereed another charity football match for Willow Wood. This time we thank year 10 for getting involved and showing amazing commitment to our 4Cs - thank you also to Brooke D who organised the refreshments. Thank you to all involved - a great act of charity and community with plenty of funds raised for a great cause!

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 |
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| Year 7 Total | | | | | |
| Joseph M 3940 | Enya K 3500 | Inioluwa A 3780 | Dora C 3590 | Billy W 4250 | Izzy N 3080 |
| Year 8 Total | | | | | |
| Valentina FN 3500 | Isabelle C 2960 | Mikayla C 3590 | Maya L 3060 | Daisy T 3240 | Isabelle D 2820 |
| Year 9 Total | | | | | |
| Charlotte H 2450 | Abbie H 3480 | Aiden F 3020 | Charlotte L 3260 | Eleanor L 2690 | Charlie M 2940 |
| Year 10 Total | | | | | |
| Lucy M 4170 | Chris M 3170 | Oliver D 3420 | Iris L 3080 | Carragan M 3660 | Ole M 3580 |
| Year 11 Total | | | | | |
| Olivia K 2920 | Oliver H 2320 | Dominik C 3050 | Elizabeth O 3060 | Harry C 3870 | Reve MM 3020 |

Weekly Winners

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| Year 7 Weekly Total | | | | | |
| Molly F Olly A 130 | Carter McL 140 | Inioluwa A 180 | Connor C Olivia B 190 | Rosie B Poppy O'C 150 | Qasim IB 170 |
| Year 8 Weekly Total | | | | | |
| Alice F Archie M Valentina FN 100 | Robyn D 160 | Mikayla C 180 | Denver S 110 | Gospel OE 170 | Stemilly O 170 |
| Year 9 Weekly Total | | | | | |
| Charlotte H Reuben F 150 | Scarlett B 140 | Annalise T 160 | Layla SG 110 | Harry D 150 | Charlie M 150 |
| Year 10 Weekly Total | | | | | |
| Lucy M Alex S 120 | Willow M Jessica F Chris M Lucja S 80 | Emily G 200 | Iris L 140 | Leon P 160 | Ole M 220 |
| Year 11 Weekly Total | | | | | |

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| Olivia K 270 | Ava B Joshua A 160 | Georgia E 180 | Annabel S 150 | Harry C 210 | Beth M 110 |
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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 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.

Well done to all our managers!!

The current overall school leader with 1347 points is still Bobby D.

Our current gameweek winner is Lennon G with 71 points

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 for Peace Sunday which was last Sunday

Lord, as we think back to Peace Sunday, give us grace to recognise Jesus in our world, to see him in different places and people.

May we have the courage to follow him and bear witness to his peaceful presence, as we promote Peace across the world and hopefully an end to conflict.

Amen

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

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| 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 |

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| 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 |