

Dear Parents/Carers

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

LISTEN: ‘Jesus went to Capernaum so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled.’

– **Last Sunday’s Gospel** - Matthew 4:12-23

Another very successful week in school for all the students who come to school fully prepared and with a brilliant attitude to learning. Our focus on educating students to the highest possible outcomes has been really evident this week with superb behaviour in lessons and focused teaching and learning right across the school. Well done to the whole community for your hard work and determination this week.

Our Assemblies this week have been led by Mrs McEnroe and have focused on the lessons that we need to learn by remembering the terrible human suffering and destruction caused by the Holocaust. This week marked Holocaust Memorial Day on Tuesday 27th January, the theme for this year’s Memorial Day was, 'Bridging Generations', a call-to-action. The theme is a reminder that the responsibility of remembrance doesn't end with the survivors - it lives on through their children, their grandchildren and through all of us. The theme encourages us all to engage actively with the past - to listen, to learn and to carry those lessons forward. By doing so, we build a bridge between memory and action, between history and hope for the future.

Interfaith Prayer for Holocaust Memorial Day

Loving God, we come to you with heavy hearts, remembering the six million Jewish souls murdered during the Holocaust.

In the horrors of that history, when so many groups were targeted because of their identity, and in genocides which followed, we recognise destructive prejudices that drive people apart.

Forgive us when we give space to fear, negativity and hatred of others, simply because they are different from us.

In the light of God, we see everyone as equally precious manifestations of the Divine, and can know the courage to face the darkness.

Through our prayers and actions, help us to stand together with those who are suffering, so that light may banish all darkness, love will prevail over hate and good will triumph over evil.

Amen

Advance Notice: Half Term Holiday

School closes for the half-term holiday on Friday 13th February at 2:45pm and reopens for the second Spring half term on Monday 23rd February.

Salford Diocese Caritas Newsletter for Schools

The Salford Diocese Newsletter for Schools January 2026 is available on our school website on the Headteacher’s Letters page, the title of the Newsletter is Love in Action and there is a wealth of information in the document about the amazing Charity work that takes place in our Diocese.

Please find the newsletter here: <https://www.stmcollege.org.uk/news/headteachers-letters>

Relics of St Carlo Acutis to Visit Diocesan Churches

Today our GIFT team leaders are visiting the Relics of Saint Carlo Acutis, at St Patrick's RC Church, Collyhurst, Manchester. We are so proud of the students representing our school as they pay their respects to one of the modern-day saints.

Below is some information about this wonderful Saint and the relics from the Salford Diocese Website:

In January 2026, we will host the relics of St Carlo Acutis at two of our churches over five days, during which time we will welcome schools, parishioners and people from all over for veneration.

Born in 1991, Carlo is the first millennial saint and he is celebrated for his profound faith and use of the internet to log Eucharistic miracles from around the world. At just 7 years old, he wished to receive his First Holy Communion and told his parents, "this is my programme of life."

Alongside his digital Evangelism, Carlo is revered for his charitable work and great desire to help others. He gave his time towards helping those experiencing homelessness and hunger in Milan, even purchasing sleeping bags and food for them using his own money.

Carlo was passionate about spreading the teachings of the Catholic Church up until his death from leukaemia at the age of 15.

Stratford-Upon-Avon 2026 Residential

Thank you so much to the staff who have organised and are currently supervising the Year 7 residential trip to Stratford-Upon-Avon. The pictures on the school social media are fantastic and it looks like all the students are having a great time. We are looking forward to hearing all the student stories and the memories they have made when they return.

Poland Krakow Trip

Letters will be received in due course for the students who have successfully gained a place on this exciting residential trip for 2027, some letters have already gone home with any remaining letters to be sent ASAP, any students who haven't gained a place on the trip will be added to the waiting list.

Special Mention

Well done to the Year 7 Netball team who this week had an amazing 37-0 win over Alder High School in their first competitive fixture of the season. The sporting future is bright for 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 4080	Lily E 3680	Inioluwa A 3850	Dora C 3800	Billy W 4440	Izzy N 3100
Year 8 Total					
Mikayla C 3750	Isabelle C 3060	Ella F 3430	Maya L 3170	Daisy T 3410	Isabelle D 2930
Year 9 Total					
Charlotte H 2590	Abbie H 3570	Aiden F 3110	Charlotte L 3430	Eleanor L 2850	Charlie M 3060
Year 10 Total					
Lucy M 4340	Chris M 3270	Lucy W 3540	Iris L 3190	Carragan M 3790	Ole M 3770
Year 11 Total					
Olivia K 3090	Oliver H 2430	Dominik C 3210	Elizabeth O 3200	Harry C 3990	Reve MM 3160

Weekly Winners

T	H	O	M	A	S
Year 7 Weekly Total					
Flynn OG Sam G 130	Gosia K 160	Kledia D 140	Ewan S 180	Rosie B 180	Qasim IB 110
Year 8 Weekly Total					
Valentina FN 170	Isabelle C Kacper C Erin K Ayomide Jason T 100	Ella F Anna M Henry M 130	Maddie D Elsa R 90	Gospel OE Imogen S 110	Solomon K 170
Year 9 Weekly Total					
Charlotte H Reuben F Niamh F 130	Zuzanna F 140	Steven C 140	Charlotte L 130	Jacob B Joshua H 140	Erin L 150
Year 10 Weekly Total					
Lucy M 140	Chris M 100	Lucas K 170	Florence S 160	Alfie J 170	Erica S 220
Year 11 Weekly Total					
Olivia K Paul K 150	Jack R Chloe G 140	Dominik C 140	Faye H 170	Alexander D 150	Reve MM 130

St Thomas More RC College Fantasy Football League.

Well done to all our managers!!

The current overall school leader with 1383 points is still Bobby D, although Bobby is only 9 points ahead now.

Our current gameweek winner is Mrs Halligan with 68 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

God of light, Emmanuel, God with us, help us to be obedient to your calling and to embrace our life's mission.

May your Kingdom come here on earth as in Heaven.

May we make our voices heard in ways that will impact our society.

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