

Dear Parents/Carers

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

GRATITUDE *'You received good things, and Lazarus bad things; now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish.'* – **Last Sunday's Gospel** - Luke 16:19-31

Another brilliant week in school with excellent behaviour and attitude to learning displayed by the students, they are building the foundations for unbelievable success in the future. Well done to everyone who is working so hard.

Assemblies this week have focused on the importance of Fairtrade so that farmers particularly in developing countries get a fair price for the goods they produce. Supporting Fairtrade is just another example of the excellent work that the school does in following the lessons of Catholic Social Teaching.

Year 11 Information Evening: Countdown to Year 11 December Mocks Examinations

Only 8 Weeks to the Year 11 December Mock Examinations

Thank you to the parents/carers and students who attended the Year 11 Information Evening last Monday. The support you are demonstrating for your sons and daughters in their education is much appreciated. Current Year 11 are an incredibly talented year group and it was good to see one of our highest ever attendance figures at the information evening.

Key Messages from the event for Year 11 and their families were:

- The importance of the Mock Examinations can't be overstated. Students who do well in the Mocks go on to do well in the Summer GCSEs. Students must make the Mock Examinations a priority over the next 8 weeks.
- Students have been given challenging/appropriate target grades to work towards for their Mock Exams, it is great to hear that some students have been requesting increased target grades!!
- Revision outside of school is key, students have been provided with a revision timetable and booklet. Students should be doing some revision most days (5/6 days out of 7 days) in the lead up to the Mocks and Summer exams. Revision for the Mocks should have started now.
- Getting enough sleep this year is vital so that students can concentrate well in class every day.
- Consider how much screen time (mobile phones/consoles) is appropriate to leave enough time for revision. If screen time is too high it needs to be reduced to leave enough time to revise for exams.
- Work hard in every lesson without distraction and ensure attendance and punctuality is as good as it possibly can be.
- Also some very important messages about the rules and regulations concerning exams.

Year 10 Work Experience

Last week, Year 10 students attended a morning assembly led by the Director of Our Futures - the work experience company who facilitate year 10 work experience.

In tutor time, pupils received a set of work experience letters detailing the next steps in beginning their work experience journey, and in securing their work experience placements.

Parents/carers: Please read the work experience letters and use the QR codes to register and express consent.

Dates of note (issued by the work experience company)

Parent/carer consent deadline: **Friday 24th October 2025**

Student deadline for completion of all paperwork: **Friday 23rd January 2026**

Reminder: All year 10 students can access 1:1 support with all related work experience queries at the Careers Cafe, each Tuesday after school in room 42.

Year 7 Savio House Retreat

We have had some incredible feedback from the staff at Savio House following the whole of Year 7 visiting the retreat centre over the past 3 days. Year 7 have been excellent ambassadors for the school and have enjoyed their time making friends and memories that will help them settle into school and feel like a true part of our wonderful Catholic Community.

Well done Year 7 and thank you to school staff who organised and supervised the trips.

MFL Languages Day

Thank you to the MFL staff who organised a fun and engaging Modern Foreign Languages Day last week that was jam packed with great activities during lessons. Staff within the department even dressed up with traditional items of clothing from their country of choice.

It is a pleasure to work with staff who are so passionate about their subject area and raising its profile and importance within school.

National Poetry Day

It was great to see a number of departments including English, Maths and RE celebrating National Poetry Day on Thursday. There were lots of great activities to mark the day and some of the poems that have been produced are absolutely out of this world.

A poem: Your Best

*If you always try your best
Then you'll never have to wonder
About what you could have done
If you'd summoned all your thunder.*

*And if your best
Was not as good
As you hoped it would be,
You still could say,
"I gave today
All that I had in me."*

~ Barbara Vance

Stewards Team

The Environmental Stewards team have been involved in the Pet Plant Project this week that has seen all form rooms gifted with a Pet Plant for eventual planting in the school allotment. Stewards have also taken part in our annual worm count and soil health test this week so we can make sure all the plants in the prayer garden will continue to grow as well as possible.

St Thomas More RC College Fantasy Football League.

Great football this week!! Managers need to make sure they make any changes to their team before 6:30pm on tonight before the Bournemouth/Fulham game at 8pm

The current overall school leader with 398 points is Bobby D.
Lucas K Year 10 was also the Game week 6 winner with a massive 86 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>

Reminder: 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.

Reminder: Exam Invigilator Vacancy

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 880	Enya K 930	Inioluwa A 980	Margot K 970	Billy W 1030	Izzy N 670
Year 8 Total					
Valentina FN 990	Isabelle C 690	Mikayla C 880	Lucas BT 650	Mieszko J 840	Stemilly O 880
Year 9 Total					
Charlotte H 740	Abbie H 1120	Aiden F 930	Franek S 740	Eleanor L 770	Charlie M 810
Year 10 Total					
Lucy M 1150	Katie W 880	Oliver D 1130	Iris L 910	Evie B 1000	Ole M 940
Year 11 Total					
Olivia K 880	Oliver H 690	Pelumi A 830	Elizabeth O 810	Harry C 950	Reve MM 830

Weekly Winners

T	H	O	M	A	S
Year 7 Weekly Total					
Taliyah S Ayda L 240	Elsie M-N 200	Luca P Alisha P 200	Nancy K 190	Billy W 190	Qasim IB 120
Year 8 Weekly Total					
Poppy A 170	Isabelle C 170	Ella FO 190	Maya L 220	Daisy T Mieszko J 190	Anna HR Cassie D 150
Year 9 Weekly Total					
Charlotte H Riley C 190	Abbie H 230	Aiden F 200	Charlotte L 170	Eleanor L 170	Ruby W 200
Year 10 Weekly Total					
Iona D 200	Chris M 180	Oliver D 210	Finlay D 1500	Evie B 190	Chloe T 220
Year 11 Weekly Total					
Olivia K 250	Oliver H 180	Dominik C 190	Olivia M 220	Ruby L 210	Cody S 210

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 of Gratitude

Dear Lord,
Thank you for our friends and family,
thank you for the acts of care that we sometimes miss or fail to recognise in the moment.
Let us always look for the positives and smile and spread Joy to others.

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
Friday 17 th July	School closes for Summer 12:15