



Friday 29th April, 2022

Year 11 Examinations, Leavers Information & Key Dates

Dear Parents / Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you well. I wanted to provide you with all information and relevant links to key documents in good time to ensure the forthcoming months go as smoothly as possible for you and your child.

Firstly, I want to say how proud we are of Year 11 and the work they have done thus far. The next few weeks are crucially important and I'm sure you will agree that having a well structured revision programme in place is essential. In addition to this, please do encourage your child to take a sensible amount of time out; making sure they get plenty of rest and exercise is just as important as revising.

We are here to support in any way we can and if you feel you need anything additional please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Below I have outlined key pieces of information, I encourage you to take the time to read this with your child.

Examinations

- GCSE examinations start in earnest the week beginning **16th May 2022**.
- Students have been provided with individual timetables, copies of which are available on MCAS. The full exam timetable is available on the school website at <https://www.stthomasmore.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Exam-TT-Summer-2022.pdf>
- Unless otherwise stated, morning exams begin at **0900** and afternoon exams begin at **1300**.
- Students should arrive at least 20 minutes prior to the start of exams. They should make their way to their pastoral classes [now on the Main Corridor] where they will be collected for their exam.
- If for any reason your child is delayed or absent, it is essential that the school is contacted immediately - please call reception on **0191 4990111**.
- Students have been briefed on the mechanics of how examinations will operate including the need to be in full school uniform, and fully equipped with pens, pencils, rules etc.
- Students must be considerate of others and ensure they are well behaved at all times.

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Examination Contingency

- Whilst the examination timetable is set, this year contingency dates have been organised in case a national event means dates / times of exams change.
- Therefore please be aware that students need to be available up to and including 29th June. Hopefully these contingencies will not be needed.

Study Leave

- All students are expected to attend school as normal at the start of the examination season.
- When not in exams, students will be given time to revise in lessons.
- From **Monday 6th June 2022**, students can start study leave.
- They will only be required to attend school for their examinations and any revision sessions they are directed to. The full revision schedule can be found here:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1SxPhqnSyEiAq52G20ZeiDYcYRo_oICkXscjnyVVx7kA/edit?usp=sharing

Year 11 Leavers' Mass

- All students are invited to attend a celebration of their time at St Thomas More on **23rd June at 11.30am**.
- This is a wonderful opportunity to come together to celebrate their time at St Thomas More.

Sixth Form Induction

- All students who are planning to return to Sixth form to continue their studies are invited back into school on **Friday 8th July 2022** [in the Sixth Form Centre] to continue their preparations for entry into Year 12.
- The aim of this day is to bridge the gap between year 11 and 12 study and give a greater understanding of the expectations of a Sixth Form student and allow them to make informed subject choices for this September.
- We will cover most aspects of life in the Sixth Form with presentations by current Sixth Form students. During this day there will be the opportunity to discuss course choices with Heads of Dept. and Vocational Course Leaders.
- All students are expected to attend this induction event if they plan to return [or are considering returning]. If a student is unable to attend, then please contact Mr Davis via the Sixth Form email address provided at the end of this letter.
- Students are expected in full school uniform.

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GCSE Results

- Results will be available from the Sixth Form Centre [accessed via the rear of the school - across the metal bridge in the back car park] after **0900 on Thursday 25th August 2022**.
- Please note that results cannot be given out over the telephone or via e-mail.
- If students wish to have results posted, a 1st class, stamped addressed envelope [marked GCSE Year 11 in the top left-hand corner] needs to be given to Mrs Richardson [Examination Officer] no later than **Monday 18th July 2022**.

Registration for Sixth Form Courses

- Sixth form registration takes place after GCSE results have been published. This will take place on **Friday 26th August 2022** in the Sixth Form Centre.
- Students will have the opportunity to discuss their options with a member of the sixth form team / senior staff.
- Students should arrive at the allotted times indicated below:

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| 9.00 – 1000 | St Bernadette |
| 1000 – 1100 | St Catherine Laboure |
| 1100 – 1200 | St John Fisher |
| 1200 – 1300 | St Therese & students from other schools |

- If your child is unable to attend then please contact Mr Davis via the Sixth Form email address provided at the end of this letter.

I'd like to reiterate that we are here to support you and your child, any support you need please get in touch.

| St Bernadette | St Catherine Laboure | St John Fisher | St Therese | Sixth Form |
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I wish all Year 11 students the best of luck in the forthcoming weeks.

Yours sincerely,

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