

24<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

### 1 October – Saint Thérèse of Lisieux Feast Day

I am delighted to share that our Year 7 students continue to settle in very well at St Thomas More and are already a valued part of our school community. It has been wonderful getting to know them over the past few months, and I very much look forward to supporting them throughout their first year as their Head of Learning.

As part of our Catholic Social Teaching programme, each year group adopts a saint to learn more about and to explore how we can follow in their footsteps. For Year 7, we have chosen Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, also known as the Little Flower of Jesus. She teaches us that small acts of kindness can have a powerful impact, helping to make our world more beautiful and to deepen our appreciation of creation.

On **Wednesday 1 October**, we invite the children to celebrate the Feast Day of St Thérèse. On this day, Year 7 students may attend school in non-uniform for a voluntary £1 donation.

Year 7 will also be raising money through a cake sale. We kindly ask for your support by baking or purchasing baked goods to contribute, and by providing your child with some change if they wish to buy a treat. All money raised will go to the Year 7 chosen charity, **CAFOD** (the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, the official aid agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales). Donations of baked goods can be brought to Student Reception on the morning of 1 October.

As part of the celebration, we plan to walk to St Anne's Church on Terrace Road for a liturgy service during the school day. No alternative transportation to or from school is required.

### Future Key Dates for Year 7:

- 1 October – Non-uniform and cake sale for Saint Thérèse of Lisieux Feast Day
- 9 October – School closes at 13:20 for Year 5 and 6 Open Evening (some students will help)
- 16 October – Year 7 Review Evening (details to follow)
- 17 October – Welcome Mass (to be confirmed)
- 24 October – School closes for half-term at 15:10

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,



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