



St Thomas More RC College

OUR COLLEGE

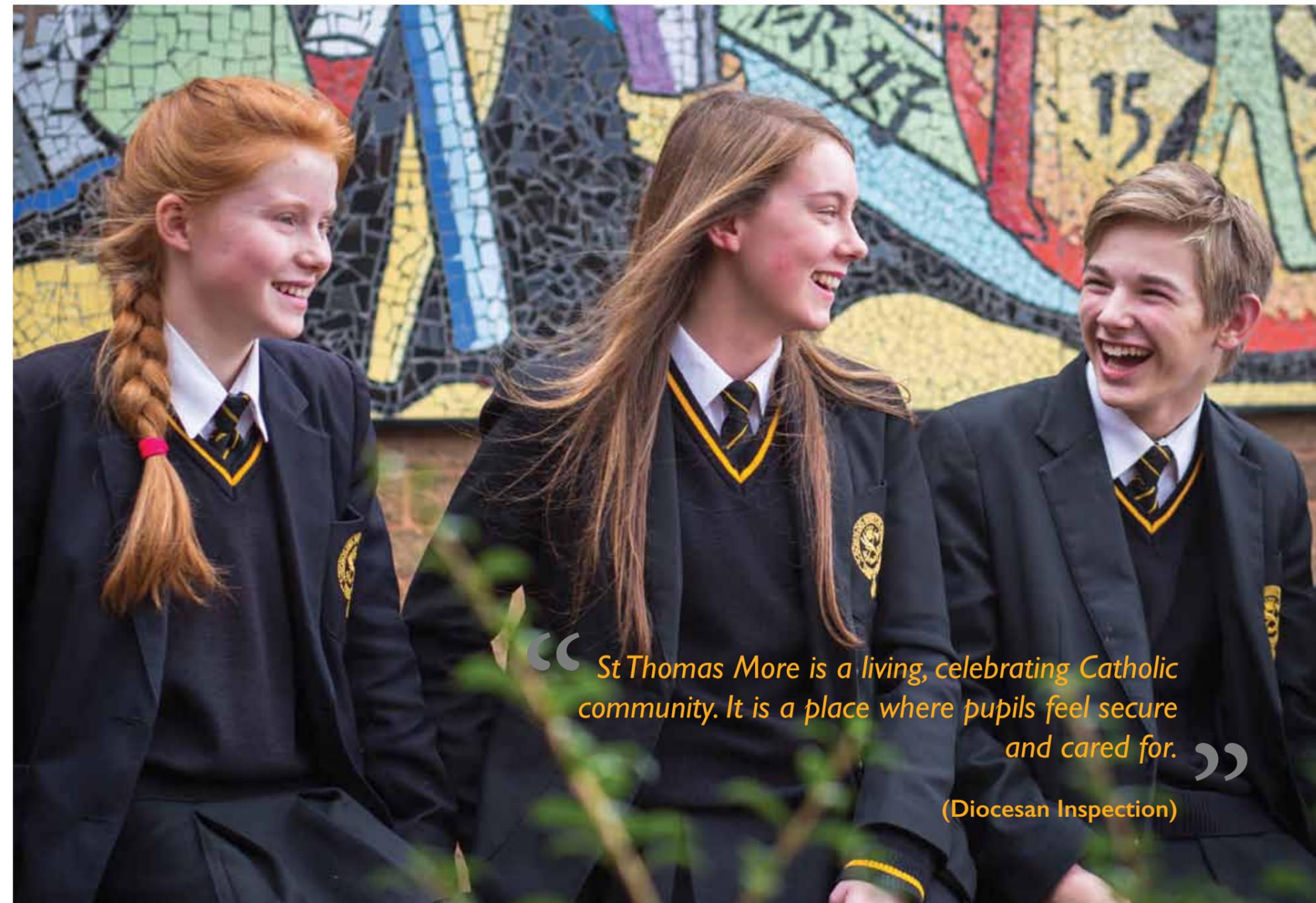
St Thomas More is an 11-16 school based in Denton. Established in 1964, the College is a Catholic, co-educational voluntary aided comprehensive College. Our academic success is outstanding and currently St Thomas More is the highest performing school in Tameside and the Salford Diocese.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Community | Commitment | Communication | Communion

St Thomas More RC College is a group of believers united heart and soul in a community which recognises the worth and dignity of all people, in commitment to developing fully the talents of all its members, in communication of peace, love truth and justice, in communion with Our Lord and saviour, Jesus Christ.

“ *St Thomas More is an outstanding school with many excellent features offering the students a rich faith experience which permeates all aspects of school life.* ”
(Diocesan Inspection)



“ *St Thomas More is a living, celebrating Catholic community. It is a place where pupils feel secure and cared for.* ”
(Diocesan Inspection)

A PERSONAL WELCOME FROM THE HEADTEACHER

As Headteacher of St Thomas More RC College I am proud to welcome you to our College. This prospectus will give a brief introduction to the range of opportunities on offer in College and highlight what makes St Thomas More RC College a successful and special place to learn.

We have experienced, talented and committed staff at St Thomas More RC College who provide a supporting learning environment for all our pupils. Our outstanding success and achievement is built on our close partnerships with parents and carers to ensure the best possible education for each one of our pupils.

I feel privileged to lead our consistently high performing College and look forward to working with our parents and carers to ensure the best for every child.



“ Students thrive in this school because
all are welcomed and valued. ”

(Ofsted Inspection)





“ *There is genuine respect between staff and pupils.* ”
(Diocesan Inspection)

OUR STUDENTS ARE OUR **GREATEST** ASSET

We are proud to provide a positive and caring environment for our pupils where they can succeed and be happy.

Our students are our greatest asset. Their response to the opportunities and the high quality teaching available results in outstanding academic achievements of which we all can be justly proud. Our mission statement stresses the individuality of each pupil. We help them to develop faith and confidence in a secure Christian environment. Through work, daily prayer, worship, reflection and practical experiences our students respond to the Christian challenge. We help them prepare for life as confident, responsible Christian adults in society.

We have an outstanding team of experienced and well qualified staff in the College who work who work together to support the College's Christian ethos and ensure that each child is enabled to achieve their full potential. The pastoral system includes a Pupil Achievement Leader for each year group, a form tutor, a learning support team and a senior leader link.

Our outstanding academic achievements reflect the consistency of good teaching which is a strength of our college and our pupils' good attitudes to learning. The collective strength of our staff ensures that the ethos and values in our mission statement provide all our pupils with high quality teaching and learning within a supportive environment.



TAKING PRIDE IN OUR HIGH STANDARDS

STUDENT CONDUCT AND PRESENTATION

At St Thomas More RC College, we take pride in the high standards of behaviour shown by our pupils. We recognise that this can only be achieved in an atmosphere of trust and mutual respect.

Our success depends on the strong working partnership and commitment of parents, pupils, staff and governors.

Parents are encouraged to become fully involved in the education of their children. The Home College Agreement symbolises our joint approach to parent and college working together for the child's benefit.

A co-ordinated pastoral team works to ensure that any problems are dealt with quickly and efficiently. If it is necessary, we will inform you as parents or carers and seek your added support.

All our pupils wear full college uniform. Excellent standards of personal presentation, we believe, reinforce the college's values of self respect and pride in membership of our community.

“ *There is an excellent range of enriching experiences including arts, sports, science and community service.* ”
(Diocesan Inspection)

DEVELOPING TALENTS AND SKILLS

Learning at St Thomas More extends beyond the classroom and in keeping with our mission statement at St Thomas More we believe in the importance of educating the whole child and as such offer an extensive extra-curricular programme of activities to allow pupils to develop their skills and talents to the full. Such activities also allow pupils to develop important skills of leadership, commitment and teamwork.

Throughout their time at our College pupils have opportunities to participate in a range of experiences which include: sports teams and clubs, choir, music tuition, art clubs and a range of trips and visits.



LEARNING AND THE CURRICULUM

YEAR 7

On entry to St Thomas More RC College, pupils are placed into form groups under the care of a form tutor. There is a Pupil Achievement Leader who is responsible for each year group. The college has well-established links with our feeder primary schools and the programme of integration enables smooth transition from primary to secondary phase.

Pupils are placed into their form groups after consultation with their primary school teachers. The forms are made up of an equal mix of pupils of all abilities. Pupils are taught in these form groups throughout Year 7 for most subjects. However, in Mathematics, Science and English pupils are organised into sets within two parallel bands based on Key Stage 2 test scores. National Curriculum guidelines are followed in all subjects.

YEAR 8 & 9

The pattern of the curriculum in Years 8 and 9 is similar to Year 7. However Modern Languages is also taught from now on in ability sets within the bands. In Year 9 some subjects begin to follow GCSE programmes of study.

YEAR 10 & 11

All pupils study a Level 2 qualification in Religious Education, Mathematics, English and Science and follow programmes in Physical Education and Citizenship, PHSE and Careers. Additionally pupils are able to choose from a wide range of GCSE and vocational courses including Art, Art and Design, Business Studies, Computing French, Food, Geography, German, History, IT, Media, Music, Performing Arts, Product Design, Physical Education and Textiles.

A thorough Information, Advice and Guidance programme in Y9 ensures all our pupils choose courses which give a broad and balanced curriculum suited to their aptitudes and abilities. All pupils are entered for an appropriate exam in the subjects they study in Years 10 and 11.

Our pupils are encouraged towards good learning habits and self-discipline which we believe will serve them well in a rapidly changing society.



“ Students are keen to learn and work diligently in lessons. ”
(Diocesan Inspection)



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