

Dear Parents/Carers

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

TRUST *'If you had faith.'* – **Last Sunday's Gospel** - Luke 17:5-10

As we are now in October, assemblies this week have focused on the very important subject of Black History Month that has the theme this year of "Standing Firm in Power and Pride".

The Black History Month website describes the theme for 2025 as *"A powerful tribute to the resilience, strength, and unwavering commitment to progress that defines the Black community across the globe. This year, the theme highlights the profound contributions made by Black people be they leaders, activists, or pioneers who have shaped history, while also looking towards a future of continued empowerment, unity, and growth."*

We are proud to live and work in a Catholic Community where everyone is welcome and celebrated for their own unique gifts and talents.

A special mention also to the School Choir who were in fine voice this morning singing the school hymn at the start of year 7 Assembly.

Visit of the Right Reverend Bishop John Arnold to St Thomas More RC College

I am pleased to be able to inform you that the Right Reverend Bishop of Salford John Arnold will once again be visiting school next week. It is such a great honour for our Catholic Community to welcome such a prestigious guest and we are looking forward to the Bishop having a tour of our Chapel in the CLC and meeting the Student Leadership Team, the Faith in Action Team including the GIFT and Stewards team.

Tameside Youth Drama Group

A number of St Thomas More Students are taking part in the Tameside Youth Drama Group Pantomime production of Cinderella, running from 22nd January 2026 to 24th January 2026.

All the cast are working incredibly hard in rehearsals and we wish them all the best of luck for the performances in January!!

Tickets are now on sale priced at £10/£12 and are available at www.sparksem.co.uk

REMINDER: Countdown to Year 11 December Mocks Examinations

Only 7 Weeks to the Year 11 December Mock Examinations

Key Messages before the Mock Exams Year 11:

- *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.*
- *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 everyday.
- 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.
- Attend as many revision classes as possible afterschool, some of these classes have already begun in subjects such as RE and Geography and they can be vital in supporting students to hit and exceed their targets

Reminder: 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.

St Thomas More RC College Fantasy Football League.

No Premier League football this weekend due to the international break so no-one will be able to catch our league leader Bobby D this week.

The current overall school leader with 492 points is Bobby D.

Eoin A Year 9 was also the Game week 6 winner with a massive 96 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 are 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 1250	Enya K Lily E 1270	Inioluwa A 1250	Margot K 1220	Billy W 1360	Izzy N 910
Year 8 Total					
Valentina FN 1200	Isabelle C 870	Mikayla C 1200	Maddie D 830	Daisy T 1040	Stemilly O 1090
Year 9 Total					
Jalodia O 900	Abbie H 1330	Aiden F 1170	Franek S Charlotte L 1180	Eleanor L 850	Charlie M 950
Year 10 Total					
Lucy M 1490	Katie W 1030	Emily G 1320	Iris L 1140	Evie B 1150	Ole M 1180
Year 11 Total					
Olivia K 1040	Oliver H 810	Valerie I 1140	Elizabeth O 1060	Harry C 1150	Reve MM 1070

Weekly Winners

T	H	O	M	A	S
Year 7 Weekly Total					
Joseph M 2600	Enya K Lily E 230	Aadi K Nancy L 200	Ruby M 180	Erin H 220	Lacey W 160
Year 8 Weekly Total					
Valentina FN 190	Isabelle C 170	Mikayla C 300	Maddie D 150	Imogen S 160	Una L 170
Year 9 Weekly Total					

Darcey D 180	Albie N Clayton L 220	Mitchelle N 250	Charlotte L 160	Chloe McE 100	Ruby W Erin L 130
Year 10 Weekly Total					
Lucy M 240	Katie W 130	Emily G 190	Iris L 220	Jake T 170	Harmony W 220
Year 11 Weekly Total					
Olivia K 160	Junior K Joshua A 120	Valerie I 300	Elizabeth O 230	Alex D 190	Gracie M Cody S 240

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.

As October is Black History Month we pray for a future that is truly inclusive for every individual.

Dignity of All

Compassionate God, who sent Jesus Christ
to deliver us from all manner of injustice and inequality,
help the world to see the image of God in every person
irrespective of background, race and ethnicity.

May we be generous in our love of others
as we work towards creating communities that celebrate the dignity of every person through Jesus
Christ your Son

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