

Dear Parents/Carers

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

ACCOMPANIMENT: 'He was known to them in the breaking of the bread.'

– **Last Sunday's Gospel** - Luke 24: 13 - 35

On Thursday we celebrated Mass with Year 11 Students to pray for success in their upcoming summer exams. It is very fitting that the day was also St George's Day the patron saint of England and other parts of the world such as Palestine and Catalonia. St George celebrates the qualities of hard work, courage, and resilience and these will be so important to the Year 11 students as they use these final few days and weeks to really focus their revision on achieving the best possible outcomes in their exams. We prayed that God would support the students to continue to find the drive and determination to keep working hard in class and with their revision so that they can get the best possible outcomes when they take their exams. As usual the students behaved impeccably during Mass and I am very grateful to Father Peter Hapgood-Strickland for visiting us in school to say Mass for us. Thank you as well to Miss Hague for organising the beautiful service and to the students who delivered the readings/bidding prayers and the students who played musical instruments during Mass.

Mrs Milnes Prayer Garden Tree

After Mass, Father Peter very kindly joined myself, Miss Hague and members of the GIFT team for a short ceremony to bless a beautiful Bay Tree that we have planted in the prayer garden in memory of Mrs Milnes. The tree has been planted in a beautiful area close to the tree that was planted for Miss Mayson a few short weeks ago.

We are still awaiting information about the date of Mrs Milnes' Funeral and I will send out the relevant information when we receive it in school.

Year 9 Holocaust Talk

Mr Sam Neumann visited school today to talk to Year 9 students about the terrible events of the Holocaust during World War 2. Mr Neumann's mother is a Holocaust survivor and we are very honoured in school to be able to hear this family's lived testimony about the horrors of this period of human history. It is so important that we learn from the past so as a human race we never allow something like the Holocaust to ever happen again. As you would expect the respectful behaviour from the year 9 students who listened to the talk in the hall was excellent. Thank you to Mrs McEnroe for organising this vitally important event.

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 5950	Enya K 4680	Inioluwa A 6110	Margot K 5840	Billy W 6800	Izzy N Efe O 4330
Year 8 Total					
Mikayla C 5820	Isabelle C 4970	Ella FO 5050	Maya L 4760	Daisy T 5230	Isabelle D 4470
Year 9 Total					
Charlotte H 4160	Abbie H 5220	Aiden F 4800	Charlotte L 5310	Aerin L 4470	Erin L 5000
Year 10 Total					
Lucy M 6150	Christopher M 4945	Lucy W 4890	Finlay D 4600	Carragan M 5485	Erica S 5360
Year 11 Total					
Olivia K 5010	Sam A 3880	Dominik C 5500	Elizabeth O 4830	Harry C 6350	Cody S 4610

Weekly Winners

T	H	O	M	A	S
Year 7 Weekly Total					
Sam G 160	Taylor C Noah D Enya K 210	Inioluwa A 170	Margot K 210	Billy W 250	Caleb D 170
Year 8 Weekly Total					
Mikayla C Valentina FN 130	Libby HK 180	Ella FO 140	Georgie K Lucas B Denver S 120	Holly P 170	Darcie K 170
Year 9 Weekly Total					
Brooke H 140	Eoin A Frank CS Zuzanna F 120	Aiden F 180	Ellis P 240	Aerin L 120	Erin L Charlie M Scarlett N Isabelle P 180
Year 10 Weekly Total					
Lucy M 160	Chris M 120	Lucy W 140	Florence S 150	Noah J 170	Erica S 170
Year 11 Weekly Total					
Thomas H 150	Kiara M 300	Valerie I 310	Faye H 240	William W 130	Cody S 160

St Thomas More RC College Fantasy Football League.

The current overall school leader is still Patrick H with 1971 points.

Our current gameweek winner is Lucas K with 112 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 is only 1 school week until the written GCSE exams start in the exam hall.

Some exams have begun already with the Language Speaking Exams and the Art Exam taking place this week

*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 last 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 **days** are a hugely important time for Year 11 students and any sustained revision that they can do at home in the next few **days** 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>

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 Thursday 23rd May, before the written GCSE exams start Year 11 had a Mass to pray for success in the forthcoming exams, this replaces the liturgical service to pray for the exams that was originally scheduled on the 1st May.

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 Preparation to Study for Year 11

Lord, I know you are with me and love me.

Give me peace of mind as I prepare for this time of study.

Help me to focus on my books and notes,
keep me from all distractions so that I will make the best use
of this time that is available to me.

Give me insight that I might understand what I am studying,
and help me to remember it when the time comes.

Above all, I thank you for the ability to be able to study

and for the many gifts and talents you have given me.

Help me always to use them in such a way
that they honour you and do justice to myself.

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