



September 2024

### Year 9 Curriculum Overview - Autumn Term

Dear Families,

I hope this letter finds you well. We are delighted with the positive start that the children 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 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 9 Term 1 Curriculum

Subject	Topics
English	Writing to present a viewpoint Tragedy - Romeo & Juliet
Maths	Number <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Negative Indices and Reciprocal</li> <li>Standard Form</li> <li>Reverse Percentages</li> <li>Successive Percentage Changes</li> <li>Error Intervals and Simple Bounds</li> </ul> Algebra <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Laws of Indices</li> <li>Multiply Out Double Brackets</li> <li>Factorising Quadratics</li> </ul>
Science	Biology - Cell Biology
	Chemistry - Atomic structure and the periodic table
	Physics - Energy types and Transfers
Religious Education	What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus? How can Christians live out the Golden Rule?
History	What impact did World War I have on Europe? 1a) Why did Europe go to war in 1914 and what challenges did it bring?



	1b) Why were the Russian people so unhappy in 1917 and did the Revolution solve their problems?
<b>Geography</b>	Tectonics including volcanoes Extreme environments Tourism
<b>French</b>	Talking about health and daily routine
<b>Music</b>	Blues & Jazz: Harmony & Tonality Reggae: Rhythm & Melody
<b>Information Technology (ICT)</b>	Python programming with sequences of data Media - animation
<b>Food and Nutrition</b> (12 week Carousel during the year)	Cultural, Religious, and Ethical Food Choices  Principles of Cleaning and Cross-Contamination
<b>Design and Technology</b> (12 week Carousel during the year)	Life in a Box
<b>Physical Education</b>	Invasion Games Dance, Gymnastics & OAA (Outdoor Adventurous Activities)
<b>Wider Curriculum</b>	Pupils will study the following key concepts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Health &amp; Wellbeing</li> <li>● Sex &amp; Relationships</li> <li>● Living in the Wider World</li> <li>● Keeping Safe</li> <li>● Careers</li> <li>● Character, Culture and Morality</li> </ul>

[The Taught Curriculum - School Website](#)

**General Tips for Supporting Your Child's Progress**

- 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.

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- Praise and Encouragement: Celebrate your child’s achievements, both big and small, to build confidence and motivation.

**Parents’ Evening (Online)**

Year 9 Parents’ Evening - Thursday 6th February 2025 - 4pm - 6.30pm

**Options Evening**

Wednesday 29th January 2025 - 5pm - 6.30pm

**Assessment dates this academic year:**

Key Stage 3 Assessment Module 1:

Week commencing Monday 1st December 2024

Key Stage 3 Raising Achievement Plan (Preparing for End of Year Assessment)

Monday 7th April - Friday 23rd May 2025

Key Stage 3 End of Year Assessment Module 2

Week commencing Monday 2nd June

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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