

Dear Parents/Carers

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

HEALING: *'He went and washed and received his sight.'*

– **Last Sunday's Gospel** - John 9: 1-41

Assemblies this week have focused on having healthy relationships with others based on kindness, honesty, communication, trust and respect. By helping students to understand what we should value in a healthy relationship it will hopefully give the students the confidence and skills to stay happy and safe both now and in the future as healthy relationships can be the cornerstone of a fulfilled life. The key school value of respect was highlighted in the assembly as having respect for others, respect for ourselves and respect for the people we aspire to be; helps us to develop really positive friendships for the benefit of everyone. It is always a real pleasure to witness first hand the many lifelong affirming friendships that develop here in our community.

Miss Mayson's Funeral.

As you are aware Miss Mayson's Funeral takes place on Monday 23rd March 2026.

I have already written to parents/carers with the details of the arrangements in school but as a reminder please remember that school is only open for Year 7, Year 8 and Year 11 students.

Year 11 will be completing an English Mock Exam so attendance is very important.

Year 9 and Year 10 Students will remain at home on Monday 23rd March with learning activities set by class teachers online on satchel one.

Year 7 will take part in a mark of respect at the top of the school drive as the funeral procession passes by the school on Monday morning however if any Year 7 student finds this too challenging, they will of course be excused and supervised inside school.

These arrangements are to facilitate a large number of staff being able to attend the funeral service for their colleague and friend, and the school is very grateful for parents/carers support in this regard.

Understandably there has been no provision made for students to attend the funeral service for Miss Mayson as the school will be represented by Year 7 in the mark of respect and the staff at the funeral, however the school chapel will be open for students before and after school on Monday and Tuesday for students to pay their respects privately should they wish to.

Prayer

Eternal rest grant unto Miss Mayson, O Lord,
and let Your perpetual light shine upon her.

May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed

rest in peace.

Amen

Year 7 Parents Evening 19th March

Thank you to all the parents/carers who attended a very successful Year 7 parents evening on Thursday, there was a real buzz of excitement in the hall and it was fantastic to see so many students getting amazing feedback on their learning.

Thank you also to parents/carers for the very positive feedback on the evaluation forms, it is so pleasing to see that so many families and students are hugely impressed with the school and its values.

Year 10 Careers and Further Education Trip

Over 50 Year 10 students visited the University of Salford this week to learn about aspirational careers and what University life might offer them in the future. The conduct of the students was exemplary and they received superb feedback from our hosts at the University. I am so proud that we can offer students experiences that can keep them informed about the countless possibilities their futures hold and thank you to Salford University for your hospitality.

Student Spotlights

Well done to the whole Year 7 Netball team who won the Tameside Year 7 Cup this week against strong sides from St Damian's and Mossley Hollins. The girls played in a fantastic spirit and their teamwork won the day. Bravo!!

Pi Day

Thank you to the Maths Department that put on a superb display of the importance and magic of the number Pi last Friday on Pi Day 3.14, there were lots of themed events and the competition for recalling the numbers of Pi smashed the previous school record. A fantastic way to raise the profile of maths and celebrate the importance of numeracy skills.

Scholastic Book Fair

The book fair has been a great success this week with lots of staff and students purchasing new books that will keep the importance of reading widely at the front of our minds. There is nothing better than getting drawn into a really good book and I am hopeful that all our customers will enjoy their purchases. There is one last chance to grab a bargain on Monday morning before school before we close the stall for this year. Thank you to parents/carers for your support.

Drama Trip

Thank you to the Drama department for organising a superb theatre trip to the critically acclaimed performance of "The Road" by Jim Cartwright, famous names such as Johnny Vegas, Lucy Beaumont and Lesley Joseph starred and the students learnt a great deal about staging and performance.

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 5370	Lily E 5050	Inioluwa A 5360	Dora C 5230	Billy W 6040	Qasim IB 4020
Year 8 Total					
Mikayla C 5270	Isabelle C 4400	Ella FO 4580	Maya L 4320	Daisy T 4660	Isabelle D 4030
Year 9 Total					
Charlotte H 3730	Abbie H 4780	Aiden F 4210	Charlotte L 4860	Eleanor L 4000	Erin L 4380
Year 10 Total					
Lucy M 5530	Christopher M 4405	Lucy W 4450	Finlay D 4030	Carragan M 4995	Erica S 4830
Year 11 Total					
Olivia K 4430	Oliver H 3330	Dominik C 4690	Elizabeth O 4230	Harry C 5610	Cody S 4050

Weekly Winners

T	H	O	M	A	S
Year 7 Weekly Total					
Joseph M 210	Enya K 180	Nancy L 240	Raiden B Dora C Ewan SO 180	Imogen T Rosie B 130	Shaun M 130
Year 8 Weekly Total					
Mikayla C 170	Isabelle C 120	Temidayo WS 130	Cain D Maddie D 80	Gospel O 130	Darcie K 100
Year 9 Weekly Total					
Reuben F Charlotte H 140	Tallulah P Zuzanna F 120	Aiden F 240	Charlotte L 180	Aerin Ly 110	Erin L 290
Year 10 Weekly Total					

Lucy M 150	Archie G 120	Lucy W 160	Finlay D 120	Carragan M 255	Erica S 170
Year 11 Weekly Total					
Thomas H 120	Joshua A 120	Valerie I 170	Ole S Lauren L 180	Harry C 160	Amelie S 170

St Thomas More RC College Fantasy Football League.

The current overall school leader is still Patrick H with 1769 points.

Our current gameweek winner is Oliver D 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>

Year 11 IMPORTANT Reminder

GCSE Summer 2026 Exams:

MFL (Speaking) & Art – 20th April 2026 to 2nd May 2026

GCSE Written Exams begins -- 5th May 2026 to 15th June 2026

There are only 4 school weeks until GCSE exams start

Remember GCSE examinations begin in May so it is vitally important that Year 11 students are completing lots of revision at home at evenings during the week and at the weekends. It isn't always the easiest task for Year 11 students to revise consistently and regularly at home so any support and encouragement provided by parents/carers could be crucial in securing the best possible grades for your child. Thank you for your support in this, these next few weeks are a hugely important time for Year 11 students and any sustained revision that they can do at home in the next few weeks will be a superb preparation for their exams.

Please note that the Summer 2025 GCSE Timetable is available to download on our school website

<https://www.stmcollege.org.uk/parents/examination-guidance>

This also means that the Easter Holidays when they arrive in three weeks are perhaps the last opportunity for Year 11 students to complete a significant amount of revision at home in preparation for these key examinations

Students will have plenty of materials to revise from that have been provided by all relevant subject areas and there are plenty of resources available online too such as BBC Bitesize. Through years of

experience, school staff know that there is no better preparation for exams than individual students sitting down in a quiet space and making notes on a topic whilst also practicing exam questions that are available both from staff in school and exam board websites. Please also remember that students can do a huge amount of revision for Maths just using the SPARX website, and the school has paid for access to this resource for every student.

During the exam period, school will be open to Year 11 students from 8:20am so that they can have a relaxing start with possibly some last-minute revision before the day of exams ahead, in previous years it has been great to see so many students taking advantage of this and showing so much commitment to success in their examinations.

Please note that as always Year 11 will continue to attend all their lessons during these initial parts of the exam timetable, we have found through many years of experience that it is much better for students to continue to attend their lessons on days when they don't have exams as teachers are able to direct and support their revision.

We have carefully considered the exam timetable structure and concluded that on **Friday 5th June** the first week back after half term that the majority of the exams will have been completed, after this date students will then only need to come into school for their exams or for lessons in which they still have an exam left to take, at other times from Monday 8th June students can then revise for the small number of remaining exams at home.

On the morning of Friday 5th June, pupils will complete their English Language exam and will be allowed to leave site to go home to revise however on this day we will also have the facility to allow students to remain in school if required to complete silent revision for exams on the following Monday.

On Tuesday 9th June there will be a specially scheduled maths lesson for all students' periods 10 and 11 for all Year 11 students in advance of the final maths paper the next day. Following the additional Maths lesson on Tuesday 9th June, students will be given the opportunity to sign shirts at the end of the school day, this has been a lovely experience for students in times past and as in previous years students will also have the opportunity to collect their leavers hoodies, we will also once again make every effort to organise an ice cream van on site dependent on weather.

The date for the Year 11 Prom is Wednesday 1st July 7pm to 10pm, please remember that the Prom is by invitation only at the discretion of the school and that students must be in positive More points to have the opportunity to attend alongside other criteria including attendance.

On Friday 1st May, before the written GCSE exams start Year 11 will have a liturgical assembly to pray for success in the forthcoming exams.

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 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