



**ST THOMAS MORE
RC SIXTH FORM**

PROSPECTUS



WE HAVE A STRONG ETHOS OF RESPECT, TOLERANCE AND HUMILITY

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The ethos of respect, tolerance and humility is fundamental to everything we do at St Thomas More.

We strive for outstanding relationships throughout the college, built on mutual trust, honesty and respect. This is underpinned by a strong work ethic from both students and staff.

We are very much a community providing help and support for each other in all ways.

At this important stage of their lives, we provide our students with many opportunities to aid their holistic development.

They are encouraged to share their talents and learn new skills, to be active, be committed and be spirited whilst at college and in their everyday life.

Enrichment at St Thomas More encompasses sport, music, residential trips, cultural activities and social events.

It is our hope that students take advantage of as many of these activities as they can. Student-led committees enable their voices to be heard, demonstrating a real faith in action. This includes supporting their chosen charitable causes, working towards a brighter future for all.



Leaders' active promotion of pupils' social, moral, spiritual and cultural development is tangible and exceptional.

- Ofsted 2017



Straight away other students were friendly, after the first week I felt like I'd been there as long as everyone else. - New student, 2017





WE OFFER A BROAD, BALANCED AND INCLUSIVE CURRICULUM

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We offer individualised, bespoke learning programmes, tailored to meet the specific strengths and skills of each student, truly a curriculum for all.

Our information, advice and guidance helps students through the process of selecting the most relevant and appropriate subjects. Whether they choose academic subjects, applied courses or a combination of both, we prepare our students exceptionally well for Further Education, Employment or Training.

With over 300 students on roll, our thriving Sixth Form enables us to offer a broad and balanced curriculum.

Our range of A Level subjects extends beyond the traditional English, Maths, Sciences and Humanities as we continue to include and encourage Modern Languages, Music, Art and Technology subjects. A wide choice of Applied subjects is also available, including Business, Health and Social Care, Information Technology, Sport and Performing Arts.

Resit GCSE English and/or Mathematics is available for the students who are striving for the desired Grade 4.

We are immensely proud of the success of all our courses and indeed the progression routes all students take afterwards.



Leaders are ‘resolute in their ambition to ensure that all students, based on their different starting points, achieve consistently well.’ - Ofsted 2017



Students spoke with high regard about the support, guidance and care received from Sixth Form staff and their teachers. - Ofsted 2017

WE PROVIDE EXCEPTIONAL CARE THROUGH OUR HOLISTIC PASTORAL PROVISION

Our Sixth Form delivers high quality education in a safe and supportive environment. We are an inclusive community where everyone is welcome.

Sixth Form students are led by a strong, experienced pastoral team. They offer exceptional care to all students whilst actively promoting their social, moral, spiritual and cultural development.

Every Sixth Form student belongs to a small form class. The form tutor meets daily with their form class to offer support and guidance to every student. Students' pastoral and academic progress is monitored closely through one to one meetings held regularly with their tutor.

Success is celebrated weekly in an assembly led by the Head of Year. The Head of Year and Assistant Head of Year remains with the year group throughout their two years of study. Situated within the heart of the Sixth Form block, they are readily available for students and parents should the need arise. These roles are supported by the Head of Sixth Form who has overall responsibility for pastoral care and academic progress.

As in our main school, pastoral work is complemented by our extended support team including Learning Mentors, School Counsellor and School Chaplain. Where appropriate, the SEN Department will be involved to support teaching and learning.



My son thoroughly enjoys attending Sixth Form. He has developed positive and trusting relationships with his tutors and peers and continues to do well in such a supportive environment. - ParentVoice, 2017



The values of respect, tolerance, humility permeate throughout. - Ofsted 2017



Programmes prepare students exceptionally well for Further Education, Employment and Training.
- Ofsted 2017



WE PREPARE OUR STUDENTS FOR A SUCCESSFUL FUTURE

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At St Thomas More we have a proven track record of excellent outcomes at Key Stage 5. Our Sixth Form examination results are consistently among the strongest in North Tyneside.

Since 2009, our Level 3 pass rate remains at an excellent 99 -100% at Grade A*-E, and our retention figures from Year 12 into Year 13 are also impressively high.

Each year our students achieve around 80% A*-C grades or equivalent, with around 30% at A*-A. Excellent attainment ensures high levels of progression each year to university, employment or training.

We have strong links with local Universities and all students attend a Study Skills day to help prepare them for the rigours of undergraduate study. Most St Thomas More students advance to their first choice provider with many choosing Oxbridge and Russell Group universities. An established and highly effective UCAS application

process is available to all Year 13 students, with each assigned a mentor.

They greatly benefit from individualised support when writing their personal statements and with choosing appropriate, aspirational courses.

Those who wish to seek an alternative pathway are enrolled onto our Employability Group. This weekly tuition programme, led by our Assistant Head of Year, is devoted specifically to preparing students for employment, training and apprenticeships. Talks from local industry experts, work experience opportunities and an annual Careers Day ensure they are given the best opportunity to succeed when they leave us.

With high expectations and aspirations for all we are confident that our students will leave St Thomas More well prepared to take their next steps.



Teachers always offer helpful advice, especially about things like applying for university. - Student Voice 2017



Nathan Leese, Art & Design (Fine Art) Grade A

WE CURRENTLY OFFER THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS AT SIXTH FORM

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A LEVELS AVAILABLE IN:			
Art & Design	English Language	German	Product Design
Biology	English Literature	History	Psychology
Business Studies	French	Mathematics	Resistant Materials
Chemistry	Food Technology	Music	Textiles
Computing	Further Mathematics	Physics	Core Maths (AS)
Ethics & Philosophy	Geography	Physical Education	EPQ

VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS	
Single Award (equivalent to 1 A Level):	BTEC Business BTEC ICT BTEC Music BTEC Performing Arts - Dance BTEC Sports Development
Double Award (equivalent to 2 A Levels):	BTEC Business Cambridge National Health & Social Care
Extended Award (equivalent to 3 A Levels):	BTEC Sports Development



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