

Dear Parents/Carers

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

TRINITY: *'God sent His Son in order that the world might be saved through him.'*

– **Last Sunday's Gospel** - John 3: 16- 18

It has been lovely to start the final half term of the school year this week despite the unseasonably cold and wet weather for June. I have visited many classes this week and it has been wonderful to see so many hardworking students displaying an excellent attitude to their learning so that they can make great progress through the curriculum. Well done to all the students who looked so smart in their uniform on the return to school. The standards and expectations that we have in school are so important to maintain an excellent culture for learning and I am grateful for all the support of parents and carers in helping their sons and daughters to arrive at school ready to learn, so they can be the best that they can be through the fantastic education we provide here.

I have also been incredibly impressed with the Year 11 students who have approached their Summer examinations with great diligence and commitment. Through their hard work and the excellent teaching that they have received here at St Thomas More RC College they have been brilliantly prepared for their exams and it has been really pleasing to see their mature approach over the last few weeks. Today marks another milestone in their journey through the exam period as Year 11 began study leave today and now only need to be present in school for their remaining exams or lessons in which they still have exams left to prepare for. Very well done to the hardworking Year 11 students who have given themselves every chance of achieving excellent outcomes on GCSE results day and have also set an incredible example to the other students in school.

Student Spotlight Year 7 Design and Technology

I am told that Year 7 have been working really hard, learning different methods of hand sewing in Textiles and Design Lessons. Students have been showing some fantastic skills and working together to help each other out. We are looking forward to seeing what beautiful designs they create for their end of year assessment.

Student Spotlight Holly P and Margot K

Well done to Holly P and Margot K who are performing in the English Youth Ballet production of Swan Lake. We are so proud of them for successfully auditioning and rehearsing for the roles against intense competition for places.

There is a brilliant article online (link below) in the Tameside Reporter about our Dance Stars, very well done!

<https://www.notreallyheremedia.com/news/all-news/tameside-youngsters-to-shine-in-prestigious-ballet-production/>

St Thomas More RC College Achievement Point League

No updates to the Achievement Point league this week as it is the first week back after the holidays, the league will return next week

St Thomas More RC College Fantasy Football League.

The final overall school winner for 2025/2026 Patrick H with an amazing 2241 points which was enough to take the victory from Oliver D in second place with 2228 points

There will be a suitable prize for Patrick next week for his managerial brilliance. Congratulations to all the players on a fantastic competition this year and details for next year's league will be posted as soon as they are released. All new players will be very welcome.

Reminder: 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

On Tuesday 9th June there will be a specially scheduled maths lesson 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

Lord God,

*open us up to your spirit living within us,
that we may live full lives each day.*

*May we live in such a way that we never take anything for granted,
But always be appreciative and express our thanks
to those who are important parts of our lives*

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 1st 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