



Friday 27th September 2024

Head Teacher's Weekly Update

Dear Families,

It was great to meet so many families at our 'Open Evening' last night. Thank you to all of the staff and pupils for their hard work preparing the evening and to everyone who took the time to come. It is always a pleasure to open our doors and demonstrate what we are all about, which is ensuring all pupils can reach their potential in the light of the teachings of Christ. When we work together as a family our young people know that we are here to serve and support them to be the best they can be and this encourages them to embrace every opportunity available to them.

Prayer Theme

'And sitting down, he called the twelve, and said to them: If any man desire to be first, he shall be the last of all, and the minister of all'

Mark 9: 30-37

- We have prayed together as a community:



Dear God,

We thank you for the example of true greatness that Jesus gave. We know it can be difficult at times to put others before ourselves. We ask you to give us guidance on how we can become truly great and serve the needs of others.

Amen.

Year 7 Welcome Mass

- Thank you for joining us to celebrate Mass with our year 7 pupils this morning.
- A special thank you to Fr Rose, who remains a wonderful support and advocate, supporting the Catholic life of our school.
- We will continue to hold our year 7 pupils and families in our prayers over the year.
- They have made such a great start to our school and we are all very proud of them.





Personal Development 'Pop Up' - #NeverOk

- This week's Pop Up theme is based on our whole school reporting system called #NeverOk.
- Pupils can report any incident of discrimination via the email neverok@stthomasmore.org.uk
- Pupils should always speak to their tutor or Head of House if they have any concerns at all.



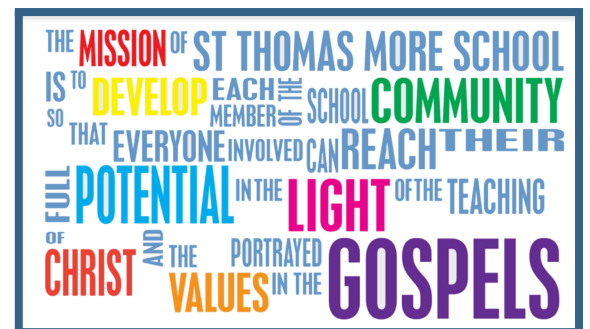
Extra Curricular 2024 Autumn Timetable

- Please encourage your child to join a club this year.
- It is a great way to build friendships, skills and confidence.
- We have an excellent range of opportunities for all year groups
- Please follow the link to our website with access to the timetable: [Extra Curricular at St Thomas More](#)



Year 13 Retreat

- 67 of our wonderful Year 13 cohort have enjoyed a great team building retreat at Ford Castle this week.
- Thank you to Mrs Vivash for organising it and for all staff who supported the event.
- The pupils were brilliant and embraced the whole experience!
- Thank you to Mary from YMT for visiting them too.



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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