



St Thomas More Catholic Academy
& Sixth Form College

newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the first newsletter of the autumn term 2020. It has been an absolute pleasure to welcome back our students following an extended period of time out of school. We have been so impressed with the way students have adapted to the “new normal” and the different routines we have put in place to keep students and staff safe. We are continually monitoring and reviewing the wide range of measures and will update parents and carers with any tweaks we make along the way. The overall attendance of students is excellent and the standard of uniform is very good.

Our new approach to learning “Six Steps to Success” is being implemented across the school in all lessons which includes;

- Silent, independent application
- Less annotation, more written application.
- Revise at home
- Less teacher talk to a maximum of 10 minutes wherever possible
- Students must catch up on work missed
- Assessment for Learning

We have high expectations of all our learners and throughout the year we will continually remind students of the importance of the following;

- Say please and thank you
- Follow instructions first time, every time without argument
- Make eye contact and answer appropriately when spoken to
- Wear your uniform correctly to show pride in yourself and your school
- Hold the door open for someone coming behind you
- Put your litter in the bin

Welcome to our new staff joining St Thomas More this term. We are blessed to have such dedicated, committed staff in the school who serve our young people.

On this day, let us not forget that today marks the 19th anniversary of 9/11. A day marked by shock, terror, sorrow and tremendous loss, where we remember the devastating terrorist attacks on America, that deeply impacted the rest of the world. Let us pray for all the victims and their families affected by this atrocity.

“Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn”

Thank you for your continued support. Wishing you all a restful weekend

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St Thomas More Catholic Academy & Sixth Form College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff, volunteers and parents carers to share this commitment.

Information

Macmillan Coffee Morning - Friday 25th September

We will be supporting the world's biggest coffee morning again this year but in a slightly different way. We will provide cakes for students and ask that they pay a donation of £1. Students can wear non-uniform on this day too. If each child in the school pays £1 we will be able donate over £1000 to Macmillan Cancer Support to help people in need. Let's get behind this fantastic charitable event.



School Photos Wednesday 23rd September 2020

School Day Reminder

Year 7, 8 & 9

9.00am – 10.00am – Period 1
10.00am – 11.00am – Period 2
11.00am – 11.20am – Break
11.20am – 12.20pm – Period 3
12.20pm – 1.20pm – Period 4
1.20pm – 2.05pm – Lunch
2.05pm – 3.05pm – Period 5

Year 10 & 11

8.50am – 9.50am – Period 1
9.50am – 10.50am – Period 2
10.50am – 11.10am – Break
11.10am – 12.10pm – Period 3
12.10pm – 1.10pm – Period 4
1.20pm – 1.55pm – Lunch
1.55pm – 3.10pm – Period 5

All students are now required to line up in their zones on the playground at the start of period 1,3 and 5. This ensures an orderly and safe entry to the school for the start of lessons.

Message from the Pope



“Other people are gifts to be received with respect, especially if they are weak and frail, because Christ comes to meet us in them”

Weekly Prayer



Dear God, I lean on You because I know you care about me. Your strength supports me, Your love carries me. You are here for me: To help me through every pain. To be my eyes when I feel the need to turn away. To be my ears when I can't bear to hear what has to be said. To be my heart, always filled with hope and courage. Thank You.

~Amen