



September 2024

Year 10 Curriculum Overview - Autumn Term

Dear Families,

I hope this letter finds you well. We are delighted with the positive start that the pupils have made to the academic year. I would like to take this opportunity to share with you the subjects and topics your child will be studying for the GCSEs / vocational subjects over the coming weeks. At St Thomas More we believe that strong partnerships between home and school are key to pupil success, and we value the role you play in supporting your child's education.

Below, you will find an overview of what your child will be learning in each subject this term, along with suggestions on how you can support their progress at home.

Year 10 Term 1 Curriculum

Subject	Topics	
English Language	GCSE English Language Paper 1	
English Literature	An Inspector Calls	
Maths	Higher	Foundation
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calculations, checking and rounding Indices, reciprocals and BIDMAS Factors, multiples, standard form, and surds Basic algebra Sequences Averages and range 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integers and place value Decimals and rounding Indices, powers, roots, and priority of operations Factors, multiples, and primes Basics of algebra Expressions and substitution
Science	Biology - Plant & animal organisation, Health & disease	
	Chemistry - Quantitative Chemistry	
	Physics - Electrical Circuits and Energy in the real world	



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Religious Education	Paper: 3 Judaism
History	People's Health
Geography	The challenge of Resource Management UK Landscapes - Rivers and Coasts
Music	Star Wars Main Theme Music for a While Binary Form Composition Skills Songwriting Composition Skills
Information Technology (ICT)	Design tools, Planning and designing the spreadsheet solution, Designing an AR model prototype, Human Computer Interface in everyday life, Data & Testing, design conventions and principles
Hospitality and Catering	Know how food can cause ill health. Practical work To be able to cook dishes. Developing and improving skills learnt at KS3
Design and Technology	Basic graphic communication skills. Clock project Theory work
Business Studies	Starting a business Enterprise and entrepreneurship Spotting a business opportunity
Enterprise and Marketing	Designing a business proposal Market research Customer profiling Product development
Textiles	Natural forms: experimentation and research <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Skills & techniques ● Explore & Research
Health and Social Care	Human development across the lifespan The care needs of the individual



Child Development	Factors that influence the child's development Care routines, play and activities to support the child
Drama	Roles and Responsibilities in the theatre Staging Configurations Live Theatre Evaluation "Blood Brothers" by Willy Russell
German	School, Free time, Media - TV, Cinema
Engineering	Principles of engineering manufacture Non-examined assessment
Computer Science	Boolean logic, Data storage, Designing, creating and refining algorithms, Data types and Programming fundamentals
GCSE PE	Component 2 - Health and Performance Topic 1 - Health Fitness and well-being Topic 2 - Sports Psychology Topic 3 - Socio-cultural issues
Sport	Component 1: Preparing participants to take part in sport and physical activity: A: Explore types and provision of sport and physical activity for different types of participants. B: Examine equipment and technology required for participants to use when taking part in sport and physical activity C: Be able to prepare participants to take part in sport and physical activity
Wider Curriculum	Pupils will study the following key concepts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Health & Wellbeing ● Sex & Relationships ● Living in the Wider World ● Keeping Safe ● Careers ● Character, Culture and Morality

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General Tips for Supporting Your Child's Progress

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- Establish a Routine: Set aside regular time each day for homework and study, ensuring a quiet space free from distractions.
- Encourage Independent Learning: Ask your child questions about what they're learning and encourage them to research topics they find interesting.
- Stay Informed: Regularly check your child's homework diary or online learning platforms (e.g. Google Classroom) to stay up to date with assignments and deadlines.
- Praise and Encouragement: Celebrate your child's achievements, both big and small, to build confidence and motivation.

Parents' Evening (Online)

Thursday 6th March - 4pm - 6.30pm

Assessment dates this academic year

Year 10 Assessment Module 1:

Week commencing Monday 13th January 2025

Year 10 Raising Achievement Plan (Preparing for End of Year Assessment)

Monday 7th April - Friday 23rd May 2025

Year 10 End of Year Assessment Module 2

Week commencing Monday 9th June 2025

We understand that every child is unique and that the best support will differ from family to family. If you have any questions or need further advice on how to support your child's learning, please do not hesitate to contact us in school via the house emails addresses below.

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Thank you for your continued support in helping us provide the best possible education for your child. We look forward to working closely with you this term.

Yours sincerely,

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