



St. Thomas More
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

St. Thomas More Catholic Voluntary Academy, Palace Fields, Buxton, Derbyshire, SK17 6AF Headteacher: Mr D Redfern

14th October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

The school year seems to be flying by already. Our pupils have made a positive start to the year, looking after each other with characteristic kindness and working with diligence in class. They really are living the challenge to #BeMore.

Personal Development

Our pupils are embracing the opportunities we offer them for Personal Development. Already this year, we have appointed a school council, prefects and a student leadership team; we welcomed hundreds to our very special open evening; and we have welcomed Year 7 and their families to celebrate their first month at STM. Music groups, sporting activities, chess club, chaplaincy, radio club, Duke of Edinburgh Award and many more clubs are up and running at lunchtimes and after school. It is a joy to see this in school again after a year of bubbles and staggered lunchtimes. We ask you to encourage your child to participate in these clubs and activities, as they are such an essential part of their personal development.

In addition, all pupils are following a programme of Personal Development in form time. During this time, Personal Social and Health Education (PSHE), Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE), and Careers will be taught. In November, we will begin delivery of our RSHE programme.

High Expectations - Uniform and Equipment

In July 2021, we wrote to you about our uniform and equipment policy, detailing the requirements for all pupils. The letter and policy can be viewed on our website, including clear guidelines and photographs of footwear that is and is not allowed under the school policy. In September, we contacted some of you because some aspects of your child's uniform do not comply with the school policy. We want to give all families a reasonable opportunity to replace footwear so from Wednesday 1st December, all pupils are expected to be in full correct uniform and the Behaviour Policy will be implemented in full. This gives families an extra three months to make arrangements. If any family is in need of financial support to purchase items of uniform, please contact us to access the St Ralph Sherwin CMAT support fund. We hope you will agree we have made reasonable adjustments to take into account all family circumstances.

Covid-19 vaccination programme clinics during half-term

Please see enclosed letter from the School Age Immunisation Team regarding vaccinations for children who were not able to have their vaccine on the day they visited school due to ill health or other reasons.

As ever, if you have any questions, please contact the school.

Yours sincerely,

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