

Honours Key Information 2023/24



Honours Timeline

September - October	Honours Masterclasses start and continue every Tuesday evening throughout the year 3.20pm-4.20pm in the 6 th Form Centre Duke of Edinburgh applications open
November	Honours Student Voice Honours launch to families 13/11/23 Honours Competition Technology opens for AW Term 2 – deadline for entries to Mrs Barker 15/12/23 Honours Workshop 1 17/11/23 CREST Science qualification starts Charter of Opportunities given to students – work on this is ongoing throughout the academic year Record of Achievement discussed with students – work on this is ongoing throughout the academic year
December	Honours trip to Oxford University
January	Honours Workshop 2 12/01/24 <i>Stardome on Tour Y7-10 23-25/01/24</i> Honours AOW
February	Honours trip to Russell Group University Honours AOW
March	<i>World Book Day Masterclass Y7-8 07/03/24</i> <i>World Maths Day Masterclass Y7-8 21/03/24</i>
April	Honours Workshop 3 12/04/24 <i>Pitch Perfect Business Masterclass Y7-9 17/04/24</i>
May	Honours Workshop 4 24/05/24 Honours Careers Meetings Charter of Opportunities completion in preparation for final interviews Honours Trip
June	<i>World Environment Day Masterclass Y7-8 05/06/24</i> Honours Interviews 03/06/24 - 14/06/24 <i>Experience Forensic Science Higher Horizons Y9 & 10 10-11/06/24</i> Honours Graduation Ceremony 24/06/24 Honours End of Year Reward Trip

**events in italics are to be confirmed*

All Honours students will be invited to attend a range of Honours Workshops throughout the year. Your teachers will be aware that you are missing a specified lesson.

Reading Lists

You have been provided with an Honours Reading List and this is also available on Teams.

Students are not expected to read all of these books – this is a guide to help to broaden thinking around each subject. **Students should aim to read at least 3 books from this list this year.**

You will need to write 3 book reviews for 3 books that you have read this year in order to fulfil your Charter of Opportunities – these could be books from the Honours Reading List or books of your own choice. Guidance on how to write a successful book review is available on the Honours Team.

Charter of Opportunities

You should aim to complete all of the actions in the top row and choose one of the actions in each of the columns in the second row. When you have completed these opportunities, you must log your evidence on the back of your Charter and keep any paper evidence in your Record of Achievement. In order to Graduate from the Honours Programme in the summer, you must have completed your Charter of Opportunities.

The Honours Team

You have been added to the Honours Team on Microsoft Teams. There is a wealth of Honours resources available on the Honours Team, including interesting cultural opportunities, virtual visits, workshops and events, and additional stretch and challenge work and materials including reading lists.

Departments will regularly update each year group Honours Team with resources that may include:

- Stretch and challenge resources/ materials
- interesting videos
- Virtual tours or visits

There is a channel for each year group and all Honours students can access all channels!

Honours Competitions

Key Departments will set a **competition** for all Honours students to enter once a half term– there is a prize for the winner in each year group!

	HALF TERM 2	HALF TERM 3	HALF TERM 4	HALF TERM 5	HALF TERM 6
Competition Led by	Technology	Modern Foreign Languages	RE	Geography	Computing
Lead Teacher	Mrs Barker	Mr Fish	Miss Murphy	Mr Steele	Mr Jones
Date competition to be set on the Honours Team	10/11/2023	12/01/2024	23/02/2024	12/04/2024	07/06/2024
Deadline for entries to be returned to Lead Teacher	15/12/2023	02/02/2024	15/03/2024	17/05/2024	12/07/2023
Date winners to be announced during the Reward AOW	w/c 18/12/23	w/c 05/02/2024	w/c 18/03/2024	w/c 20/05/2024	w/c 15/07/2024

CREST

The national CREST Science Award is available for Y7, 8 and 9 Honours students to get involved with.

Fridays – Bronze Award for Y7 and Y8 Room 101 3.20pm-4.20pm with Mrs Bussell

Mondays - Silver Award for Y9 Room 101 3.20pm-4.20pm with Mrs Bussell

We would love you to get involved! If you would like more information, please speak to Mrs Bussell or your Science Teacher.

Honours Masterclasses

You should attend at least 5 masterclasses this academic year to fulfil your Charter of Opportunities.

They always take place on Tuesdays 3.20pm-4.20pm in the Sixth Form Centre.

October Half Term		
07/11/2023	Astronomy	Mr M Melling
14/11/2023	Football Culture	Mr N Halliday
28/11/2023	Development and Natural Hazards	Mr J Steele
05/12/2023	Fuels of the Future	Mrs R Law
12/12/2023	The Ancient Egyptians	Mr E Broadhurst
19/12/2023	Tunnocks Teacake Challenge	Mrs C Champion
Christmas Holidays		

Record of Achievement

All Honours students must keep their Record of Achievement up to date with relevant certificates (these can be from both in and out of school), Honours tasks and any other work or evidence that they are proud of. This will be a record of your achievements at St Thomas More and beyond, which will be invaluable when you are applying for 6th Form/ College/ University/ apprenticeship places. The Records of Achievement will be kept in school, unless parents request to keep this at home. You are very welcome to bring certificates in from home to add to your Record of Achievement.

You may borrow your Record of Achievement if you have interviews or meetings where it is required outside of school – please speak to Mr Howitt/ Mr Goodall.