

Dear Parents/Carers

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

**WITNESS: 'I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper.'**

– **Last Sunday's Gospel** - John 14: 15- 21

On Thursday we celebrated the Feast of the Ascension Day with prayers in form time due to the limitations on using the Hall due to the GCSE exams.

The Feast of the Ascension commemorates the last earthly appearance of the Risen Christ, who ascended into heaven in the presence of many witnesses. It is one of the four most important dates in the Catholic Calendar and occurs on the Thursday 40 days after Easter. It marks the end of the Easter season and falls ten days before Pentecost.

According to the accounts in the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles, Jesus appeared to many of his disciples during the 40 days following his resurrection to instruct them on how to carry out his teachings. On the 40th day, he led the Apostles out to the Mount of Olives where he instructed them to wait in Jerusalem for the promise of the Holy Spirit. Then, as they were watching, he ascended into Heaven.

#### **Advance Notice May Half term Holiday**

The school will close on Friday 22nd May at the end of the day for the May Half-Term Holiday and then reopen on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June at the normal time.

#### **Duke of Edinburgh!**

Well done, to the Year 9 students who are currently braving the very unseasonably cold weather of their Duke of Edinburgh Residential Expedition.

I am informed that the students are having a wonderful time but are probably looking forward to getting back to some home comforts and central heating!

Thank you so much to the school staff who have given up time with their families to supervise the students during the course of the two day expedition assessment.

#### **St Thomas More RC College Achievement Point League**

No update to the Achievement Point league this week for Year 11s due to the exams starting but below are the scores for Year 7 to Year 10.

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

| T                    | H                     | O                  | M                   | A                      | S                |
|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Year 7 Total</b>  |                       |                    |                     |                        |                  |
| Joseph M<br>6640     | Enya K<br>6130        | Inioluwa A<br>6530 | Margot K<br>6340    | Billy W<br>7490        | Efe O<br>4710    |
| <b>Year 8 Total</b>  |                       |                    |                     |                        |                  |
| Mikayla C<br>6220    | Isabelle C<br>5420    | Ella FO<br>5460    | Maya L<br>5220      | Daisy T<br>5680        | Darcie K<br>4830 |
| <b>Year 9 Total</b>  |                       |                    |                     |                        |                  |
| Charlotte H<br>4490  | Abbie H<br>5630       | Aiden F<br>5060    | Charlotte L<br>5760 | Aerin L<br>4750        | Erin L<br>5410   |
| <b>Year 10 Total</b> |                       |                    |                     |                        |                  |
| Lucy M<br>6810       | Christopher M<br>5585 | Lucy W<br>5360     | Finlay D<br>5140    | Carragan M<br>58611505 | Erica S<br>5980  |

## Weekly Winners

| T                              | H                          | O               | M               | A                 | S                           |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Year 7 Weekly Total</b>     |                            |                 |                 |                   |                             |
| Taliyah S<br>190               | Enya K<br>90               | Hollie B<br>130 | Dora C<br>230   | Billy W<br>210    | Lacey W<br>210              |
| <b>Year 8 Weekly Total</b>     |                            |                 |                 |                   |                             |
| Valentina FN<br>140            | Libby HK<br>140            | Ella FO<br>140  | Heidi K<br>160  | Raquel M<br>120   | Darcie K<br>140             |
| <b>Year 9 Weekly Total</b>     |                            |                 |                 |                   |                             |
| Georgia O'N<br>Thomas G<br>110 | Olivia N<br>120            | Aiden F<br>110  | Ellis P<br>120  | Jacob B<br>100    | Isabelle P<br>Erin L<br>130 |
| <b>Year 10 Weekly Total</b>    |                            |                 |                 |                   |                             |
| Jamie W<br>180                 | Doreen A<br>Archie G<br>60 | Oliver D<br>100 | Finlay D<br>150 | Carragan M<br>120 | Joshua F<br>150             |

## St Thomas More RC College Fantasy Football League.

The current overall school leader is still Patrick H with 2135 points.

Our current gameweek winner is Georgie A with a massive 100 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: School Production High School Musical: Props**

*The rehearsals for the Summer School Production of High School Musical are in full swing and we are looking forward to an absolutely amazing performance from all the cast members and support crew.*

*We do however need some help sourcing some items to be used as Props on the list of items below:*

*Please bear in mind that items used as props sometimes can get lost or damaged in the excitement of the production so we would only seek donations of items that are old or unused as it is not always possible to return donated items:*

*Thank you so much for the donations we have already received, below is the updated list of the items we still need.*

*Old Mobile Phones or Phone Cases (don't need to work) (used in scenes where characters make calls or text)*

*Referees Whistle*

*Old Reading glasses*

*Plastic/Fake Birthday/Celebration Cake*

*Artificial plants.*

*Sports Timer and Scoreboard*

*White bed Sheets*

*Many thanks in advance, items can either be donated at the office or brought in by students and handed directly to Mrs Kirkham or Mrs Doran*

**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***

*GCSE examinations have now begun so it is vitally important that Year 11 students are completing lots of revision at home this weekend and then continuing this during the exam period at, weekends, evenings and over the half term holiday when it arrives. 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 the exams they still have to sit.*

*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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> June students can then revise for the small number of remaining exams at home.*

*On the morning of Friday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> April, before the written GCSE exams started 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](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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### **Prayer on the feast of the Ascension**

Lord Jesus,

You became man and came to live among us.

For love of us, you suffered and died for us

Because you are God, you conquered death and rose on the third day.

At the Ascension you returned to your Father and our Father,

But you promised to remain with us until the end of time,

and to send us the Holy Spirit.

We rejoice and thank you, Lord Jesus.

**Amen.**

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

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| 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                         |

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| 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 1 <sup>st</sup> 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                  |
| Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June                                    | Year 6 Information/Induction Evening |
| Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July                                  | Year 11 Prom                         |
| Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July                                   | Key Stage 3 Rewards Evening          |
| Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July to Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> July | Year 10 London Trip                  |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July                                    | School Closes for Summer 12:15       |