



September 2026

Year 11 Curriculum Overview - Autumn Term

Dear Families,

Our Year 11 students have made an excellent start to what is a crucial year in their education. As they prepare for their upcoming mock examinations, we have been so impressed by their determination and focus.

This letter provides an overview of the subjects and topics your child will be studying this term, as well as key information to help them prepare for their exams. At St Thomas More, we know that strong collaboration between home and school is essential, and your support is especially important during this examination year.

Please see below for a summary of what your child will be learning in each subject, along with advice on how you can support them as they work towards their goals.

Year 11 Term 1 Curriculum

Subject	Topics	
English Language English Literature	Paper 2 (non-fiction) Macbeth	
Maths ● Full list: Maths Overview	Higher	Foundation
	- Transformations - Cumulative frequency - Histograms - Probability - Quadratic and simultaneous equations - Linear inequalities - Multiplicative reasoning	- Changing the subject - Plotting Straight line graphs - Equations of straight line graphs - Parallel lines - Pythagoras - Probability
Science	Biology - Inheritance, variation & evolution	
	Chemistry - The rate and extent of chemical change	
	Physics - Forces and Motion (Space Physics T)	



Religious Education	Paper: 2.1 Life and Death
History	Elizabethans
French	Talking about geography and the climate Environmental problems Describe your town / village
Geography	The challenge of natural hazards
Music	Samba em Preludio Brandenburg Concerto Pathetique Sonata Set brief composition work
Information Technology (ICT)	Modern technologies Cyber security
Hospitality and Catering	Unit 2: Hospitality and catering in action Controlled assessment: An assignment brief will be provided by WJEC which will include a scenario and several tasks (60% of qualification) NEA 1: Food Investigation Task coursework (15%)
Product Design	Non-examined Assessment Theory
Business Studies	Growing a business Making marketing decisions
Art	Culture: Mask project outcome/ or development of natural form project ● Skills & techniques ● Develop & present.
Photography	Identity project: Outcomes ● Skills & techniques. ● Develop & present
Textiles	Natural forms outcome. ● Skills & Techniques. ● Develop & Present
Health and Social Care	Legislation, policies and procedures in health and social care The care planning cycle Prepare for and start the non-examined externally assessed



	synoptic project
Child Development	Prepare for and complete non-examined externally assessed synoptic project.
Drama	"Blood Brothers" by Willy Russell
Computer Science	Threats to computer systems and networks, Identifying and preventing vulnerabilities, Defensive design, Operating systems, Utility software, The IDE
GCSE PE	Component 1 - Fitness and Body Systems Topic 1 - Applied anatomy and physiology
Sport	Component 2 - Taking part and improving other participants sporting performance B - Task 2: Video of sports skills in a given scenario (approx. 15 min video in isolated practices and competitive situations) B - Task 3: Rules, regulations and roles and responsibilities of officials Component 3 - Developing fitness to improve other participants' performance in sport and physical activity A - Explore the importance of fitness for sports performance B - Investigate fitness testing to determine fitness levels
Wider Curriculum	Pupils will study the following key concepts: • Careers ○ Employer engagement ○ Applications ○ Higher education • Sex and relationships

[What your child will learn - School Website](#)

General Tips for Supporting Your Child's Progress

- **Support Revision:** Help your child create a realistic revision timetable and provide a quiet space for study as mock exams approach.
- **Encourage Balance:** Remind your child to take breaks and look after their wellbeing during this important year.



- **Stay Informed:** Keep track of key dates, deadlines, and exam timetables together.
- **Celebrate Achievements:** Recognise your child's dedication and celebrate milestones as they prepare for their next steps.
- Encourage your child to attend our intervention offer during the year, including Subject Support and Master Classes.

Parents' Evening - In person

Year 11 Parents' Evening Thursday 10th December, 2026

GCSE Success Support Evening (in school)

Thursday 18th March 2027 - 5 - 6.30pm

Year 11 Celebration Assembly

We welcome families in to school to attend this event

Friday 30th April 2027

Assessment dates this academic year:

Year 11 Raising Achievement Plan (Preparing for Mock Examinations)

Monday 21st September 2026

Year 11 Mock Examinations 1:

Monday 9th November 2026

Year 11 Raising Achievement Plan (Preparing for Mock Examinations)

Week commencing Monday 7th December 2026

Year 11 Mock Examinations 2:

Week commencing Monday 1st February 2027

Final Raising Achievement Plan (Preparing for External Examinations)

Week commencing Monday 15th March 2027

External Examinations begin

May 2027

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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