



September 2024

Year 7 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 7 Term 1 Curriculum

Subject	Topics
English	Ancient Origins: Homer's Odyssey, Simon Armitage (Poetry)
Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rounding (decimal places) ● Calculations ● BIDMAS ● Negative Numbers ● Powers and Roots ● Factors, Multiples, Primes ● Highest Common Factor, Lowest Common Multiple ● Fractions Basics ● Decimal Basics ● Equivalence of Fractions, Decimals and Percentages
Science	Biology - Cells & Microscopy
	Chemistry -Working in a lab, The particle model
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Physics -Energy Resources and the Energy needs of consumers ● Identifying and using forces
Religious Education	<p>General and special revelation, recognising Creation and the existence of human beings as one way in which all human beings can come to know God using their own natural reason.</p> <p>Special revelation, introducing students to the significance of Sacred Scripture for Catholics.</p>



History	How did the Normans change Britain? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What was England like before 1066? • How did William Duke of Normandy gain control of England?
Geography	UK Geography and Globalisation
French	Talking about yourself and others
Music	The Elements of Music
Information Technology (ICT)	Clear messaging in Digital Media Networks- from semaphores to the Internet
Food and Nutrition (12 week Carousel during the year)	Includes: Food Production, Cooking Techniques Ingredient Options and Health & Safety
Design and Technology (12 week Carousel during the year)	Mechanical Toy
Physical Education	Invasion Games Dance, Gymnastics & OAA (Outdoor Adventurous Activities)
Wider Curriculum	Attitudes to mental health First Aid, Puberty, Dental Hygiene and Exercise

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

Year 7 Welcome Mass

Friday 27th September 9am (arrival from 8.30am)

Families are invited to a mass for Year 7 pupils at the start of their spiritual journey at St Thomas More

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Parents' Evening (Online)

Year 7 Parents' Evening - Thursday 20th March 2025 - 4pm - 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 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,

Stephen Tait
 Assistant Head Teacher

