

Dear Parents/Carers

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

COMMUNICATION: 'Father, glorify your Son.'

– **Last Sunday's Gospel** - John 17: 1- 11

In the Catholic Church on Sunday we celebrate Pentecost Sunday.

The word Pentecost is Greek and it means "50th day." Fifty days after Easter Sunday, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and their followers, and the beginning of their Earthly ministry to make disciples of all nations.

At Pentecost, the Apostles and their followers were gathered in a room. The bible tells us that at this time, a great wind blew and a flame appeared as a tongue of fire, which split itself into many individual flames above the heads of all the followers of Jesus who were there. The Holy Spirit gave them the skill and courage to spread the Good News of the Gospel, so Pentecost can be viewed as the Birthday of the Catholic Church!

Happy Birthday!!

I want to say thank you to all our families, staff and students who have shown remarkable strength, kindness and courage in the face of the very sad news that we have worked through as a Catholic Community over the last few months.

The staff have done outstanding work in preparing Year 11 students for their exams and ensuring that students have the opportunity to make excellent progress through the curriculum in all year groups.

Very well done also to all the students who have shown such outstanding behaviour and conduct throughout the term, our standards and expectations are so important to provide an excellent culture for learning and it is very pleasing to see so many students highly committed to their studies.

Thank you as well to all our families who as always have been so supportive this half term, with your support week in week out we are able to create the conditions that give your sons/daughters the best chance to be highly successful in school.

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 1st June at the normal time.

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 10 to Year 7

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 6810	Enya K 6400	Inioluwa A 6690	Margot K 6510	Billy W 7790	Efe O 4800
Year 8 Total					
Mikayla C 6400	Isabelle C 5610	Ella FO 5610	Maya L 5420	Daisy T 5860	Darcie K 4950
Year 9 Total					
Charlotte H 4580	Abbie H 5760	Aiden F 5210	Charlotte L 5960	Aerin L 4850	Erin L 5580
Year 10 Total					
Lucy M 7120	Christopher M 5735	Lucy W 5330	Finlay D 5330	Carragan M 6325	Erica S 6190

Weekly Winners

T	H	O	M	A	S
Year 7 Weekly Total					
Esme L Sam G 160	Lily E 260	Alex McM 180	Dora C Grace T 190	Billy W 250	Lacey W Tommy M 130
Year 8 Weekly Total					
Mikayla C 160	Libby HK Isabelle C 170	Evie K 160	Maya L 190	Daisy T 150	Stemilly O 150
Year 9 Weekly Total					
Kieran H 150	Zuzanna F 210	Aiden F 150	Charlotte L 170	Lucy TR Iris P 120	Ruby W Erin L 170
Year 10 Weekly Total					
Lucy M 260	Christopher M 120	Lucy W 230	Finlay D 190	Poppy S 190	Ole M 250

St Thomas More RC College Fantasy Football League.

The current overall school leader is still Patrick H with 2227 points ahead of the final weekend of games.

Our current gameweek winner is Oliver D with a massive 94 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>

School Production High School Musical Tickets

Our Summer Musical and Theatre Production this year is High School Musical on the evenings of the 7th and 8th July 2026.

Tickets go on sale during form time on the 1st June and will also be available on Parent Pay.

Tickets are charged at Adults £5 – Concessions and U18s £3

We are very much looking forward to the performance and the whole team are working so hard, please come along and support us if you can.

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 at over the half term holiday. 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 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.

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 Pentecost Sunday

*Come Holy Spirit,
blow away division and despair.
Light your flame of courage and hope in us
and warm our hearts with wisdom and love.*

*Be our Helper, as we seek your ways of justice.
Be our Comforter, as we share your peace with our wounded world.
Be our Advocate, as we call for the fullness of life for all.*

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