



St. Thomas More
CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

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Thursday 7th April 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

Spring has arrived and hopefully the good weather will follow soon. The Lent Term continued to present us with many challenges, particularly due to covid and both pupil and staff absence as a result. We have worked hard to minimise disruption for our pupils, ensuring that the school remained open to all year groups and most importantly, keeping children in the classroom learning. The Government has updated its guidance regarding covid and school absence. Further information can be found attached to this letter. Please take the time to familiarise yourself with the latest information and how absence due to illness/covid will be managed.

Return after Easter

All pupils will return on Monday 25th April at 8:40am.

New School Newsletter

We have recently issued a new termly newsletter, available on the website and the school's social media. If you have any good news stories, we want to hear from you! We want to celebrate everything that our pupils achieve, both in and outside of the classroom.

Safeguarding and Further Support

If you are concerned for the welfare of a child whilst we are closed for the Easter Holidays, further support and guidance can be found at

<https://www.st-thomasmore.derbyshire.sch.uk/page/?title=Covid%2D19&pid=164>

Alternatively, please contact Starting Point on 01629 533190 or in an emergency, the Police on 101/999.

Uniform

When pupils return to school after Easter, they are expected to be wearing full, correct school uniform; jewellery, facial piercings and make-up are not permitted. Pupils should wear shoes and not trainers.

Pupils can wear their school summer uniform from Tuesday 3rd May 2022. Students should either wear their full school uniform, as they do now, or their summer uniform. Students should not mix the two uniforms. This year, we will allow pupils to wear their STM branded hoodie over their white polo shirt if it is cold. No other hoodie should be worn for school. School trousers, skirts and correct uniform should be worn as part of the summer uniform.



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As always, trainers may be worn at break and lunch for playing sports, but children should change their footwear ready to go into class.

Equipment

Thank you for ensuring that pupils have all of their own equipment and can avoid sharing or borrowing equipment in school. Please check your child(ren)'s equipment over the break and replace any missing items in time for the start of the new term. Equipment must include: pens (blue/black and purple/red), pencils, ruler, rubber, pencil sharpener, compass, protractor, highlighter, glue stick, scientific calculator and ear phones for Music lessons.

GCSE Examinations 2022

Examinations will go ahead this summer and start on Monday 16th May.

Our Year 11 students are busy revising and nerves are beginning to show. It is important that Year 11 pupils take some time to relax and recuperate this holiday to return refreshed, ready for their exams.

Further information about GCSE examinations this year can be found on our website.

<https://www.st-thomasmore.derbyshire.sch.uk/page/?title=GCSE+2022&pid=330>

Once again, thank you for everything you have done to support the school over the last several months and for your kind, supportive messages to both the staff and I.

Best wishes and Happy Easter when it arrives!



Mr D Redfern
Headteacher