May 2025

**TRANSITION DAYS AND PARENTS EVENING**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been busy arranging our upcoming Transition Days on **Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th July** and our Transition Evening on **Wednesday 9th July**, and we’re excited for what we have planned. We hope that this letter answers any questions you may have around these events, but please do get in touch if you would like more information.

**Transition days (Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th July)**

*What will my child be doing during the transition days?*

All of our new Year 7 will be attending the two transition days where your child will get a flavour of what to expect in September. They will get to attend lessons, meet some of their new teachers and get to know their way around the school building. Students will have the opportunity to meet their new peers and take part in team building activities. We are also planning a trip to our school field (weather permitting) and so we ask that children wear appropriate clothing and footwear (ideally trainers or pumps). We follow a theme for our Transition days and this year we are excited to be theming most of our lessons around **“hopes for the future”,** inspired by our Catholic Jubilee Year mission to become Pilgrams of Hope **.**

*What time will each day start and finish?*

We will begin both days at 9am and finish at 3pm prompt. Please note that if you are driving your child to or from school, parking is very limited, and Palace Road does get extremely busy around these times. With this in mind, we recommend parking on Lansdowne Road and using the path at the side of St Anne’s Primary School, or alternatively parking on Lascelles Road. On Friday 4th July, Friends of St Thomas More (FOSTM), will be running a pre-loved uniform shop in the school hall from 2:30pm, items will be sold on a first come -first served basis (cash only). If you wish to attend, please enter school via the main entrance and you can collect your child afterwards.

*What does my child need to bring?*

Your child may like to bring a water bottle to keep with them. We will be providing a break time snack and lunch with drinks, but your child may prefer to bring their own choice of snack/packed lunch if they feel more comfortable doing so. If it is sunny, please ensure your child brings sun cream and if it is raining, a waterproof coat. We recommend that anything your child does bring with them is clearly labelled with their full name and in a bag that they can easily carry. There is no need for your child to bring equipment as this will be loaned as and when it is needed. Children may wear their own clothes and do not need to attend wearing their current school uniform.

*Do I need to inform my child’s Primary school?*

We have informed all Primary schools to expect your child to be out for both days however, we do ask that you also let them know out of courtesy.

*My child has food allergies/medical needs*

If your child has any allergies, special dietary requirements and/or medical needs, **we ask that you contact us as soon as possible** so that we can prepare for this beforehand. If your child needs to bring medication to take during the day, including the use of inhalers, please let us know in advance so that we are aware and can assist if necessary.

**Transition Evening (Wednesday 9th July, 6pm)**

This evening is for Parents/Carers to attend, as well as your child. It is an informative evening where you will get to know more about school life at STM and ways in which you can help your child settle in. We will share with you how your child’s Transition Days went and answer any questions you may have. There will be the opportunity to meet some key members of staff for next year and hear from some of our current year 7s as to how their first year has gone. Our uniform supplier, ClassworX, will be joining us and you will be able to buy uniform or order it from them during the evening.

During the evening, you and your child will find out what Form group they will be in when they join us in September and you will be introduced to their Form Tutor.

**Other information**

**SeeSaw:** In this pack, we have included details login details for a free website/app called SeeSaw for your child to start sharing their ideas and take part in mini challenges. Please support your child in logging in to it. Once their SATs are complete, we will be uploading mini welcome videos and setting small challenges on there to help them to feel part of the St Thomas More family as soon as possible.

**Payment methods at St Thomas More:** at our school we operate on a cashless system and use ParentPay for the canteen, school trips and all other items. We will send out invitations to set up your ParentPay account in September 2025.

We look forward to welcoming your child on **Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th July** and seeing you all on the evening of **Wednesday 9th July.**

Yours sincerely,

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