

Dear Parents/Carers

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

JUSTICE: ‘Blessed are the poor in spirit.’

– **Last Sunday’s Gospel** - Matthew 5:1-12

We have enjoyed a lovely and successful week in school despite the cold weather and the students have impressed with their hard work and determination in lessons.

Assemblies this week for Key Stage 4 have focused on mutual respect across our school community and ensuring that students are doing all they can in lessons and at home to help themselves prepare for their GCSE exams and a bright and successful future.

Key Stage 3 students have celebrated Global Interfaith Week with a series of different assemblies presented by representatives of a number of World Religions, Year 9 invited a speaker from the Buddhist Faith to their assembly, Year 8 hosted an Imam from the Islamic Central Mosque in Ashton, and Year 7 received a very engaging talk on Christianity from a school Chaplain. It is fantastic that the students have had the opportunity to learn about a wide variety of religions this week and identified the importance of tolerance and understanding so that we can live in a harmonious and peaceful world. The common feature of all the Assemblies was that all our invited guests commented on the excellent behaviour and politeness of our students.

Well done all of you and thank you to the RE department for organising.

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.

Advance Notice: Year 9 Parent’s Evening 26th February

Year 9 Parent’s Evening will take place on 26th February from 3:30pm, letters on how to book appointments using the online booking portal have been sent out.

Please do make every effort to attend this important event.

Special Mention

Well done to the Evie T in Year 9, who has done a fantastic job representing the school in the local community. I am organising a suitable reward, as this morning I received this lovely email from a member of the public, well done Evie!!

FAO:- The Principal/Headteacher

Dear Sir

I am writing to you to commend one of your students for their kindness and respect for those in their community.

I am a mobility impaired person and one of your students, who I only know as Evie, who travels to school on the 202 bus.

I have recently been on jury service for 2 weeks at Manchester Crown Court and have had to travel into the city centre on the bus. Every morning Evie has greeted me with a smile and an enquiry about how I was feeling and allowing me to board the bus before her. Although this greeting was a small gesture, it has been a very much appreciated act of kindness in my morning and whilst I recognise it might be difficult to identify her from the details I have, I felt that I had to bring it to your attention so that she might be recognised for her care in and for people in her community.

This polite and respectful behaviour is exactly the kind of values that we teach students at St Thomas More and I am so proud of Evie for putting into practice in the Community. Amazing!

Faith in Action: Willow Wood

Well done to the Faith in Action Team who this week completed a sponsored run for the Willow Wood Enterprise Challenge, the level of effort for such a worthy cause was incredible.

National Apprenticeship Week: 9th - 15th February

Next week we are celebrating national apprenticeship week in school as becoming an apprentice is an increasingly popular and successful route into the world of work.

More information can be found online at: <https://naw.appawards.co.uk/>

There is also already a wealth of information available on our "BBC Traitors" Themed post on the school social media channels.

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 4270	Enya K 3850	Inioluwa A 4030	Dora C 3980	Billy W 4610	Izzy N 3190
Year 8 Total					
Mikayla C 3930	Isabelle C 3270	Ella F 3640	Maya L 3390	Daisy T 3600	Isabelle D 3010
Year 9 Total					
Charlotte H 2720	Abbie H 3740	Aiden F 3250	Charlotte L 3590	Eleanor L 3030	Charlie M 3240
Year 10 Total					

Lucy M 4500	Chris M 3420	Lucy W 3680	Iris L 3300	Carragan M 4040	Ole M 3990
Year 11 Total					
Olivia K 3510	Oliver H 2710	Dominik C 3600	Elizabeth O 3410	Harry C 4470	Reve MM 3450

Weekly Winners

T	H	O	M	A	S
Year 7 Weekly Total					
Olly A 160	Taylor C 200	Kledia D 150	Margot K 170	Imogen T 130	Isla H 150
Year 8 Weekly Total					
Alice F 170	Isabelle C 180	Ella F 210	Denver S Maya L 180	Mieszko J Imogen S 150	Emily McD 120
Year 9 Weekly Total					
Darcey D F 160	Abbie H 150	Aiden F 130	Franek S 140	Iris P 180	Charlie M 160
Year 10 Weekly Total					
Alex S 150	Jessica F 140	Isla McG 170	Finley D 160	Alfie J 220	Erica S 260
Year 11 Weekly Total					
Olivia K Saskia T 340	Kiara M Olivia H 260	Dominik C 350	Leyton W 310	Harry C 340	Reve MM 270

St Thomas More RC College Fantasy Football League.

Well done to all our managers!!

The current overall school leader is now Patrick H Yr11 with 1436 points.

Our current gameweek winner is Albie N with 79 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>

Confirmation 2026

I have been asked by the parishes of

St Mary and John Fisher,

Holy Family,

And St Joseph's

To share with you the details of the joint confirmation programme for students in Year 8, or older students who have not yet been confirmed and wish to be.

The covering letter and application form are available on the Parish Newsletters page of the school website and completed forms should be returned to your Parish Priest (not school).

Main details are as follows: *The Catechetical sessions will take place in the parish hall at St Mary's church hall, Market street, Denton on Saturday 18th and 25th April from 9.30am to 2.30pm (Children will need to bring a packed lunch). BOTH SESSIONS must be attended. As well as regular attendance at Weekend masses (Saturday Vigil or Sunday Morning).*

Bishop John has agreed to visit St Mary's Church on 10th June 2026 at 7pm to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on our young parishioners currently in Year 8 (and indeed any older pupils that wish to be Confirmed but missed previous years).

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 World Interfaith Harmony Week 1st -7th Feb 2026

God our Father, Creator of all people, teach us to see your image and likeness in all our neighbours of every race and religion, to desire peace and justice for all, to seek opportunities to work with all people, and learn humbly from one another.

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 9 th July to Saturday 11 th July	Year 10 London Trip
Friday 17 th July	School Closes for Summer 12:15