



April 2026

Year 9 Curriculum Overview - Summer Term

Dear Families,

As we begin the summer term, we are pleased to recognise the exceptional effort and progress our Year 9 pupils have made throughout the year. It has been wonderful to see their dedication and enthusiasm 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 help them prepare for their end-of-year exams. Our teachers and tutors are providing supportive guidance in school to ensure they excel. As Year 9 students, they are making important decisions about their future studies, and we are here to guide them every step of the way.

At St Thomas More, we believe that a strong partnership between home and school is essential for pupil success, and we appreciate your role 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 9 Term 3 Curriculum

Subject	Topics
English	The story of the novel - Purple Hibiscus
Maths	<p>Algebra</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equations of Straight Line Graphs • Quadratic Graphs • Simultaneous Equations <p>Ratio & Proportion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speed, Distance, Time • Density, Mass, Volume • Pressure • Similarity (lengths) <p>Probability & Statistics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Combining Averages • Collecting Data Geometry & Measures • Bearings
Science	Biology - Transport into and out of cells



	Chemistry - Atomic structure and the periodic table
	Physics - Electrical circuits and components
Religious Education	Pupils will study the Church on earth; the role of the saints and angels; the importance of the commitment to the Common Good; and will study aspects of the faith of Hinduism.
History	What was life like under Nazi rule? 3a) How did Hitler dismantle German democracy and create his dictatorship? 3b) How did the Nazis cement their control and combat opposition?
Geography	Earthquakes in water and on land Reducing the development gap The challenges of resource management
French	Talking about: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School subjects and school life • Language learning • Schools and past events Cultural Awareness: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School life in francophone countries
Music	Electronic Dance Music: Structure, Sonority & Texture Songwriting
Information Technology (ICT)	Introduction to cybersecurity Python Programming with sequences of data
Food and Nutrition (12 week Carousel during the year)	Cultural, Religious, and Ethical Food Choices Principles of Cleaning and Cross-Contamination
Design and Technology (12 week Carousel during the	Iconic Designer Clock





year)	
Art	North East part 2: outcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing skills & techniques in producing a final outcome • Evaluate work and the skills/ knowledge learnt
Physical Education	Athletics Striking & Fielding Games
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

- 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 20th April 2026

Key Stage 3 End of Year Assessment Module 2
Week commencing Monday 1st June 2026

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 email 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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