



Monday 31st January 2022

Year 11 Options Evening

Dear Parent/Guardian

I am writing to you regarding the planned **Year 11 Options Evening for Sixth Form** on Tuesday 8th February 2022. The purpose of the event was to present to Year 11 pupils and their parents/guardians our provision for Sixth Form study and to guide pupils through the process of making their subject choices if they choose to study with us from September 2022.

Although the country has now moved to Plan B in response to the Covid pandemic, we had already taken the decision not to host this live event face to face in school. In place of this, we plan to launch our 2022-23 Virtual Prospectus for Sixth Form via the school website from **Monday 7th February**, and ask that pupils and parents work through this at home before making provisional choices for study in September.

The **Virtual Prospectus** is a comprehensive guide to our course choices, wider curriculum and enrichment programmes and will offer all of the information pupils need in order to prepare to join us in September 2022. The Virtual Prospectus will go live on Monday 7th February, and can be accessed on the school website by clicking on **Sixth Form** and then **Admissions**, or from this link - <https://6vp.stthomasmore.org.uk/>.

The Virtual Prospectus has video introductions from key members of staff, general guidance on what we offer and how to go about making good course choices for study with us. This is followed by a comprehensive information page and video by Heads of Department for every subject we offer. This includes GCE A levels, Vocational Courses (BTEC & CTEC) and the new government flagship qualifications, T Levels.

All Year 11 pupils will have visited the Sixth Form Centre twice by the end of this week to start the process, and we hope that all Year 11 pupils will keep an open mind regarding their options for September 2022.

Going forward, we will ask pupils for their provisional course choices later in February. This will help us to build the timetable for September but pupils will still be able to make changes to their choices at any time up to joining us in the Sixth Form. If you, or your child, have any questions or queries about any part of this process or the information in the Virtual Prospectus, please send them via email to s_6frmqueries@stthomasmore.org.uk or call on 0191 499 5030. A member of the Sixth Form team will ensure you receive a response from the relevant member of staff via email, telephone call, video call or face to face meeting in school.

Yours sincerely,

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