

Dear Parents/Carers

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

INFLUENCE: ‘You are the light of the world.’

– **Last Sunday’s Gospel** - Matthew 5:13-16

Well-done to all the students who have worked so hard over the last six weeks of the Winter half-term, there has been a fantastic and focused environment in school each day and it has been very rewarding to see the Year 11 students making such great preparation for their Summer exams already.

Thank you to Parents/Carers for your support in helping your sons/daughters to maintain the standards and expectations of the school that provides the opportunity for all students to achieve so highly in our school. Please do also remember that the school website provides a wealth of information on what the students learn each term in all their subjects at the following web-link.

<https://www.stmcollege.org.uk/curriculum/overview>

I am also very grateful to our experienced and talented school staff that have worked tirelessly for the students to give them the best possible education this half term, there have also been lots of trips, visits, additional activities and residential that have enriched the experience for so many students and none of this would be possible without the committed and outstanding staff of St Thomas More RC College.

I hope every individual linked to our community has a fantastic half-term break.

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 with details on how to book appointments have been sent out to Parents/Carers, if you have not received a letter or have any questions about the booking of appointments then please don’t hesitate to contact school.

Please do make every effort to attend this important event.

National Apprenticeship Week: 9th - 15th February

We have had a superbly successful apprenticeship week in school with class based activities and an apprenticeship challenge for Key Stage 3 Students organised by Mr Wright with a closing date of 20th February 2026.

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

There is also lots of further details on our school social media pages.

Scholastic Book Fair

We are excited to announce that, to raise the profile of reading for pleasure, and also to celebrate World Book Day, we have the Scholastic Book Fair coming into school. This will take place week commencing 16th March-23rd March. Students will be able to redeem their WBD tokens in order to

receive a discount off the books on sale. These will be given out to students in their English lessons. We will also be running competitions where students could win an additional £5 book token. All books are aimed at KS3/4 students and have been carefully curated to ensure they cater to all tastes. Some revision guides will also be available on the stands.

Books will also be able to be purchased at Y7 Parent's Evening. As a school, for every book purchased, we will earn rewards in order to purchase books for our classroom libraries. More information will follow about payment options and times when students can peruse and purchase books of their choice.

Tameside Youth Drama Group Production: July 2026

We are very proud to announce that Poppy A in Year 8, is performing in the upcoming production of Into the Woods Jr. with Tameside Youth Drama Group at Hyde Festival Theatre.

The show will take place at Hyde Festival Theatre from Thursday 9th July to Saturday 11th July 2026, with evening performances at 7:15pm and an additional 2pm Saturday matinee. Full details are included on the event poster which is available on the school's social media page and the Headteacher's letters page.

The cast is extremely talented so I am sure it will be a fantastic event and the school are so pleased Poppy is involved.

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 4450	Enya K 4040	Inioluwa A 4270	Dora C 4140	Billy W 4930	Qasim IB 3280
Year 8 Total					
Mikayla C 4200	Isabelle C 3430	Ella F 3770	Maya L 3550	Daisy T 3730	Isabelle D 3220
Year 9 Total					
Charlotte H	Abbie H	Aiden F	Charlotte L	Eleanor L	Charlie M

2820	3870	3390	3740	3160	3340
Year 10 Total					
Lucy M 4700	Chris M 3470	Oliver D 3800	Finlay D 3420	Carragan M 4180	Ole M 4180
Year 11 Total					
Olivia K 3700	Oliver H 2810	Dominik C 3830	Elizabeth O 3540	Harry C 4630	Reve MM 3520

Weekly Winners

T	H	O	M	A	S
Year 7 Weekly Total					
Ayda L 170	Gosia K 260	Inioluwa A 210	Connor C Ewan SO 160	Billy W 270	Eloise D 100
Year 8 Weekly Total					
Mikayla C 260	Isabelle C 150	Dominic C 160	Maya L 150	Mieszko J Gospel O Raquel M 120	Isabel D Darcie K 200
Year 9 Weekly Total					
Victoria V 130	Zuzanna F 130	Dario D Jace C Joshua S 90	Franek S 120	Eleanor L 100	Erin L 110
Year 10 Weekly Total					
Lucy M 170	Jessica F 100	Nikita MN Lucas K 170	Finley D 170	Leon P 170	Erica S Alfred K 210
Year 11 Weekly Total					
Paul K 190	Liam G 200	Dominik C 230	Faye H 200	Ruby L 200	William T 140

St Thomas More RC College Fantasy Football League.

Well done to all our managers!!

The current overall school leader is now back to Bobby D with 1543 points.

Our current gameweek winner is Ketan H with 73 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>

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).

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

Lord, we thank you for your grace and love,
and for being the brightest light that shines before us.
Search our hearts and send the Holy Spirit to guide us in serving you
and our neighbours with love and mercy.

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