

Dear Parents/Carers

Salford Diocese Theme of the Week for Schools

SERVICE *'You cannot serve God and money'* - **Sunday Gospel** Luke 16:1-13

It has been a fantastic week in school with assemblies focused on the excellent work of the GIFT Team and Stewards Team who have such a crucial role in supporting the prayer life of the school and coordinating our charity and environmental work. The school choir were in fine voice this morning signing the school hymn for Year 7 at the start of assembly.

Year 10 had the opportunity to hear from our external work experience provider this week and there were some very important messages to listen to so that the students can plan a really meaningful opportunity for themselves in the world of work at the end of the academic year. Year 11s have also been receiving information from external speakers from local 6th Form Colleges in assembly so that they can plan for their next steps after GCSEs.

Open Evening

Thank you to all the staff and students who stayed behind after school last night to host our highly successful Open Evening. The event was our busiest ever with all three Headteacher's talks having standing room only. Parents and carers were keen to hear about our challenging and academic curriculum, excellent exam results, high standards and expectations for student conduct, and our calm, polite, and respectful culture. All the students who volunteered were excellent ambassadors for the school and we have received an overwhelming amount of positive feedback with some parents/carers handing in additional application forms on the evening. It is no surprise that we are so popular and oversubscribed year after year with 440 families applying for just 160 places last year. Well done to the whole community on a wonderful event.

Bus Drivers Strike: week beginning 29th September

Following the most recent bus drivers' strike last week, we have now been informed that there will be another strike on Tuesday 30nd September, Wednesday 1st October and Thursday 2nd October affecting the 719/219 bus service. Please do contact the school if your son/daughter is unable to make the journey to school due to the strike.

As far as we are aware the 787 and 790 bus services are unaffected and are running as normal.

St Thomas More RC College Fantasy Football League.

A high scoring week this week for a number of players and managers need to make sure they make any changes to their team before 11am on Saturday before the Man Utd/Brentford game at 12:30

The current overall school leader with 325 points is Bobby D.

Thomas H Year 11 was also the Game week 6 winner with a massive 71 points.

There is still time to join the league as there are weekly winners for every gameweek.

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>

GCSEs in other Languages

Can your child speak an additional language other than English and would like to achieve an additional GCSE?

Students in Year 10 and 11 who are able to speak a language other than English and would like to sit a GCSE in the Summer 2026 in this language are encouraged to please see Mrs Laycock/Mrs Jennings during your lunch or after school in R29B/R29A as soon as possible so we can make the arrangements to support you in achieving an additional GCSE.

Exam Invigilator:

CASUAL POSTS: During exam periods only (2wks Dec; 8wks May & June)

Hours as required: 8.15am – 4.00pm

St Thomas More RC College is looking for Exam Invigilators, responsible for the supervision of external (GCSE) and internal examinations in the examination rooms in accordance with the rules and regulations of the respective examination boards and the school as instructed by the Exams Manager.

If you interested and require any further information or an informal discussion about the post, please do not hesitate to contact our Exams Manager via: Email: r.mansoor@stmcollege.org.uk

St Thomas More RC College Achievement Point League

Well done to all the students who are collecting so many achievements by doing the simple things really well in school. Bravo!

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 670	Lily E 740	Inioluwa A 780	Margot K 780	Billy W 750	Tommy M 530
Year 8 Total					
Valentina FN 810	Isabelle C 470	Mikayla C 670	Lucas BT 470	Imogen S Daisy T 600	Stemilly O 710
Year 9 Total					

Jalodia O 530	Abbie H 850	Aiden F 670	Franek S 740	Eleanor L 560	Charlie M 640
Year 10 Total					
Lucy M 1000	Jacob E 700	Oliver D 890	Iris L 780	Evie B 810	Ole M 700
Year 11 Total					
Olivia K 620	Oliver H 510	Valerie I 670	Lauren L 590	Harry C 720	Reve MM 620

Weekly Winners

T	H	O	M	A	S
Year 7 Weekly Total					
Joseph M 240	Sebastian S Carter McL 190	Bella H 210	Noah H 180	Jhaziah N 190	Emmet B Eloise D 160
Year 8 Weekly Total					
Valentina FN 250	Kacper C 160	Mikayla C 220	Izzie KH 140	Daisy T Raquel M 170	Stemilly O 170
Year 9 Weekly Total					
Jalodia O 140	Abbie H 200	Aiden F 140	Ellis P 170	Aerin L 120	Charlie M 230
Year 10 Weekly Total					
Miracle O Lana McC Lucy M 210	Jacob E 180	Wiktor K 280	Holly H Finlay D 220	Noah J 220	Miya R 230
Year 11 Weekly Total					
Annie M 220	Oliver H 170	Valerie I 210	Faye H 170	Ruby L 230	Spencer C 170

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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2025 Jubilee Year for the Catholic Church

2025 has been designated as a Jubilee Year by the Catholic Church 'Pilgrims of Hope' as the theme.

Prayer for Education

Lord of all,

Open our eyes to the needs of those around us,
and help us to our best to serve others as you did.

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
Friday 17 th July	School Closes for Summer 12:15