

Dear Parents/Carers

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

Communion: *'My flesh is true food and my blood is true drink.'*

– **Last Sunday's Gospel** - John 6: 51- 58

We have been so proud of the Year 11s this week as we looked back on five years of being outstanding members of our school community with their Shirt Signing Celebration on Tuesday. We wish all of them every success in the future and we can't wait to see them on results day in the Summer (20th August) when I am sure there will be some absolutely incredible results. School of course is about much more than GCSE and Vocational Examination outcomes and I have to say that it has been a real pleasure seeing the Year 11 students grow into confident, kind, respectful and mature young men and women during their time in school. It has been an absolute privilege to know each and every one of them and they have set an outstanding example for the younger students in school and I know that staff will miss the year group a great deal when they have their final exams next week and cross another great milestone in their secondary school journey.

I would like to thank all the parents and students of year 11 who have sent in gifts or cards to staff in school to thank colleagues for all the time, effort and care they have put into educating the students over the past 5 years, I know it means a lot to staff, and they are genuinely touched by your kindness, so thank you.

Uniform (pre-loved) particularly Year 11 at their last exam.

Students at our school who wear their uniform with pride look incredibly smart and this helps to contribute to our high standards that lead to our fantastic outcomes.

We are aware that the cost of school uniform can be a significant consideration for parents/carers so over the last three years we have reviewed our school uniform policy with affordability in mind, the uniform policy is available on the school website policy documents page.

For parents/carers who are finding purchasing uniform challenging we can on occasion offer financial support, but each year we go further and seek to provide good quality second hand uniform for **free** or for a small voluntary donation if the recipient wishes.

If you do have any unwanted uniform at home that is in good condition then please do consider donating it to school for redistribution, we are especially interested in blazers, jumpers, ties and school PE Kit.

Any items for donation can be brought to the school office and over the summer we will arrange a pre-owned uniform collection event for families who wish to use the service to obtain uniform for their sons/daughters.

Year 11 Students when they have sat their last exam might consider with parental consent handing in their tie, jumper and blazer to staff if they are no longer required as these are valuable items of uniform that can gladly be reused.

Thank you to everyone who donates items of uniform.

Visit of Mr Simon Smith, Director of Education for Salford Diocese

It was my pleasure and privilege to welcome Simon Smith, the Director of Education for the whole of our Salford Catholic Diocese to school on Friday. On a tour of the school Mr Smith was incredibly impressed and very complimentary about the school, and its students and staff. All the students that we spoke to on the corridor and in lessons were perfectly polite, charming and eloquent and Mr Smith commended all the work that the school was doing and left with a fantastic impression of our outstanding school. It is good to know that our consistent and rational standards/expectations for the school have created such a fantastic and impressive learning community that is self-evident to visitors such as Mr Smith who visits a huge number of schools and feels that we are right to be incredibly proud of our school.

Advance Notice of Key Dates

Please be aware that the school breaks up for the Summer holiday on Friday 17th July, school finishes at 12:15 for students on the last day.

Students return to school on Thursday 3rd September 2025.

Year 6 Transition Evening is on Monday 29th June for parents/carers of new Year 7s starting at school in September 2026.

Key Stage 3 - Yr7-9 Rewards Evening will be celebrated on Thursday 9th July and further details will follow for nominated students and families in due course.

Year 10 Work Experience is Monday 13th July to Friday 17th July inclusive and students in Year will either be attending their Work Experience Placements at the workplace or completing their virtual workplace experience online via remote learning at home.

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 on sale now 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.

St Thomas More RC College Achievement Point League

I am so sorry to the winners of the achievement point league this week that I didn't get round to classes on Friday afternoon with the victory sweets but I will be handing them out on Monday morning!! Well done to all the winners.

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 7250	Lily E 6920	Inioluwa A 7110	Margot K 6920	Billy W 8290	Efe O 5110
Year 8 Total					
Mikayla C 6720	Isabelle C 5890	Ella FO 6060	Maya L 5870	Daisy T 6230	Darcie K 5420
Year 9 Total					
Charlotte H 4880	Abbie H 6110	Aiden F 5750	Charlotte L 6370	Aerin L 5200	Erin L 6080
Year 10 Total					
Lucy M 7480	Christopher M 6165	Lucy W 5670	Finlay D 5670	Carragan M 6705	Erica S 6640

Weekly Winners

T	H	O	M	A	S
Year 7 Weekly Total					
Joseph M 220	Reon H 230	Nancy L 230	Margot K 200	Billy W 270	Eloise D 120
Year 8 Weekly Total					
Valentina FN 230	Libby HK 230	Ella FO 190	Maddie D 170	Abigail B 220	Darcie K 240
Year 9 Weekly Total					
Reuben F 160	Albie K 210	Eva K 240	Marcel M Ellis P 170	Lucy TR 310	Erin L 220
Year 10 Weekly Total					
Lucy M 190	Archie G 110	Oliver D 200	Finlay D 120	Poppy S 130	Erica S 200

Student Spotlight and Staff Football Match

Well done to Alex S who organised a wonderful staff football match for Charity on Friday afternoon and thank you to all the students and staff that came to support

Thank you as well to all the staff and students that supported our charity efforts on Friday by buying or making cakes for the staffroom to raise money for the Beechwood Cancer Care Centre in Stockport

that is a wonderful charity that is very close to the heart of Mrs Stobart who worked at St Thomas More RC College for many years before she was diagnosed with Leukaemia.

The funds we raised on Friday are divided between two fantastic charities

Beechwood Cancer Care Centre £129

And

Alzheimer's UK £140

Thank you so much for your generosity.

Well done also to Margot K who has been appointed as our new Deputy Steward and Libby who has been appointed as Deputy Leader in the Faith in Action team, we are so proud that these outstanding students have taken up this wonderful student leadership positions.

Well done also to the students who are preparing for the Tameside Young Reader Awards at the end of the season, reading is such an important and lifelong skill and we are very pleased to be supporting these wonderful students.

Year 11 IMPORTANT Reminder

GCSE Summer 2026 Exams:

GCSE Written Exams begins -- 5th May 2026 to 15th June 2026

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 Year 11 as they take their final exams and look to the future

God, we pray for our Year 11 students,

As you leave this place.

Take with you every blessing you received here:

Blessings of friendship

Blessings of memories

Blessings of knowledge

And as you leave to begin a new journey, leave us your blessing; your uniqueness, the mark you leave on this place that is only you.

Always remember our community is infinitely better to have known your presence.

May you all be refreshed this Summer, so when the next step in your journey begins,

you may all meet new challenges, new places, new people,

with a bright and cheerful heart.

We pray that all may grow and learn to live with Love.

May God bless you all this day and through all the days to come.

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