

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
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

T	H	O	M	A	S
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					

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](#) 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)

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