

Dear Parents/Carers

Salford Diocese Theme of the Week for Schools

**EDUCATION** *'The Son of Man must be lifted up. Sunday Gospel John 3:13-17*

On my daily tours of the school this week I have been incredibly impressed with the high standards of behaviour and learning from students during the third week of term and the teaching activities that are taking place in classrooms have been excellent. Well done to the whole community for creating such a brilliant learning environment.

Assemblies this week have focused on safeguarding and who students can talk to in school if they need any advice or support. There were also important messages that emphasised our zero tolerance on discrimination, racism or any form of bullying and how important it is to be kind and respectful to others. For Year 7 our local community police officer also popped into assembly to introduce himself and say hello.

As this is such an important set of messages for students, I have posted the slides from the assembly on the school website on the Headteacher's Letters Page under the title Safeguarding Assembly Week Three.

<https://www.stmcollege.org.uk/news/headteachers-letters>

**Year 11**

The start of the new academic year also marks the beginning of post-16 applications for our Year 11 students, including options such as colleges, apprenticeships, and technical training providers.

As application windows open, a range of open events are being offered. Students can access a full list via Satchel:One. However, we strongly recommend that both students and parents/carers check provider websites directly for the most up-to-date information, as event details may change.

Support with applications is available weekly at the Careers Café in Room 42 hosted by Mr Wright. All Year 11 students are welcome to drop in at any time.

**STM Podcast**

The latest episode of our very own St Thomas More podcast 'Beyond the Board: Inside STM' is out now.

Listen here:

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/2RAr471tvDyKiBmsVASJQh?si=uWijnhUJR1eHG7gZ0P6Jxw>

The Podcast Team of Harry C, Olivia K, Paul K and Jack R have worked incredibly hard in planning, recording, editing and finalising episode three - which sees them celebrate our school's Duke of Edinburgh Award (marking the first time the Podcast has been recorded off-site and off-road!).

Thank you to Mr Marsh for also featuring in the teacher interview.

If you are able to listen, please subscribe and rate 5 Stars.

Feedback can be sent to the STM Podcast Team at [podcast@stmcollege.org.uk](mailto:podcast@stmcollege.org.uk)

**Reminder: Open Evening: Early Finish**

*Our Open Evening for prospective parents/carers and students will take place on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September 5pm to 7pm.*

*As is usual practice school will close early on the day of Open Evening (25<sup>th</sup> September) at 12:15 to facilitate the organisation that is required to open the school to many hundreds of parents/carers and their children.*

*Further information will be provided about buses that are available for students to travel home in on the day in due course*

**Bus Drivers Strike: Monday**

Following the bus drivers' strike today that was mentioned in last week's letter there will be another strike on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September affecting the 719/219 bus service, please do contact the school on Monday if your son/daughter is unable to make the journey to school due to the strike.

As today the 786 and 790 bus services are unaffected and are running as normal.

**St Thomas More RC College Fantasy Football League**

A high scoring week this week for a number of players and managers need to make sure they make any changes to their team before 11am on Saturday before the Liverpool/Everton Derby at 12:30.

The current overall school leader with 266 points is Bobby D.  
Bobby was also the Game week 5 winner with a massive 92 points.

There is still time to join the league as there are weekly winners for every gameweek.

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>

**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](mailto: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**

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<b>Year 7 Total</b>					
Olly A 390	Lily E 590	Inioluwa A 660	Margot K 600	Billy W 560	Tommy M 390
<b>Year 8 Total</b>					
Valentina FN 540	Isabelle C 330	Mikayla C 440	Lucas BT 340	Imogen S 430	Solomon K 510
<b>Year 9 Total</b>					
Jalodia O Charlotte H 400	Albie N 630	Aiden F 490	Franek S Charlotte L 520	Eleanor L 400	Erin L 400
<b>Year 10 Total</b>					
Lucy M 740	Doreen A 440	Emily G 570	Iris L 600	Evie B 540	Ole M 540
<b>Year 11 Total</b>					
Olivia K 420	Ava F 380	Valerie I 440	Lauren L 430	Harry C 510	Reve MM 450

### Weekly Winners

T	H	O	M	A	S
<b>Year 7 Weekly Total</b>					
Olly A 170	Lily E 230	Inioluwa A 200	Margot K 220	Rosie B Poppy O'C Billy W 210	Oliver J 210
<b>Year 8 Weekly Total</b>					
Valentina FN 230	Isabelle C 150	Mikayla C 210	Lucas BT 150	Daisy T 160	Anna HR Una L Connor M 140
<b>Year 9 Weekly Total</b>					
Jalodia O Charlotte H 400	Abbie H 260	Aiden F 230	Winter Li Charlotte L 210	Eleanor L 160	Erin L Charlie M 200
<b>Year 10 Weekly Total</b>					
Orla C 260	Jessica F 140	Oliver D 210	Iris L 280	Evie B 230	Ole M 260
<b>Year 11 Weekly Total</b>					
Olivia K 220	Jack R 180	Valerie I 210	Lauren L 200	Harry C 230	Cody S 190

### 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](mailto: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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**2025 Jubilee Year for the Catholic Church**

2025 has been designated as a Jubilee Year by the Catholic Church 'Pilgrims of Hope' as the theme.

### **Prayer for Education**

Dear Lord,

Please let us use our talents and skills for the development and betterment of all.

Let us strive to educate others in the Gospel values of love and care in all we do.

**Amen**

### **Upcoming Events (dates may be subject to change for unforeseen circumstances)**

Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Open Evening
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 11 Information Evening
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> to 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Year 7 Retreats Savio House
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Visit of the Right Reverend Bishop of Salford
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Year 11 Mock Interviews
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> to 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 8/9 Battlefields Trip
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Talent Show
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	School Closes for October Holiday
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	School opens for November Half Term
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 11 Parents Evening
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Leavers Presentation Evening
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	School Closed to Students/Staff
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Year 11 Mock Exams Begin
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Advent Mass
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Senior Citizens Christmas Party
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	School closes for Christmas 12:15
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	School Opens for Spring Term for Students
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	New Year Mass
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Year 10 Parents Evening
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 7 Stratford Trip
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	School Closes For February Holiday
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	School opens for February Half Term
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 9 Parents Evening
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	GCSE Drama Performance Event
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 9 Pathways Evening
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 7 Parents Evening
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	School Closes for Easter Holiday
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	School Opens for Summer Term
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Open Mic Event
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 8 Parents Evening
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	GCSEs Begin Year 11
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	School Closes for May Half Term
Monday 1st June	School opens for June Half Term
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> to 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 10 Science Residential
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 10 Exams Begin

Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 6 Parents Information Evening
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Key Stage 3 Rewards Evening
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	School Closes for Summer 12:15