



Monday 24th August, 2026

Return to School Update

Dear Families,

I hope you and your families have enjoyed a restful and enjoyable summer break.

As we begin a new academic year, I would like to start by saying how delighted we are with the outcomes of our Year 11 and Year 13 examination results. We are exceptionally proud of our pupils and the hard work, determination and resilience they demonstrated to achieve such success. Their achievements are a testament to their commitment to learning, supported by the dedication of our staff and the encouragement of their families. We congratulate all of our students on their accomplishments and wish our leavers every success in the next stage of their education, training or employment.

We are now looking forward to welcoming all pupils back to school and beginning another exciting year together. Below you will find all the details and reminders you need to prepare for a smooth return.

Return to School Arrangements

First Day Back

- Year 7 Pupils return to school on Tuesday 1st September.
- All other pupils [Year 8- Year 13] return on Wednesday 2nd September
- Pupils need to be in their pastoral rooms by 08.40am.
- All pupils should arrive in full school uniform and be fully equipped for learning.

School Day

- A reminder that our school day has altered slightly.
- Pupils must be in their pastoral rooms for 8.40am after this point pupils will be classed as late to school.
- Timings are as follows:

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Monday to Thursday		Friday	
8.40am	Tutor check	8.40am	Tutor check
8.45am	Pastoral	8.45am	Pastoral
9.05am	Lesson 1	8.50am	Lesson 1 [WC]
10.05am	Lesson 2	9.40am	Lesson 2
11.05am	Break	10.40am	Break
11.20am	Lesson 3	10.55am	Lesson 3
12.20pm	Lunch	11.55am	Lunch
1.20pm	Lesson 4	12.50pm	Lesson 4
2.20pm	Lesson 5	1.50pm	Lesson 5
3.20pm	End of the day	2.50pm	End of the day

Uniform Expectations

Please ensure that:

- Uniform is clean, smart and complies with the school uniform policy.
- Appropriate school footwear is worn.
- Jewellery, make-up and hairstyles meet school expectations.
- PE kit is clearly labelled and brought to school on PE days.

Electronic Devices [Mobile Phones]

- A reminder that all electronic devices are now banned from school.
- Pupils will be issued with their Yondr pouch on their first day.
- Please refer back to the letter that was issued towards the end of last year for full details
- <https://www.stthomasmore.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/Letter-to-families.pdf>

Equipment

All pupils should bring:

- A school bag.
- Pens, pencils, ruler and other essential stationery.

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- Any subject-specific equipment required for lessons.

Communication

- Please take a moment to look at the 'Keeping in Touch' page on our website which provides you with all routes of communication with the school.
- [Keeping In Touch – St Thomas More Catholic School, Blaydon](#)

Looking Ahead

We have an exciting year planned, with a range of educational visits, enrichment opportunities, sporting events and celebrations of achievement. We encourage all pupils to make the most of these opportunities and to approach the year with enthusiasm, ambition and a positive attitude.

Please be aware that staff do not return to work until Tuesday 1st September, therefore only urgent queries will be responded to up to that date.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to working in partnership with you and welcoming all pupils back for what promises to be another successful and rewarding year.

Kind regards,

Mrs J Turner

Head Teacher