



Friday 11th October 2024

Head Teacher's Weekly Update

Dear Families,

It has been lovely to have some of our Year 13 Ethos leaders prepare this week's House assemblies based on our Trust Patron Carlo Acutis. Pupils continue to be at the heart of the planning, preparation and delivery of our assemblies and Celebrations of the Word, and they certainly make them meaningful for us all. I would like to congratulate the efforts of our Year 11 and 13 pupils who are making great progress with their RAP work in preparation for their mock examinations after half term. Please continue to support your child by asking them about their revision progress.

Prayer Theme

**"Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."
Mark 10: 2 - 16**

- We have prayed together as a community:

Dear God,

We thank you for the welcoming nature of Jesus and how everyone is blessed in your kingdom. We ask for your strength to support the marginalised and those who need a helping hand.

**We ask this in your name,
Amen.**

Flame

- We are excited to share the news that 'Flame' returns 15th March 2025
- Flame is a great opportunity for young people to gather together at Wembley arena London and listen to some amazing Music and talks from inspiring Catholics and individuals.
- We loved it last time and can't wait to take a group of young people again!
- Reply slips should be returned to Mrs Vivash.

[Flame Letter](#)



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The Source

- The YMT SOURCE is happening not once but twice this academic year!
- It will be at St Mary's Cathedral from 7 p.m. on November 14th, 2024, and again on May 13th, 2025
- The event will welcome Y9+ students and staff from different secondary schools around the Diocese.
- The event is ran by the YMT and pupils are invited to attend directly



Year 11 Careers Advice Meetings

- Careers advice meetings have begun and will run until Christmas
- Each pastoral group has been allocated a week and pupils will receive their appointment time in advance from Ms Phillips, our careers coordinator.
- Pupils speak with your child about their plans for the future and encourage them to act upon the advice they will be given. Please see this helpful tool for parents: [Talking Futures](#)

- 7th October 11B1
- 14th October 11B2
- 21st October 11T1
- 11th November 11T2
- 18th November 11CL1
- 25th November 11CL2
- 2nd December 11JF1
- 9th December 11JF2





Extra Curricular Spotlight - Debate Club

- Debate club meets on Wednesday lunchtimes in E2 - all pupils are welcome and they will join the Google Classroom where topics to be debated are shared in advance so pupils can prepare their ideas.
- Sixth Form leaders chair the debate and are happy to take questions from pupils outside of the club sessions.
- A reminder of all clubs on offer:
[Extra Curricular at St Thomas More](#)



INSET Day

- A reminder that school is **closed to pupils on Wednesday 16th October** for a whole staff INSET day.

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

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Turner
Head Teacher