

Dear Parents/Carers

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

LENT: *'Jesus fasts for forty days and is tempted.'*

– **Last Sunday's Gospel** - Matthew 4:1-11

A shorter letter this week as we reflect back on what a challenging and sad week this has been for everyone in the community. The news that Miss Mayson, Head of Year 7, had died suddenly on Saturday 21st February was a profound shock for everyone who knew Miss Mayson and anyone connected with our school community. The huge number of cards, letters, emails and phone calls of condolences that I have received from local schools, Parents/Carers, and Governors is testament to the incredible impact Miss Mayson had in her teaching career and her warm and kind personality that endeared her to others and of course the students in school. I have been humbled this week by the strength and resilience shown by staff and students in the community as they have supported each other to come to terms with the news they received on Monday. It has been a privilege to witness spontaneous acts of memorial and support by staff and students and the prayers, artwork and poems that students have created this week in remembrance are a fitting tribute to a wonderful teacher and colleague.

I am very grateful to Father Joe who came to school to say Mass on Thursday that gave Year 7 the opportunity to remember and say prayers for Miss Mayson and her family. The atmosphere in Mass was so reverent and I am so proud of the mature and caring way that the students have navigated this week that has been full of understandable emotions. It was lovely that the Fruit Tree that was purchased in memory of Miss Mayson by the students to be planted in the Prayer Garden was blessed in Mass.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff in school for the way they have supported each other and the students, which must have been so hard at times, colleagues have lost a true friend much too soon, and I am very grateful for the strength and love that they have demonstrated this week.

We of course have remembered Miss Mayson's Family all week in the incredibly difficult time they are experiencing and we share a prayer for them here:

Dear Lord

Bless Miss Mayson's family as they mourn.

Support them in the same way you have supported the Community of St Thomas More this week.

Give her family strength as they look after each other in their time of need, and

when it is right help them to remember happier times and memories.

Be close to them, embrace them in your arms and give them both peace and hope.

Amen

Year 9 Parent's Evening 26th February

Thank you to all the parents/carers who attended this important event yesterday and thank you to the staff for staying late in school to provide important information on each student's progress through the curriculum.

Reminder: 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.

St Thomas More RC College Achievement Point League

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 4600	Enya K 4290	Inioluwa A 4510	Dora C 4400	Billy W 5140	Qasim IB 3430
Year 8 Total					
Mikayla C 4460	Isabelle C 3690	Ella FO 3970	Maya L 3670	Daisy T 3950	Isabelle D 3480
Year 9 Total					
Charlotte H 3050	Abbie H 4110	Aiden F 3510	Charlotte L 3980	Eleanor L 3310	Charlie M 3520
Year 10 Total					
Lucy M 4840	Chris M 3990	Oliver D Lucy W 3940	Finlay D 3560	Carragan M 4320	Ole M 4300
Year 11 Total					
Olivia K 3920	Oliver H 3040	Dominik C 4160	Elizabeth O 3750	Harry C 4940	Reve MM 3600

Weekly Winners

T	H	O	M	A	S
Year 7 Weekly Total					
Talyia S Ayda L Esme L Sam G 160	Lily E 290	Inioluwa A 250	Margot K 240	Kian H 170	Bella MR 220
Year 8 Weekly Total					
Mikayla C 230	Isabelle C 210	Ella FO 190	Denver S Elijah O 170	Daisy T 180	Darcie K 210
Year 9 Weekly Total					
Charlotte H Reuben F 220	Abbie H 220	S Chan 130	Ethan B Ellis P 220	Aerin L Jacob B 150	Erin L 190
Year 10 Weekly Total					
Lucy M 140	Chris M 150	Max W 170	Florence S 150	Jessica M 160	Erica S 160
Year 11 Weekly Total					
Saskia T 230	Laura P Sam A 220	Dominik C 320	Daniel M 260	Harry C 270	William T 220

St Thomas More RC College Fantasy Football League.

Well done to all our managers!!

The current overall school leader is now back to Patrick H with 1617 points.

Our current gameweek winner is Mrs Halligan with 74 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: 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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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