



Friday 20th September 2024

Head Teacher's Weekly Update

Dear Families,

It was a pleasure to have welcomed so many of you this week to our Welcome Evenings. I hope you found them useful and a good opportunity to meet some key staff and learn about the curriculum, pastoral and personal development opportunities for your child. Thank you for taking the time to attend and for the many kind words of appreciation. I would like to thank all of the staff who made the evenings possible and work so hard to provide the best possible education and experience to our pupils.

Prayer Theme

'And calling the multitude together with his disciples, he said to them: If any man will follow me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.' Mark 8: 27 - 35

- We have prayed together as a community:

Dear God,

**We thank you for sending us your only Son to show us the correct path in life and how we should live.
We ask you for the strength to take up our cross and face it with
courage to follow in Jesus' example.
Amen.**

Open Evening - Thursday 26th September 5.30pm-7pm

- We are looking forward to welcoming as many of you as possible to next week's Opening Evening for prospective parents and students next Thursday evening.
- There will be a welcome from myself at 5.30pm in the main hall, followed by an opportunity to visit our school site, and a closing concert at 6.45pm.
- If you have any questions there will be many opportunities in the evening to speak with school staff.

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OPEN EVENING
FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS & STUDENTS

Thursday 26th
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5:30pm - 7:00pm

Head Teacher's Welcome
Presentation: 5:30pm
Closing Concert: 6:45pm

An opportunity for prospective
students and parents to find
out more about our vision and
hear from students and staff.

"A school where everyone can reach their full
potential in the light of the teaching of Christ."

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Post 16 Careers Fair

- We held a careers fair in school today for our Year 9, 10 & 11 pupils.
- They had the opportunity to visit a wide range of post 16 training and education providers who were invited into school.
- Pupils engaged very well and hopefully have some further inspiration and ideas about their future routes into education and careers.
- We are committed to providing the best possible Careers and Education advice and guidance to pupils.
- Thanks to our Careers Coordinator Miss Phillips for her hard work organising the event for our pupils.



Year 13 Team Building Retreat

- We have 67 pupils going on their Year 13 retreat from Monday 23rd-Wednesday 25th September at Ford Castle.
- What a great way to start their final year at St Thomas More.
- We hope they all have a fantastic time and embrace all that this opportunity will give them.
- They are a wonderful group of young people and I am so proud of how well they have settled into their final year of studies.
- Please hold them all in your prayers next week and in the future.



Year 7 Welcome Mass reminder


- We look forward to welcoming parents and carers of our Year 7 pupils next Friday 27th September from 8.30am for a 9am start.
- Refreshments will be available after Mass for a donation to Macmillan Cancer Support.





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- Please use the document below to ensure you use the correct email address when communicating with school:

 [Keeping in Touch.pdf](#)

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

Yours sincerely,

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