



10th January 2025

Year 11 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 the first term. It has been wonderful to see their hard work and enthusiasm for learning and how maturely and diligently they approached their first round of mock examinations.

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 11 Term 2 Curriculum

Subject	Topics	
English Language	English Language Paper 2	
English Literature	Poetry - Power and Conflict / Unseen	
Maths	Higher	Foundation
	Geometry & Measures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application of Gradient and Area in Graphs (curved) Trigonometry of Non Right-Angled Triangles Vectors (advanced) Trigonometric Graphs & Equations Algebra <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Algebraic Fractions Simultaneous Equations (non-linear) Transforming Graphs 	Geometry & Measures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vectors Volume and Surface Area of Cylinder, Sphere, Cone and Pyramid Pythagoras & Trigonometry of Right-Angled Triangles Ratio & Proportion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Congruency Algebra <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Equation of Line



	<p>Ratio & Proportion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congruency (advanced) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parallel Lines • Simultaneous Equations
Science	Biology - Homeostasis & response	
	Chemistry - Organic Chemistry Chemistry of the atmosphere	
	Physics - Waves and Wave Behaviour Magnetism and Electromagnetism	
Religious Education	Paper: 2.2 Sin and Forgiveness	
History	The Making of America	
Geography	The changing economic world	
French	Jobs, career choices and ambitions Revision and exam practice	
Music	Revision of All Musical Elements Performance Examination Composition Coursework Completion	
Information Technology (ICT)	The wider implications of digital systems Planning and communication in digital systems	
Hospitality and Catering	<p>Theory work to be covered</p> <p>Unit 1 LO1: Understand the environment in which hospitality and catering providers operate</p> <p>LO2: Understand how Hospitality and catering providers operate.</p> <p>LO3: Understand how Hospitality and catering provision meets health and safety requirements.</p> <p>LO5: Be able to propose a hospitality and catering provision to meet specific requirements.</p>	
Design and Technology	<p>Non-examined Assessment</p> <p>Theory</p> <p>Revision of topics</p>	
Business Studies	<p>Growing a business</p> <p>Making operational decisions</p>	



	Making financial decisions Making human resource decisions
Enterprise and Marketing	Enterprise and marketing concepts - Financial viability - Marketing mix - Starting running a business
Art and Photography	External exam: component 2 ● Skills & Techniques. ● Explore & Research. ● Develop & Present.
Textiles	● External exam: component 2 ● Skills & Techniques ● Explore & Research ● Develop & Present
Health and Social Care	Complete non-examined externally assessed synoptic project Revise for external assessment
Child Development	Revise for external assessment
Drama	Devising - Creating an original piece of drama based on a stimulus
Engineering	Principles of engineering manufacture Non-examined assessment
Computer Science	Ethical, legal, cultural and environmental impact, Searching and sorting algorithms, Languages
GCSE PE	Component 1 - Fitness and Body Systems Topic 2 - Movement Analysis Revision and Exam Technique
Sport	Component 3 - Developing fitness to improve other participants' performance in sport and physical activity C - Investigate different fitness training methods



	D - Investigate fitness programming to improve fitness and sports performance External Moderation process
Wider Curriculum	Pupils will study the following key concepts over the year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Health & Wellbeing ● Sex & Relationships ● Living in the Wider World ● Keeping Safe ● Careers ● Character, Culture and Morality

[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.
- Encourage your child to attend our intervention offer during the year, including Subject Support and Master Classes.

Supporting Your Child in Year 11 Event (in school)

Tuesday 25th March 2025 - 5-6pm

Year 11 Celebration Assembly

We welcome families in to school to attend this event

Thursday 1st May 2025 - 8.45am

Assessment dates this academic year:

Year 11 Mock Examinations 2:

Week commencing Monday 3rd February 2025

Final Raising Achievement Plan (Preparing for External Examinations)

Week commencing Monday 10th March 2025

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External Examinations begin

Tuesday 6th May

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.

St Bernadette	St Catherine Laboure	St John Fisher	St Therese
STM-StBQueries@stm.bwcet.com	STM-StCLQueries@stm.bwcet.com	STM-stjfqueries@stm.bwcet.com	STM-sttqueries@stm.bwcet.com

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

