



Friday 2nd September 2026

Head Teacher's Weekly Update

Dear Families,

As we reach the end of another busy and productive week at St Thomas More, I would like to take the opportunity to reflect on some of the many highlights that have taken place across our school community.

One of the highlights of the week was our Open Evening, where we were delighted to welcome so many families who are beginning their journey to St Thomas More. It was wonderful to see such a strong turnout, with families exploring our facilities, experiencing the breadth of opportunities on offer and meeting the dedicated staff who make St Thomas More such a special place to learn and grow. The evening had a real sense of excitement, and we were proud to showcase the vibrant and inclusive community that our pupils and staff create every day. We are looking forward to continuing our work with the families and pupils who will be joining us next September. Our carefully planned transition programme includes a range of events and opportunities throughout the year, all designed to ensure that every pupil feels confident, supported and excited about becoming part of the St Thomas More family.

This week also saw us celebrate National Poetry Day, and it was a joy to see poetry brought to life across the school. Our teachers began lessons by sharing some of their favourite poems, and it was wonderful to walk through the corridors and hear pupils engaging with a wide range of poetry.

Our Sixth Form students have also enjoyed a range of valuable experiences beyond the classroom this week. Geography students have been out completing fieldwork, applying their learning in real-world contexts, while Sociology students benefited from a visit to Beamish, helping to deepen their understanding of key concepts and bringing their studies to life. These opportunities form an important part of the wider educational experience we strive to provide for all of our young people.

As always, thank you for your continued support. The partnership between home and school remains one of our greatest strengths, and we are grateful for the role you play in helping our pupils flourish both academically and personally.



Prayer Theme:

I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.

Matthew 21:43

We have prayed together as a community:

Dear Lord,

We thank You for the many gifts and opportunities You have given us. As Jesus reminds us that the Kingdom of God is given to those who bear good fruit, help us to use our talents wisely and to live each day in a way that reflects Your love. Guide us to show kindness, generosity and compassion in our words and actions. Help us to serve others with humility, work hard in all that we do, and make a positive difference in the lives of those around us. May our school community be known by the fruits of faith, respect, courage and service, so that together we may grow closer to You and help one another to flourish.

Amen

Relationships and Sex Education Policy Consultation

- We are currently reviewing our Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) Policy and would welcome feedback from families. The draft policy and a short consultation form are available via the link below, and we encourage you to share any comments or suggestions to help ensure our provision continues to meet the needs of our pupils and school community. Please submit your feedback by **Friday 9th October**.
- Link to Policy: [Revised RSE Policy - Draft - September 2026](#)
- Link to Consultation Form: <https://forms.gle/qCa2VB5E6Cj7YHTJ6>



Virtual Parental Session: Vocational Pathways - Advice for Families

- Vocational subjects like BTECs can often have vastly different structures to other KS4 or KS5 qualifications like GCSEs. This session gives an overview to families on how vocational subjects differ as well as offering advice on how families can support with NEAs and other aspects of a vocational course.
- The session will run from 5:00pm-5:30pm and a link will be shared on Wednesday to access the session.
- As always, all of our sessions are recorded and available on





demand. Please email info@stm.bwcet.com if you would like to access any recordings.

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

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Yours sincerely,

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