



30th April 2025

### Year 8 Curriculum Overview - Summer Term

Dear Families,

I hope this letter finds you well. As we enter the summer term, we are delighted to acknowledge the outstanding effort and progress our Year 8 pupils have shown throughout the year. It has been a pleasure to see their dedication and passion for learning.

With the new term underway, we are now in the Raising Achievement Plan period, a six-week preparation phase before any formal assessments. Your child has received a revision booklet to aid them in preparing for their end-of-year exams. Our teachers and tutors are providing supportive guidance in school to ensure they perform to the best of their abilities.

At St Thomas More, we value the partnership between home and school as a cornerstone of pupil success, and we are grateful for your continued support in 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 8 Term 3 Curriculum

Subject	Topics
English	Romance
Maths	<p>Probability &amp; Statistics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Listing Outcomes Systematically</li> <li>● Sample Space Diagrams</li> <li>● Relative Frequency</li> <li>● Averages from Tables</li> <li>● Frequency Trees</li> <li>● Two Way Tables</li> <li>● Pie Charts</li> <li>● Scatter Diagrams</li> </ul> <p>Algebra</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Rearranging Simple Formulae</li> <li>● Drawing Straight Line Graphs</li> </ul> <p>Geometry &amp; Measures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Plans &amp; Elevations</li> <li>● Isometric Drawing of 3D Shapes</li> </ul>



<b>Science</b>	Biology - Genetics & Biodiversity
	Chemistry - Environmental chemistry
	Physics - Heat Transfers and Uses Behaviour of waves
<b>Religious Education</b>	Pupils will study the concepts of the immortality of the soul, and Jesus' resurrection and how this leads to salvation. They will also study the Catholic Church as one family in faith and will look at different practices within the 24 distinct Catholic Church traditions; and then study the key beliefs of another of the Abrahamic faiths: Judaism.
<b>History</b>	Was the Industrial Revolution 'the best of times' or 'the worst of times'?  3a) What was the impact of the Industrial Revolution on different areas of society? 3b) How significant was mining to everyday life in the North East?
<b>Geography</b>	UK weather Climatic Hazards
<b>French</b>	Where you live & Visiting other countries
<b>Music</b>	Band Skills
<b>Information Technology (ICT)</b>	Spreadsheets and visual representation of data
<b>Food and Nutrition</b> (12 week Carousel during the year)	Advanced cooking, cultural and dietary diversity
<b>Design and Technology</b> (12 week Carousel during the year)	Copper Tealight
<b>Art</b>	Man made part 2: outcome ● Developing skills & techniques



	<p>in producing a final outcome.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Evaluate work and the skills/ knowledge learnt.</li> </ul>
<b>Physical Education</b>	<p>Athletics Striking &amp; Fielding Games</p>
<b>Wider Curriculum</b>	<p>Pupils will study the following key concepts over the year:</p> <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>

[The Taught Curriculum - School Website](#)

**General Tips for Supporting Your Child’s Progress**

- 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.

**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

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,

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