

Dear Parents/Carers

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

REJOICE: *'Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.'*

– **Last Sunday's Gospel** - Matthew 5:1-12a

We have had a wonderful start to the new half term in school and I hope all our families had a good half term break.

This week we have had two productions visit school to provide students with really important messages that will hopefully promote safety and awareness both now and in the future. On Monday and Tuesday the OddArts Theatre Group delivered their powerful and interactive theatre experience "No Comment" designed to prevent Child Criminal Exploitation. More details on the experience can be found at: <https://oddarts.co.uk/no-comment/>

On Friday (today) we also had the Message Trust visit school to deliver a concert with the support of community engagement teams to deliver important messages about the danger of County Lines and associated knife violence. More details on the delivery can be found at: [No More County Lines - The Message](#)

As usual student behaviour and conduct was excellent during the sessions and I am sure that the students got a lot out of these interactive sessions.

School Closure Day: Friday 28th November

A reminder that school is closed to students on Friday 28th November 2025 for 1 day during this half term as indicated in the school calendar, school is open as normal on Monday 1st December.

Remembrance Day

On Tuesday 11th November we will be marking Remembrance Day in school with a minute's silence during the morning session to mark this important and solemn occasion. In school we know that we have more students than ever before who volunteer for uniformed organisations and activities outside of school and we are immensely proud of them and the contribution that they make to their local community.

Therefore, if students who are members of the Scouts, Guides, St John's Ambulance, Police Cadets, or Armed Forces Cadets including the Army, Navy or Royal Airforce cadets wish to wear their full organisation's uniform to school on Tuesday 11th November as a mark of respect to all those who have been affected by war, then they are of course most welcome to attend school in the uniform they wear for their cadet organisation.

Please note that some cadet organisations do require volunteers to ask permission to wear their uniform at events outside their normal volunteering activities so please do check if your son/daughter requires the permission of their organisation to wear uniform to school on Tuesday.

Year 11 Parents Evening

Thank you to all the parents and carers and students who attended Year 11 Parents Evening last night, the feedback sheets are full of praise for the work of the school and we are very grateful for the fantastic turnout last night as it demonstrates to your child the commitment that you have to their studies and their future pathways.

Year 11 (Leavers) Presentation Evening

On Wednesday 26th November we will be welcoming back students from last year's Year 11 to celebrate their successes and collect their GCSE certificates. It is traditionally a very happy evening full of celebration and we are very much looking forward to it in school following the students' superb performances in their exams.

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 2200	Enya K 2000	Nancy L Inioluwa A 1820	Margot K 1960	Billy W 2180	Izzy N 1600
Year 8 Total					
Valentina FN 1910	Isabelle C 1370	Mikayla C 1790	Maddie D 1430	Daisy T 1570	Una L 1480
Year 9 Total					
Jalodia O 1330	Abbie H 1960	Aiden F 1650	Charlotte L 1750	Eleanor L 1460	Erin L 1630
Year 10 Total					
Lucy M 2150	Chris M 1640	Oliver D 1810	Iris L 1680	Carragan M 17400	Miya R 1820
Year 11 Total					
Olivia K 1580	Oliver H 1380	Valerie I 1730	Elizabeth O 1930	Harry C 1530	Reve MM 1780

Weekly Winners

T	H	O	M	A	S
Year 7 Weekly Total					
Joseph M 330	Enya K 270	Bella H 350	Margot K 270	Billy W 290	Efe O 290
Year 8 Weekly Total					
Valentina FN 170	Kacper C 130	Ella F-O 180	Maddie D 260	Raquel M 180	Una L Emily McD 90
Year 9 Weekly Total					
Thomas G	Albie N	Mitchelle N	Franek S	Iris P	Erin L

180	230	240	180	230	340
Year 10 Weekly Total					
Miracle O 350	Chris M 240	Sam H Lucy W 270	Florence S Isabelle P 230	Jessica M 280	Maria B 280
Year 11 Weekly Total					
Paul K 310	Sam A Kiara M 240	Dominik C 240	Kaitlyn F 270	Harry C 250	Reve MM Cody S 250

Student Spotlight

Denton Netball Club

Well done to all the students who were big winners at Denton Netball Club's annual netball presentation evening!!

Saskia T won Senior player of the year, for her unwavering commitment to the club. This was handed over by Ciara M, last year's winner, a former STM student. Not only has Saskia had an amazing season, but she embodies everything the club represents. She also gives up her own time to help coach the younger students and support them in their netball journey. Saskia also won Coach's player of the year.

Carragan M won the U15 Player's Player of the year, as did Elif M and Lily E won the same award for the U12 squads. Annalise K also won the U12s Coach's player of the year.

Well done to all the players

Margot K Year 7

Well done Margot who performed to audiences of over 1000 people over the half term holiday at Disney Land Paris with her Performing Arts School. Margot is an incredibly talented young lady and we are so proud that she was able to participate in this amazing opportunity.

Joshua M Year 11

15-year-old junior amateur boxer Josh M stole the spotlight at his first home boxing fight at Ashton Masonic Hall, winning Fight of the Night alongside a stunning first-round knockout victory. The crowd went wild as he displayed power, precision, and maturity far beyond his age. Coaches and judges were full of praise, with many saying they'd never seen a head-guarded knockout before. A phenomenal debut performance that earned him not only the trophy but the respect and admiration of everyone in the hall.

Alex S Year 10

Well done to Alex S who this week organised a charity football match for Year 7 students. It was a great success and Alex is a fantastic example to the younger students

Operation Christmas Child: Shoe Box Appeal

A reminder that this is the last opportunity to donate to the schools Shoe Box Appeal in support of Operation Christmas Child, collection deadline is Monday 10th November

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/ways-to-give/>

The Samaritans Purse is an extremely worthwhile charity that supports some of the most vulnerable children and families right across the world throughout the year but especially at Christmas. Each form group will be putting together Christmas Shoe Boxes that can include the following items:

Toys - A football and pump, cuddly toys, dolls, toy cars, small musical instruments, yo-yos, skipping ropes, balls, small puzzles etc.

School Supplies - Pens, pencils & sharpeners, crayons or felt pens, stamps & ink pad sets, writing pads or notebooks, solar calculators, colouring & picture books etc.

Hygiene Items - Toothbrush, bars of wrapped soap, comb or hairbrush, flannel etc.

Other Items - Hat, gloves, scarf, sunglasses, cap, socks, T-shirt, flip-flops, hair accessories, jewellery set, watch, wind-up torch etc.

Please don't include: - Toothpaste, sweets, lotions and liquids; used or damaged items; war-related items (e.g. Toy Guns); seeds, gum, chocolate or food items; religious or political literature; medicines, aerosol cans, sharp or fragile items.

Any donations of the above items that students can bring into school would be gratefully received. Please note: there is also the option of making a small financial donation on the School's Parent Pay website if families would prefer.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Faith in Action Team GIFT Team and Stewards. Catholic Mission

On Wednesday we hosted the Million Meals Miracle Charity event, in school that was attended by members of the Faith in Action Team, The GIFT team, The Stewards, Charity Representatives, Members of The Rotary Club, Students and Staff from St Mary's Primary School and St John Fisher Primary School. During the event the students were helping pack food parcels for The Million Meal Miracle Charity Event. The organisation Feed the Hungry UK, with the support of the Rotary Club, aims to engage 200 schools in meal-packing events. These prepared meals will be dispatched to trusted partners in Zimbabwe and Somaliland, and distributed to provide essential warm meals to children in schools and orphanages.

Over the next two years, Feed The Hungry UK is aiming to pack 1,000,000 meals.

More information about the charity can be found at: <https://millionmealmiracle.co.uk/>

REMINDER: Countdown to Year 11 December Mocks Examinations

Only 3 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.

A reminder for our fantasy football managers to make any changes today before 11am tomorrow as Man Utd are playing Tottenham at 12:30 Saturday.

Well done to our current league leaders

The current overall school leader with 709 points is still Bobby D.

Bobby D was also the Game week winner with a massive century of 108 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

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 Joy

Prayer

May the Lord bless us and keep us.

May the Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious to us.

May the Lord give us peace and joy.

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