



Friday 2nd February, 2024

## Head Teacher's Weekly Update

Dear Families,

Firstly I would like to congratulate Year 13 as they come to the end of their final Mock Examination week. They have conducted themselves with maturity and commitment and I wish them well for their results and in their final preparations in the lead up to their public examinations in the summer. Year 11 has another week of mock examinations next week - good luck to them all. I knew this term was a relatively short one and that it would pass quickly but it really has flown by. With one week left of this term I would like to thank you all for your support. We appreciate school life can be a busy one but when we come together as a community our pupils truly flourish.

### Prayer Theme

***"All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him"***

**Mark 1:21-28**

- We have prayed together as a community:

**Dear God,**

We thank you for sending your only Son to us to not only spread the good news but also to help those that needed it. Jesus always put his compassion for others above all else and we ask that you help us to do this too.

**Amen**

### National Apprenticeship week 5-11th February

- Next week in school we have a series of opportunities for pupils to find out more about Apprenticeships as a rewarding and positive route into a Career.
- Our mission is for every pupil to be prepared for their future so that they can reach their full potential and Apprenticeships can be an excellent way to do that!
- Our 23-24 Careers programme can be found below:
  - 📄 [St Thomas More School Careers Programme 2023-24.pdf](#)
- Details are shared with pupils via their 'This week in Pastoral' Bulletin.
- Click the link below to find out more about Apprenticeships.
- [National Apprenticeship Week](#)
- 📄 [Parents\\_and\\_Carers\\_-\\_Pack\\_January\\_2024-14-.pdf](#)



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**Spotlight on 'Your Creative Space' Extracurricular group**

- All pupils are welcome to come along and make whatever they like from the materials provided or they can bring their own creative projects.
- It takes place every Wednesday lunchtime in H3.
- There are templates and images for inspiration that pupils can use.
- Pupils are about to begin a group project/display so it would be great to have new members!



**Year 9 Parents Evening - Thursday 8th February 4 - 6.30pm**

- A final reminder about the process for our Year 9 Parents Evening next Thursday evening:
- [Year 9 Parents' Evening](#)

**'Keeping Safe and Well' Pastoral Focus**

- This week in pastoral pupils have been preparing for Children's Mental Health Week next week and have reflected on the theme of 'My Voice Matters'.
- Our Pupil 'Wellbeing Champions' will be leading the Personal Development Pop Up next week to share ways in which pupils can make their voice heard in school and in society and to re-share the different methods of support available to our young people who may be struggling with their wellbeing or mental health for whatever reason.



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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