

Dear Parents/Carers

Salford Diocese Theme of the Week for Schools

EDUCATION *'I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven. Sunday Gospel Matthew 18:21-35*

Assemblies this week have focused on safeguarding and who students can talk to in school if they need any advice or support. There were also important messages that emphasised our zero tolerance on discrimination, racism or any form of bullying and how important it is to be kind and respectful to others.

As this is such an important set of messages for students, I have posted the slides from the assembly on the school website on the Headteacher's Letters Page under the title Safeguarding Assembly Week Three.

<https://www.stmcollege.org.uk/news/headteachers-letters>

Year 11

The start of the new academic year also marks the beginning of post-16 applications for our Year 11 students, including options such as colleges, apprenticeships, and technical training providers.

As application windows open, a range of open events are being offered. Students will be able to access a full list via Satchel:One. However, we strongly recommend that both students and parents/carers check provider websites directly for the most up-to-date information, as event details may change.

Support with applications is available weekly at the Careers Café in Room 42 hosted by Mr Wright. All Year 11 students are welcome to drop in at any time.

Reminder: Open Evening: Early Finish

Our Open Evening for prospective parents/carers and students will take place on Thursday 24th September 5.00pm to 7.00pm.

As is usual practice school will close early on the day of Open Evening (24th September) at 12:15 to facilitate the organisation that is required to open the school to many hundreds of parents/carers and their children.

Please note, the 787 and 790 services will collect early at 12:15 on open evening. But the 719 special school service will not collect students for the early finish, however students can walk a short distance to catch the usual 219 service which runs the same route as the 719.

Student Spotlights

Milena

Well done to Milena in the GIFT team as she has created a community mural outside our chapel - teachers and pupils alike were all involved in creating this wonderful expression of our Mission!

School Production

We were so proud of the students who had supported or performed in our summer show, High School Musical, that the Creative Arts staff team arranged the opportunity for them to watch the live theatre production of the same production at The Lowry.

At the end of the performance, the staff supervising received many compliments from audience members and staff who had interacted with our pupils, exclaiming that they had conducted themselves extremely well and were so polite and well behaved. The trip was a roaring success and went very smoothly!

Year 7 Summer Reading Project

We are so impressed with the summer reading projects Daisy and Ailish have submitted. Both girls have presented their thoughts on the fantastic No Ballet Shoes in Syria novel by Catherine Bruton and are the first in the year group to earn their Excellence in English badges! Well done.

Stewards

Well done to our Stewards who have managed to care for our school sunflowers so successfully that they have grown bigger than any of us can reach...congrats on their care for our common home!

Achievement Point League

The weekly Friday Achievement Point League will return as it did last year in the **next week** to give the students a head start on collecting those valuable achievement points before we start the weekly league. Very well done to the students who have already collected so many points in the first weeks of the term.

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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Prayer

**Lord, Help us to look after one another,
to speak up when something isn't right,
and to make sure everyone feels safe, valued and respected.
Guide us to be kind, courageous and caring in all that we do**

Stay with us, Lord, on our Journey

Amen