

Dear Parents/Carers

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

FAITH: *'I am the resurrection and the light.'*

– **Last Sunday's Gospel** - John 11: 1 - 45

It was an absolute pleasure to be present this morning in the school hall for the Holy Week Liturgies celebrated for each year group. The choir, soloists, and musicians provided fantastic musical accompaniment for our prayerful observation of the story of Holy Week. Thank you as well to the Student Leadership Team and GIFT Team, for planning and delivering the readings and reflections. The student behaviour was very respectful as we listened as a community to the journey through the days of Holy Week starting with;

- Palm Sunday: marking Jesus' triumphant return to Jerusalem.
- Maundy Thursday: remembering the Last Supper that we celebrate at Mass during Holy Communion,
- and finally Good Friday: reflecting the Crucifixion of Jesus and his death.

We also considered Easter Sunday one of the most important feasts in our Catholic Community when we celebrate that Jesus rose again after three days, and we look forward to all meeting again after the Holidays for our Easter Liturgies on the first day back when we can pray together again in celebration of our Faith.

I hope everyone associated with the school community has a restful and happy Easter holiday.

End of Term

A reminder that the school term ends today for the Easter Holidays.

School will be closed for the Easter Holidays apart from for prearranged Year 11 activities and revision.

School reopens to students on Monday 13th April.

Student Spotlights: Lenten Effort Charity Total

Well done to the following students who have been exceptional fundraisers for the Lenten Effort for the Christie Hospital Therapy Dogs Initiative: Paul K Year 11, Margot K Year 7, Alex S Year 8, Joseph M Year 7, Izzie W Year 7, Ayda L Year 7 and Harry C Year 11.

Well done as well to every member of the community who donated money or gave up their time to get involved in the huge number of fundraising activities that have taken place during Lent.

Catholic Social Teaching encourages us to give generously to good causes that need our support and I am so proud of the whole community for pulling together in this common effort.

It is almost unbelievable that we have managed to raise over £6300 this Lent for a very worthwhile charity, and everyone involved should feel a great sense of achievement and pride, well done all.

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 5260	Lily E Enya K 5170	Inioluwa A 5600	Margot K 5370	Billy W 6180	Qasim IB 4030
Year 8 Total					
Mikayla C 5430	Isabelle C 4560	Ella FO 4710	Maya L 4450	Daisy T 4780	Isabelle D 4110
Year 9 Total					
Charlotte H 3920	Abbie H 4920	Aiden F 4440	Charlotte L 5010	Eleanor L 4130	Erin L 4520
Year 10 Total					
Lucy M 5710	Christopher M 4455	Lucy W 4560	Finlay D 4260	Carragan M 5175	Erica S 5020
Year 11 Total					
Olivia K 4570	Oliver H 3450	Dominik C 4890	Elizabeth O 4350	Harry C 5790	Cody S 4130

Weekly Winners

T	H	O	M	A	S
Year 7 Weekly Total					
Joseph M 230	Enya K 130	Nancy L 180	Margot K 240	Imogen T Louie B Billy W 130	Eloise D 100
Year 8 Weekly Total					
Mikayla C Valentina FN 130	Kacper C 130	Evie K 120	Elijah O 180	Imogen S 130	Darcie K Emily McD 150
Year 9 Weekly Total					
Charlotte H 130	Abbie H 130	Aiden F Alfie D	Charlotte L 120	Aerin L Jacob B	Jaiden B 130

		100		Iris P Sam S 110	
Year 10 Weekly Total					
Lucy M 170	Amelia C 60	Emily G 120	Finlay D 210	Carragan M Jake T 130	Erica S 190
Year 11 Weekly Total					
Paul K 150	Finlay W 140	DJ J 180	Ole S 160	Harry C 170	Beth M 130

St Thomas More RC College Fantasy Football League.

The current overall school leader is still Patrick H with 1831 points.

Our current gameweek winner is Frank CS 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 3 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 2026 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 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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Prayer for Holy Week and Easter

Risen Christ,

We give thanks for the new life you have given us.

Show us how to be loving and forgiving, To live in hope and make a change,

So that all people may live in peace, free from poverty.

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