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Dear Parent/Carer,

This week has been fantastic to see more of our students returning to school. The face to face sessions for year 10 and 12 have been really well attended and student engagement has been excellent. The learning in these sessions is being consolidated with the online timetable for years 10 and 12. This will continue for the rest of this term.

Years 7, 8 and 9 have commenced their online timetable to support their online independent learning. The work to be completed is still published every week on our website. I am grateful for staff for embracing this ambitious plan of online teaching, I am also aware that there have been a couple of teething problems, please encourage our students to persevere whilst everyone gets used to working in a completely different manner.

Please be reminded that all sessions are recorded by the teacher and students are asked to adhere to the following basic rules:

- Microphones are muted all times unless asked by the teacher.
- Cameras are turned off and remain off.
- Responsible language / behaviour used at all times.

Year 9 will be completing their GCSE Options Week starting on Monday, I encourage students to engage with the material that has been produced to support their choices.

Government Guidelines now allow schools to arrange a "meeting" with students before September. Further guidance from the government is expected this week, however we are planning to invite year 7 to 9 students in for that meeting in either week commencing 6th or 13th July. Further details will follow.

In terms of the new academic year; we are planning for September, however we still await further guidance around the details of what we are allowed to offer on site. An announcement is expected imminently, as soon as we have those details I will let you know our plans.

I am conscious that today would have been the last day at school for years 11 and 13. I appreciate that students have missed out on both the examination season and the chance to say goodbye to one another and to staff. We are still keen to pursue ways for this to happen when it is safe to do so. However, in the meantime, staff have put together a video which will hopefully make year 11 and 13 students smile and reflect on their successes at St Thomas More.

I am also conscious that you may have or know year 6 students who are starting their journey with us in September. A lot of work has gone into a range of online transition material including sample lessons, videos and a virtual tour. This will be available on our website next week and details will be sent to parents of year 6 students coming to us in September.





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Should you have any questions at all please do not hesitate to contact school via email or the main school office.

Take care and stay safe.

Mr M Rayner
Headteacher



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