



Friday 10th November 2023

Head Teacher's Weekly Update

Dear Families,

Firstly, thank you to families of Year 11 and 13 for supporting pupils in their preparation for their mock examinations. These form such an important part of their preparation for public examinations and are very worthwhile. Pupils will receive their results in a year group assembly. During this month of November we continue to pray for the souls of the departed and I would encourage you to offer prayers at Mass. Please use the link to find the times of Mass across the Diocese <https://diocesehn.org.uk/find-a-church/>

Prayer Theme

"He that is the greatest among you shall be your servant. And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be humbled: and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted" - Matthew 23: 1-12

- We have prayed together as a community:

Dear God, we know that it is so easy and natural instinct to think of ourselves and our needs before that of others. Please help us to put into action your message of servitude and show true equality through our actions this week. Amen.

Family Catholic Life Survey

- The Catholic Life of our school is reflected in our mission statement and we would really appreciate your views.
- Please complete this survey by Friday 17th November.

[Catholic Life Survey](#)



Remembrance Day 2023

- This week's Personal Development Pop Up has been focused on Remembrance Day.
- We have sold Poppies on behalf of the Royal British Legion.
- Today we have held Remembrance Services across school.
- We will remember all members of our school community who are impacted by conflict and war.
- We pray especially for all people across the world who are directly affected by war.



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Pope John Paul II Award

- We have 14 Year 12 pupils who have begun the Award scheme.
- A focus of their award involves parish and social activities.
- If anyone has any opportunities that require pupils to undertake voluntary work then please contact Mrs Cervantes who can offer these opportunities to our candidates.
- Please hold them in your prayers as they undertake this award.



Feeding Families - Advent Appeal

- A reminder that we are accepting donations for Feeding Families.
- We are encouraging all pupils to be involved in putting their Faith into action by helping those in need.
- Any donation is welcome and is very appreciated.



Fundraising Activities

- Due to the Met Office Weather Warning in place on Friday 20th October, we were unable to complete our Fundraising walk and readathon.
- We are hoping to reschedule the event on **Friday 17th November** - weather permitting!
- **All pupils can come in non-uniform, including those pupils staying in school if they wish.**
- Thank you for your contributions and support.
- Our pupil Forum group will be deciding this week what options pupils will vote on, on how to spend the funds raised.
- Further details will follow, thank you.

Extra-Curricular

- Please find a link to this term's extra-curricular calendar:
- [Extra Curricular at St Thomas More](#)

MCAS

- If you have not installed the My Child at School app [MCAS] can you please do so as this is a great way to stay connected with your child's data and progress.
- If you have any issues please email mcas@stthomasmore.org.uk



Punctuality

- A reminder of our updated punctuality procedures:
<https://www.stthomasmore.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Punctuality-Routines-September-2023.pdf>
- Please ensure that all pupils are on school site by 08.40am every day.

Please follow us on social media (**Facebook and Twitter STM_CS_Blaydon**) where we share regular updates from our school community.

As always if you have any queries please do not hesitate to get in touch using the pastoral email addresses below:

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Yours sincerely,

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