



Friday 8th November 2024

Head Teacher's Weekly Update

Dear Families,

I hope you all had a lovely half term and were able to enjoy the nice weather. It has been great to welcome our pupils and staff back from the second part of our Autumn term. As always, there are lots of exciting things ahead this term and we will endeavour to keep you updated on as much as possible. Don't forget to keep an eye on our social media posts, website and Arbor for any important messages.

Prayer Theme

**"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."
Mark 12: 28 - 32.**

- We have prayed together as a community:

Dear God,

We ask you for the strength to follow the greatest commandment in our lives. We know that loving others as ourselves is a difficult task which we require guidance for.

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

Sixth form Open Evening

- We are holding our sixth form open evening on Thursday 21st November.
- It will be a great opportunity to learn about the many opportunities pupils have here at St Thomas More post GCSE's.
- Staff will explain the range of courses on offer, the Personal Development and extra curricular opportunities available and our unique Leadership Pathway for all pupils.



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Virtual Parent Support Session - Wednesday 13th November

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- Our next online support season takes place next Wednesday [5.30pm - 6.00pm]
- The topic is **'Promoting Positive Behaviour'**
- Nationally parents are seeing a rise in behaviour issues both in school and within the home. This session looks at strategies to support your child's behaviour in school as well as tips for promoting positive behaviour at home.



Mock Examinations

- We would like to say a big well done to all of the year 11 and 13 pupils who have conducted themselves so maturely during the first week of their mock exams.
- They continue into Monday and Tuesday next week.
- Please continue to encourage and support your child to revise well and to try their very best.

Remembrance Sunday

- As we approach Remembrance Sunday pupils have reflected on the meaning of the Remembrance poppy and they had the chance to buy one raising funds for the Royal British Legion.
- November is the month for remembering loved ones who have passed away and all those who lost their lives through war and conflict. May they rest in peace, Amen.
- We are thankful that pupils from the cadets, scouts and guides have joined together to prepare our Remembrance service on Monday 11th November.



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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