



Monday 19th June 2023

### Progressing to Sixth Form: Next steps

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to provide you with an update on the next steps for your child if they are considering progressing into the Sixth Form here at St. Thomas More in September.

I have been very impressed with the approach Year 11 have taken to their studies and look forward to welcoming this cohort of dedicated students into our Sixth Form.

#### Sixth Form Induction Day

- All students who are planning to return to Sixth form to continue their studies are invited back into school on **Friday 7th July 2023** [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 Mrs Brown via the Sixth Form email address provided at the end of this letter.
- Students are expected in full school uniform.
- Students should arrive at the Sixth Form Centre entrance at 8.45am and the day will finish at 3.00pm.
- Lunch will be provided.

#### Subject Choices in Key Stage 5

If your child decides to join our Sixth Form, they will need to decide which subjects they would like to study. Your child can choose between two pathways.

- The first pathway is to study either 3 or 4 A Levels (or vocational equivalents).
- The second pathway is to study a T Level.

If your child requires any support in choosing the right pathway for them, they can get in touch with our Careers Advisor, Mrs McAdam ([bmcadam@stthomasmore.org.uk](mailto:bmcadam@stthomasmore.org.uk)).

#### Pathway 1:

Choose to study 3 or 4 of the subjects listed below. Please note that you can only study one subject from each option block.

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Option A	Option B	Option C	Option D
Biology Further Mathematics Geography Health & Social Care History Mathematics	Business Studies (Voc) Drama English Language ICT Mathematics Product Design Psychology	Business Studies (A Level) Chemistry Computer Science Engineering Textiles Music Religious Studies	Art Biology English Literature French Physics PE Psychology Sport

These option blocks are subject to change. If you have any queries about the subjects available or if you are unable to choose the combination of subjects that you were hoping for, please contact us via the sixth form enquiries email.

#### Pathway 2:

Your child can choose to study one of the three T Levels listed below. This qualification is equivalent to three A Levels.

- Digital: Production Design, Development
- Education & Early Years: Early Years Educator
- Health: Supporting the Adult Nursing Team

If you would like to find out more about studying T Levels, please click [here](#).

#### Additional Options (AS Equivalent):

In addition your child can elect to study one of the additional qualifications listed below. Please note that Core Mathematics cannot be studied alongside Mathematics.

- Core Mathematics
- Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

#### Entry Requirements

In general, if your child wishes to enrol on any of our courses they must achieve the following minimum entry requirements:

- A Levels: At least 6 grade 6 qualifications including the subject they wish to study.
- Vocational qualifications: At least 6 grade 5 qualifications including the subject they wish to study.
- T Levels: At least 6 grade 5 qualifications and at least a grade 4 in English and Maths.

On results day if you find that you have not managed to achieve the entry requirements for the courses you would like to enrol on, please get in touch with us and we will do our best try and accommodate you.



### GCSE Results Day

- 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 24th August 2023**.
- 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 17th July 2023.

### Registration for Sixth Form Courses

- If you have met all of the entry requirements for your desired courses of study, you should register for the Sixth Form on results day [**Thursday 24th August 2023**].
- Alternatively, sixth form registration will take place on Friday 25th August 2023 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:
  - 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 Mrs Brown via the Sixth Form email address provided at the end of this letter.

### Return to School

- Year 12 students will return to school Wednesday 6th September. Students should report to the Sixth Form Centre at 8.45am

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the sixth form team at [s\\_6frmqueries@stthomasmore.org.uk](mailto:s_6frmqueries@stthomasmore.org.uk)

Yours faithfully,

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