

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

17th July 2025

Dear Parent / Carer,

Important Update: Transition from Planners to Fusion VLE - September 2025

Following previous consultations with parents and staff, we will no longer be using physical planners from September 2025. Instead, all homework will be set via our Fusion Virtual Learning Environment (VLE).

The Fusion VLE will act as an online planner, allowing both pupils and parents to log in and view homework tasks by subject, including due dates. This change aims to improve communication between home and school by providing clear and consistent access to homework information.

We know that parents often found it difficult to support their child with homework when planners were unclear or simply marked "homework." With the VLE, you'll be able to see exactly what has been assigned, when it's due, and any specific instructions from teachers. This will help you support your child more effectively, particularly if they are having difficulty with a task.

Please note:

The Fusion VLE will be used for setting and managing homework, but will not replace existing platforms such as Microsoft Teams, Seneca, MathsWatch, or Pearson. Pupils will continue to use these tools for submitting work and supporting their learning both in class and at home. Students are already familiar with these platforms.

You will also be able to download an app to your phone for easier access to the VLE. However, for your **initial login this must be completed on a laptop or tablet** (see guide). Further details, including how to get started, are attached and can also be found on the website link below.

https://www.stthomasmorebuxton.srscmat.co.uk/parents/fusion-vle/

Yours sincerely,

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