



Friday 28th June, 2024

### Head Teacher's Weekly Update

Dear Families,

I hope pupils have made the most of their INSET day today and you all enjoy the weekend ahead. Staff have spent the day reflecting on Ambitious Teaching for all. There has been a real buzz around school with staff groups taking part in talks, teaching and learning group sessions and planning for the next academic year ensuring that excellent practice is at the forefront of all that we do as a school. I am very proud of the hard work and commitment of staff here at St Thomas More. Our school mission inspires us to work hard so that all members of our community can reach their potential. Thank you for your ongoing support and the kind messages of support for staff, we really appreciate them!

### Prayer Theme

**"And he said to them: Why are you fearful? Have you not faith yet?" - Mark 4: 35 - 41**

- We have prayed together as a community:

***Dear God,***

***We thank you for sending your only son to save us. We thank you for all the miracles and care you have shown for your people in the past and present. Please give us strength to demonstrate faith in your love for us; even when we are struggling.***

***Amen***

### YMT Summer Festival

- A group of our Year 10 pupils are attending the YMT Summer Festival next week, affectionately known as 'God Camp'!
- Please hold our pupils in your prayers as they take a Journey of Faith together.
- Pupils are looking forward to being with friends, making new ones and having lots of fun along the way.



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### Year 11 Prom


- Our Year 11's have their prom next Thursday 4th July from 6-9pm.
- Whilst the country is voting in the General Election, our pupils will be celebrating the end of their GCSEs!
- A polite reminder that pupils must be picked up at 9pm from St James Park.



### Year 12 End of Year Assessments

- Well done to our Year 12 pupils who have completed their first week of EOY assessments.
- Good luck to any pupils who have assessments on Monday and Tuesday.

### Summer Concert

- We are looking forward to welcoming families to our Summer concert.
- It takes place on Tuesday 9th July, doors from 5.45pm.
- Tickets are available via Parent Pay for £4 without food voucher or £9 with food voucher.
- The concert will be held outside weather permitting!
-  [Summer Concert Letter.pdf](#)




### Non Uniform Day

- Friday 5th July is a non school uniform day
- Pupils can wear their own clothes that day and bring a £1 to pastoral
- Pupils must still bring their school bag and PE kit if they have PE that day



### Summer Holiday Free Open Music Rehearsal

- The Band and Bugles of Durham Army Cadet Force are running a free Summer Open Music Rehearsal for musicians aged between 12 and 17.
-  [Open Summer Rehearsal.pdf](#)



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Yours sincerely,

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