



Friday 25th September 2026

Head Teacher's Weekly Update

Dear Families,

As we come to the end of another busy and successful week, I would like to once again express how proud we are of our pupils and the consistently high standards they continue to demonstrate. Whether in lessons, around the school site, through their participation in enrichment activities or in the way they support one another, our young people represent St Thomas More with maturity, kindness and determination. Their positive attitude towards learning and commitment to being active members of our school community continue to make a significant contribution to the warm and purposeful atmosphere that is evident throughout the school each day.

This week, we were delighted to welcome so many families to our Welcome Evenings. Thank you to all those who attended and took the time to engage with tutors and staff. Events such as these are an important reminder of the strength of the partnership between home and school. We are incredibly grateful for the support, encouragement and guidance that families provide, and we know that pupils achieve most when parents, carers and school staff work closely together.

Throughout the year, we offer a wide range of opportunities for families to engage with school life, including face-to-face events, information evenings, workshops and virtual parental support sessions. Later in this letter, you will find our provisional parental engagement calendar, which outlines many of the opportunities available during the year ahead. I would encourage all families to take full advantage of these events wherever possible. By working in harmony and maintaining strong lines of communication, we can continue to provide the very best support for your child, ensuring they are able to flourish both academically and personally.

Prayer Theme

Jesus said to them, "I tell you solemnly, tax collectors are making their way into the kingdom of God before you." God calls each of us to respond to Him through our actions, choosing to do what is right even when it is difficult.

Matthew 21:28-32

We have prayed together as a community:

Dear Lord,

We thank You for Your unfailing love and for calling each of us to follow You through our words and actions. As Jesus taught that those who seemed furthest from God were often the first to respond to His call, help us to choose what is right, even when it is difficult. Give us the courage to live out our faith each day with honesty, kindness and integrity. Help us not only to hear Your word, but to put it into practice, showing love, compassion and respect to those around us. May our school community be guided by hearts that are willing to listen, serve and do Your will.

Amen

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Family Engagement Calendar

- Strong partnerships between home and school are central to ensuring that every child thrives academically, socially and emotionally. We are therefore pleased to share our provisional Family Engagement Calendar, which outlines the wide range of events, workshops, information evenings and virtual sessions that will be available to families throughout the year.
- We hope these opportunities will provide valuable support and guidance as we work together to help every young person succeed.
- We are always keen to respond to the needs of our families, so if there are any additional topics or sessions that you feel would be beneficial, please let us know. We will use your feedback to help shape our provision and ensure we continue to offer the support that matters most to our school community.
- [Family Engagement Calendar](#)



Virtual Parental Session: Raising Achievement Plan Launch [RAP] Year 11

- Our Raising Achievement Plan is the 6 week period building towards an assessment. Over the next 6 weeks your Year 11 child will be preparing for their first Year 11 exam. This session is designed to give you an overview about the different things happening in school - including opportunities for revision and further study outside of lessons - and ways that you can support at home.
- The session will run from 5:00pm-5:30pm



Mathematics Homework Club

- The Mathematics Department is pleased to offer a Homework Club, which takes place every Tuesday from 12:20pm to 12:50pm in M4. The club is open to all pupils and provides a supportive environment where students can complete homework, revise key concepts, seek help with mathematical problems and develop their confidence in the subject. Whether pupils need additional support or simply a quiet space to work, all are welcome to attend. We encourage students to take advantage of this opportunity to strengthen their understanding and develop positive study habits.





Year 5 & 6 Open Evening

- Next week, we are delighted to welcome the families of pupils in Years 5 and 6 to our annual Open Evening, which takes place from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for prospective pupils and their families to experience life at St Thomas More, meet our dedicated staff and explore the wide range of facilities and opportunities we have to offer.
- Visitors will have the chance to tour the school, take part in activities across a variety of subject areas, learn more about our curriculum and enrichment programme, and discover what makes our school such a special place to learn and grow. Families will also be able to sample some of the delicious food available from our Pod and Dining Hall.
- We look forward to welcoming you and sharing all that St Thomas More has to offer. We hope you can join us for what promises to be an exciting and enjoyable evening.



A reminder to use our house email addresses if you have any queries.

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Yours sincerely,

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