



Friday 19th April, 2024

Head Teacher's Weekly Update

Dear Families,

It has been so lovely to welcome pupils and staff back for our Summer term. I hope you all had a wonderful Easter break and this letter finds you well. The Summer term is always a busy one but an exciting one too. A time to grow as a community and to support each other and especially our pupils taking their public examinations.

Prayer Theme

"Why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."

John 2: 1 - 5

- We have prayed together as a community:

Dear God,

Lord Jesus, like the servants who obeyed your command, empower us to take action in accordance with your teachings. Inspire us to be agents of positive change in our school community and beyond, standing up for justice, kindness, and equality. Help us to use our gifts and talents for the greater good, honouring your love and spreading your light wherever we go.

Amen

Year 11 Celebration Assembly

- Thank you if you were able to join us this morning to celebrate our wonderful Year 11 pupils.
- It was a fantastic opportunity to acknowledge their hard work and achievements before they begin their exams.
- I am so proud of them all and wish them every success with their exams and the future. I look forward to seeing their faces in August when they open their results!
- Thank you for supporting the school in helping your child prepare for such an important time in their lives.



Year 11 and 13 Examination period

- Pupils have been provided with their personalised examination timetables.
- These should be checked very carefully and kept in a safe and accessible place.
- Pupils have had a lot of input regarding the rules around formal public examinations but all expectations will be reiterated.
- **Please support your child by reading the information from the JCQ [Joint council for qualifications] [Information for candidates](#)**

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Year 10 Parent Evening

- Thank you if you were able to attend your child’s parent’s evening last night.
- Please look out for a text with a link to a parent/carer survey.
- We appreciate your comments and look forward to hearing from you.



Year 12 Parent Evening

- A reminder that we are hosting our Year 12 parents evening online next Thursday 25th April.
- Please read the letter below and get in touch if you have any queries.
[Year 12 Parents Evening Letter](#)

Year 10 Work Experience Reminder

- Year 10 pupils should have already given you the two letters below.
- This year we are pleased to have secured Monday 15th-Thursday 18th July for Year 10 pupils to arrange a work experience placement. This is a great opportunity for pupils to prepare for their future employment/career.
- [Work Experience Letter](#)
- [Work Experience Placement Offers](#)
- If you have queries at all then please do not hesitate to contact our Careers Coordinator, Ms Phillips, via email ephillips@stthomasmore.org.uk



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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