

Dear Parents/Carers

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

Courage: ‘Do not fear those who kill the body.’

– **Last Sunday’s Gospel** - Matthew 10: 26 - 33

Thank you to all the staff and students who have coped admirably with the hot weather this week, I know that it has been very uncomfortable at times both in school and at home with the oppressive heat but the students and staff have shown great resilience to keep up with their learning and I am pleased that we were able to make some sensible adaptations to the school dress code to make it a little bit more comfortable.

The forecast for Monday is thankfully much, much cooler so we will be able to move back to full school uniform without the need to wear a jumper on Monday.

Thank you for all your support this week

We had a lovely peaceful celebration of St Thomas More’s Feast Day on Monday with a lovely selection of prayer that were read during form time and we finished the day with a bonus ice lolly for all the students delivered to class by their Head of Year.

Trips

Year 10 College Taster Days

Good luck to the Year 10 Students who are attending Sixth Form College Taster days today. It is a fantastic opportunity to raise aspirations and find out more about the possibilities for further study post 16.

Year 8 Paris Residential

Bon Voyage to the students attending the Paris residential trip in France over the weekend that set off last night. We hope you have a wonderful time and enjoy the weather, thank you so much to the staff who have planned the exciting trip and are giving up their weekend to supervise the students abroad.

Tameside Young Readers Awards

Well done to the students who attended the Tameside Young Readers Awards at Dukinfield Town Hall this week. I am told that the students performed brilliantly and represented the school superbly.

Reminder: Uniform (pre-loved)

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.

Thank you to everyone who donates items of uniform.

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

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 7570	Enya K 7200	Inioluwa A 7360	Margot K 7260	Billy W 8810	Efe O 5360
Year 8 Total					
Mikayla C 6930	Isabelle C 6090	Ella FO 6350	Maya L 6160	Daisy T 6560	Darcie K 5680
Year 9 Total					
Charlotte H 5110	Abbie H 6340	Aiden F 5940	Charlotte L 6620	Aerin L 5410	Erin L 6320
Year 10 Total					
Lucy M 7700	Christopher M 6245	Lucy W 6220	Finlay D 5790	Carragan M 6830	Erica S 6820

Weekly Winners

T	H	O	M	A	S
Year 7 Weekly Total					
Izzie W 180	Enya K 240	Nancy L 150	Margot K 170	Billy W 250	Eloise D Efe O 120
Year 8 Weekly Total					
Valentina FN 160	Libby HK 120	Anna M 170	Lucas BT 160	Sophia W 190	Darcie K 180
Year 9 Weekly Total					
Charlotte H 130	Abbie H Zuzanna F 150	Eva K 60	Ellis P 180	Jacob B 110	Isabelle P 160
Year 10 Weekly Total					
Lucy M 120	Doreen A 90	Emily G Nikita MN Max W 100	Finlay D 90	Poppy S 70	Erica S 110

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 of Courage inspired by St Thomas More

"Dear Lord,

Please grant us the courage and strength to face challenges ahead like our patron Saint, Thomas More.

When we are uncertain, be our guide, and when we are afraid, be our comfort.

Fill our heart with faith so we may take brave steps forward.

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