

25<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Year 11 back into their final year at St Thomas More. Year 11 have made a positive start towards the year by wearing their STM uniform proudly, demonstrating a positive attitude towards learning and attending all lessons punctually.

Below is an outline of key information relating to what is happening within school to support your child throughout Year 11.

**College talks within school and Open Day Dates:**

A separate letter is attached to the back of this letter outlining the Open Days for visits to colleges and 6<sup>th</sup> Forms within the local area.

**Pastoral Structure for Year 11:**

This academic year, there has been enhanced support put into place to support pupils. Please see below the key members of staff who will be working with students.

11S	11T	11M
Head of Learning – Mrs Doherty Perkins		
Form Tutor: Mr Warhurst	Form Tutor: Mrs Anderson	Form Tutor: Mr Ronson
Pastoral Manager: Mrs Doherty Perkins	Pastoral Manager: Mrs Brown	Pastoral Manager: Miss Ward

If you have any concerns or would like to discuss something in relation to your child, please do not hesitate to contact myself as Head of Learning, your child's Form Tutor or attached Pastoral Manager.

**"Raising Aspirations and Belief in our Own Success"**

Following a review of the Mock Exam series in June/July, it has been noted that some pupils have low aspirations of what they can achieve both academically and personally.

Several factors link to this:

- Low self-esteem and self confidence within their own ability.
- Low motivation levels and the willingness to push them self forward.
- Low engagement within revision classes and interventions.
- A sense that if they ignore the pressures, they will go away.



- The impact of our peers and the need for pupils to focus on themselves.

I would like to reiterate the message to you that pupils are receiving in school; it is not too late to put the required effort into our studies to achieve the grades they deserve. Since Year 11 have returned, there has been a positive upturn in each pupil's approach to their studies and accessing additional support.

Year 11 will have the opportunity during the academic year to work with several external visitors to discuss their aspirations for life post St Thomas More and to also gain an insight in areas they may wish to pursue.

### **Going the Distance – Reward Scheme:**

For this academic year a new reward postcard has been devised to support Year 11 pupils. Teachers will be sending postcards out to pupils who continually meet our school expectations; are on time daily, are equipped and work to their best of their ability within all lessons.

In addition to this, each half term I will be looking to invite pupils who meet the St Thomas More way on a rewards visit with me. This to ensure that pupils are aware that we value and appreciate their positive contributions towards our school.

### **Parents Evening – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 4 till 7pm:**

I would like to thank those who have already started to make appointments to attend Parents Evening on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. I would like to emphasise the importance of attending this evening with your child. I will be in contact with families over the coming days to support with making appointments and ensuring that all students within the year group attend.

### **Save the date – Prom 2026!**

I am pleased to inform you that Prom will be held on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2026. After October half-term, I will be writing to families to share further details about this and to also inform of the criteria that students must meet to be allowed to attend Prom.

I would like to thank you for the continued support you provide both your child and St Thomas More. If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me either by phone on 01298 23167 or via email at [ldohertyperkins@stm.srscmat.co.uk](mailto:ldohertyperkins@stm.srscmat.co.uk).

Yours sincerely,



Mrs L Doherty-Perkins

Head of Learning Year 11



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College and 6<sup>th</sup> Form Open Days:

**Aquinas College** - Visit to STM – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September

Saturday September 20<sup>th</sup> 2025 | 10.00am – 1pm

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2025 | 10.00am – 1pm

**Macclesfield College** - Visit to STM –Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2025 5.30pm – 7.30pm

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2025 10.30am – 1.00pm

Apprenticeship Open Event Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> March 2026 4:30pm - 6.30pm

**Xaverian College** - Virtual assembly to be shared with students in Celebration of the Word.

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2025

**Loreto College** - Virtual assembly to be shared with students in Celebration of the Word

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2025 10-12pm or 1pm-3pm

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2025 10-12pm or 1pm-3pm

**Fallibroome Sixth Form**

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2025 | 6.00 – 8.30 pm

**Stockport College**

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October 10am -2pm

**Buxton and Leek College** - Visit to STM Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September 10am till 1pm

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November 5-7pm

**Buxton Community Sixth Form** - Visit to STM Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September.

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October – 6-8pm.

**Marple Sixth Form College** - Visit to STM Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October 10am – 2pm.

