



10th January 2025

**Year 7 Curriculum Overview - Spring Term**

Dear Families,

I hope this letter finds you well. As we begin the spring term, we would like to congratulate all our pupils on the fantastic effort and progress they made during their first term with us. It has been wonderful to see their hard work and enthusiasm for learning and how well they have adapted to secondary school.

With the new term underway, I would like to share an overview of the subjects and topics your child will be studying over the coming weeks. At St Thomas More, we firmly believe that strong partnerships between home and school are key to pupil success, and we deeply value the role you play in supporting your child's education.

Below, you will find details of what your child will be learning in each subject this term, along with suggestions for how you can support their progress at home.

**Year 7 Term 2 Curriculum**

Subject	Topics
English	The Art of Rhetoric - <i>Julius Caesar</i>
Maths	Number <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Fractions (Operations)</li> <li>● Decimals (Operations)</li> <li>● Percentages of Amounts</li> <li>● Use of a Calculator</li> </ul> Ratio & Proportion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Proportion (eg recipes, currency conversions)</li> </ul> Algebra <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Forming expressions</li> <li>● Simplifying Expressions</li> <li>● Substitution</li> <li>● Multiply out single brackets</li> </ul> Geometry & Measures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Metric Units - types and converting</li> <li>● Time and Timetables</li> <li>● Angles - basic properties</li> </ul>





<b>Science</b>	Biology - Reproduction
	Chemistry - Separating mixtures Acids and alkalis
	Physics - Interactions of the Earth, Moon and Sun + the Solar System. How light behaves
<b>Religious Education</b>	The person of Jesus, including the many titles used for him and what they mean. Mass and the Eucharist, including how this is celebrated around the world.
<b>History</b>	How important was religion in the Middle Ages? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2a) What was it like to live in Medieval England?</li> <li>• 2b) How did religion impact life in Medieval England?</li> </ul>
<b>Geography</b>	Rivers
<b>French</b>	My school
<b>Music</b>	Learning an Instrument
<b>Information Technology (ICT)</b>	Programming Essential 1 Modelling Data using spreadsheets
<b>Art</b>	Natural forms Part 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Observational study skills.</li> <li>• Exploring artists or movements linked to natural form</li> <li>• Skills &amp; Techniques in a range of 2D media.</li> <li>• Present &amp; evaluate work.</li> </ul>
<b>Food and Nutrition</b> (12 week Carousel during the year)	Includes: Food Production, Cooking Techniques Ingredient Options and Health & Safety
<b>Design and Technology</b> (12 week Carousel during the year)	Mechanical Toy
<b>Physical Education</b>	Individual Games Health Related Exercise





<b>Wider Curriculum</b>	Pupils will study the following key concepts over the year: <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>
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[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.

**Parents’ Evening (Online)**

Year 7 Parents’ Evening - Thursday 20th March 2025 - 4pm - 6.30pm

**Assessment dates this academic year**

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  
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