

Dear Parents/Carers

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

THANKSGIVING *“No one was found to return and give praise to God except this stranger.”*

– **Last Sunday’s Gospel** - Luke 17:11-19

Assemblies this week focused on the importance of looking after our own wellbeing by making sensible choices that help us to start each day in a positive frame of mind such as, getting enough sleep 8-10 hours, taking exercise, being kind to someone else, and take time away from phones, electronic devices and social media. The important final message of the assembly was that a positive attitude can help turn obstacles into opportunities!!

It was also great to see each assembly praising the high attendance of each form group and celebrating the top achievement point winners in each year group, well done to all the students who are working so hard to build a great future for themselves.

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

The visit of the Right Reverend Bishop John Arnold to school was a great success on Tuesday morning this week. The Bishop listened to a presentation from the GIFT team, Stewards and Faith in Action group on all the activities that they have carried out in the last 12 months to support the Catholic Ethos of the school and to reach out into the community. The presentation was highly impressive and it was a great privilege to hear about all the good work the groups have been involved in. Bishop John had a tour of the Prayer Garden before a small service in the Chapel during which the students received their Bronze, Silver or Gold Faith in Action Award Certificates.

Well done to all the students involved!

A special thank you to Mrs Hague for guiding the students through the Faith in Action award with the support of Lorraine from the Diocese. I am grateful also to Sister Dolores who came to support the students during the presentation. It was also amazing that Daisy Nightingale who left school last year came into school to receive her award as she is a brilliant role model for the younger students. It was a wonderful morning and a very proud moment as Headteacher.

Careers Information

There are lots of interesting activities related to careers coming up in school over the next few weeks. Students can see Mr Wright or visit the Careers café in room 42 each Tuesday after school for more information. School Careers advisor is Ms J Gibson: Email – jennifergibson@positive-steps.org.uk
The activities include:

Tuesday 21st October Year 11 Mock interviews

Year 10 Work Experience Placement Planning : Parent Consent Deadline Friday 24th October

Sunday 19th October Xaverian College Open Day

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 1550	Enya K 1530	Inioluwa A 1370	Margot K 1440	Billy W 1570	Izzy N 1150
Year 8 Total					
Valentina FN 1410	Isabelle C 1030	Mikayla C 1440	Maddie D 1010	Daisy T 1230	Stemilly O 1250
Year 9 Total					
Jalodia O 1040	Abbie H 1550	Aiden F 1390	Charlotte L 1390	Eleanor L 1060	Erin L 1110
Year 10 Total					
Lucy M 1750	Chris M 1190	Emily G 1440	Iris L 1300	Carragan M 1270	Ole M 1400
Year 11 Total					
Olivia K 1190	Oliver H 1020	Adnana M 1320	Elizabeth O 13100	Harry C 1330	Reve MM 1340

Weekly Winners

T	H	O	M	A	S
Year 7 Weekly Total					
Joseph M 260	Enya K 250	Aadi K Bella H 160	Dora C 200	Rosie B 250	Izzy N 220
Year 8 Weekly Total					
Valentina FN 180	Isabelle C Libby HK 130	Dominic C 230	Maddie D 180	Gospel O 140	Connor M Solomon K Una L 170
Year 9 Weekly Total					
Reuben F 240	Olivia N 210	Mitchelle N 200	Charlotte L 190	Jacob B 190	Isabelle P Erin L 190
Year 10 Weekly Total					
Lucy M 260	Doreen A 120	Lucy W 160	James G 180	Lilly W 190	Miya S 310
Year 11 Weekly Total					
Saskia T 220	Theo L 230	Dominik C 240	Ole S 260	William W 220	Reve MM Cody S 260

Student Spotlight

Lily F

Well done to Lily F in 8T who performed superbly in the Feis Cheshire, Irish Dancing Competition last weekend, Lily is a superb dancer and won a trophy and 3 medals. Superb Lily!!

Olivia K and Harry C

We are also very proud of our Head Girl Olivia K and Head Boy Harry C who attended the Future Leader Conference this week at Ashton Sixth Form College. The day was focused on developing a number of Leadership Qualities and as ever these two students represented our school brilliantly.

Year 10 Textiles Group

The Year 10 textiles group have made a great start to their GCSE Practical work and have very kindly made a number of Textile Hearts that will be donated to the neo-natal unit at Stepping Hill Hospital.

MORE Moments

I was very privileged this morning to attend a presentation (with a number of other staff) given by Carragan M in Year 10 about her recent trip to Lourdes with the Salford Diocese. Carragan gave a very professional, confident and interesting talk about her time in Lourdes over the Summer and the positive impact it had on herself and others. Well done Carragan!

REMINDER: Countdown to Year 11 December Mocks Examinations

Only 6 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/carers 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.

Reminder: 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

St Thomas More RC College Fantasy Football League.

No Premier League football this week due to the international matches so no change to the league.

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](https://fantasy.premierleague.com/) 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

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 Thanks and Hope!

Healing God,

We give you thanks and praise for all the gifts that you have given us.
May the love that we have received lead us to share generously with one another,
and work together to build a better world.

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