



Friday 21st July, 2023

## End of Year Letter

Dear Families,

What an amazing year we have had here at St Thomas More; there are so many things to be proud of with a wide range of successes across all year groups. I would like to extend a thank you to all of the staff at St Thomas More, I'm sure you will agree their hard work and dedication has had a significant impact on the pupils in our care.

I am grateful for all your support and am very much looking forward to September where I am sure we will continue to grow and develop as a community.

### Prayer Theme

- This week in school we have reflected on Matthew Chapter 13 'The Parable of the Sower'. We have prayed for the Faith and Commitment needed to open our hearts, minds and ears to the Gospel message so that Jesus' Love can grow within us:

***"But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. He produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown." - Matthew 13:23***

- We have prayed together as a community:

***'God, may your love which is already present in our hearts, continue to grow.  
May we hear your will for us and act upon it;  
may we take seriously our responsibility to encourage and nurture one another in faith.'  
Amen***

### Church Services

- We are blessed with 7 Partnership Parish Churches that I would encourage you and your families to attend over the Summer.
- Details of their service times can be found here by searching for the 'Ovingham Partnership' [Find a Church - Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle](#)
- I would like to thank all Priests and Parishioners who have supported our school community over the academic year. Your prayers and practical help have been invaluable.

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### Support over the Summer Break

- A reminder that our Pastoral Team will not routinely respond to emails over the summer break. There is a system in place for monitoring emails to our various inboxes but please note only urgent emails will be responded to.
- The school office will remain open throughout the break and families are advised to use this as a main point of contact if there are any urgent matters. The office will be open between 9.00am and 3.30pm each day.

### Results Day Reminders

- Key stage 5 results will be available at 08.30am on Thursday 17th August, 2023
- Key Stage 4 results will be available at 09.00am on Thursday, 24th August, 2023

Please see our previous communication on the website for further details.

- [Year 11 Results arrangements](#)
- [Year 13 Results arrangements](#)

Details of the post results services are also available on the [exams section](#) of our website. We look forward to celebrating the outcomes of all of our pupils' hard work.

### Arrangements for September

- We will return to school as follows in September:

Monday 4th September	INSET Day
Tuesday 5th September	Year 7 pupils only
Wednesday 6th September	School open to all pupils

- Upon arrival at school on Tuesday 5th all year 7 pupils should go directly to the Hall





- On Wednesday 6th all pupils should go directly to their Pastoral rooms:

Year	B1	B2
7	LA3	TR1
8	M7	A3
9	E5	E9
10	DT1	H1
11	A1	M8
12	M5	TL1
13	LA2	M4

Year	CL1	CL2
7	RE4	RE1
8	LA1	RE3
9	MU1	E3
10	RE2	E2
11	RE5	HSC1
12	BS1	E7
13	Lab 7	E8

Year	JF1	JF2
7	E10	Lab 3
8	Lab 4	Lab 1
9	Lab 10	Lab 11
10	H2	GY3
11	E6	M3
12	E4	LA4
13	TX1	TL4

Year	T1	T2
7	M6	DT2
8	E1	H3
9	Lab 5	MU2
10	LA5	M1
11	M9	A2
12	GY2	Lab 2
13	PE1	Lab 6

## Uniform

- Please remember all pupils should wear school uniform correctly and with pride.
- This means that:
  - Shirts must be tucked in.
  - Correct footwear.
  - Unrolled skirts.
  - No jewellery, no acrylic nails / varnish / gels or fake eyelashes.
  - Make-up kept to an absolute minimum [KS3 & KS4].

## Updated Procedures for September

- Please see most recent communication with families on the following:
  - [Punctuality procedures from September](#)
  - [Sixth form daily from September 2023](#)

I hope your children enjoy a well deserved break and I look forward to welcoming them back to school in September.

With every blessing

Mrs J Turner  
Head Teacher