



Friday 24th January 2025

### Head Teacher's Weekly Update

Dear Families,

Today marks the official launch of the Jubilee Year in schools across the country. Our Pop up theme this week has been focused on sharing the theme of the Jubilee, Pilgrims of Hope. We will hold our whole school community in our prayers as always, and we would ask that in your parishes and homes you pray for us too.

Our Chapel is always a place of worship and sanctuary and we have marked this event with our own Holy Door into the chapel representing the welcoming nature to all our community. If you would like to take part or lead a community prayer group in school, meeting once a half term in the school Chapel please contact Mrs Cervantes via email [info@stm.bwcet.com](mailto:info@stm.bwcet.com)



### Prayer Theme

**“And Jesus saith to her: Woman, what is that to me and to thee? my hour has not yet come. His mother saith to the waiters: Whatsoever he shall say to you, do ye” John 2: 1-11**

- We have prayed together as a community:

*Dear God,*

*We thank you for the miracles that Jesus performed in your name and the example of faith from his mother Mary.*

*We ask that you give us the strength to emulate this faith in our own lives.*

*Amen.*

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## Free help for Gateshead families to build strong, positive child and adult relationships

- Good relationships between parents and co-parents are essential to provide children and young people with a stable, nurturing environment in which to grow and thrive.
- Parenting can be challenging at times. There are a range of programmes available that are targeted at different age groups and for different reasons.
- Please see these links for further details:
  -  [Healthy Relationships - Stronger Families](#)
  -  [Relationship support](#)



## Year 9 focus

- A reminder that we are holding our **Key Stage 4 Curriculum Pathways Evening on Wednesday 29th January 2025**, at 5pm in our Main Hall
- This evening provides an excellent opportunity for you to understand the process of preparing for Year 10, to explore the range of GCSE and vocational courses we offer at St Thomas More, and to support your child in selecting their preferences at this key time in their learning journey. [Year 9 KS4 pathways](#)
- **Year 9 Parents evening** - a reminder of the upcoming online parents evening on Thursday 6th February 4.00 pm - 6.30 pm [Year 9 Parents' Evening Letter 24-25](#)
- **Year 9 Subject Fairs** - pupils have been attending subject fairs all week at lunchtimes in the Learning Hub. They have heard from pupils who are currently studying a range of pathways and have volunteered to talk about their experiences with Year 9 to help support their decisions.





## Wellbeing Champions

- Our Wellbeing Pupil Champions meet weekly to spend time together developing their skills and knowledge of all things related to keeping well.
- Mrs Olsen leads the group and new members are always welcome.
- This week they were joined by our own Education Mental Health Practitioner (EMHP) from RISE, The Children's Society.
- They will be working together to support our pupils' wellbeing across the school through a range of activities - watch this space for further information!



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**