



12 September 2025

Dear parents and carers,

I hope this letter finds you well and filled with the joy and peace of Christ. I hope that you had a wonderful summer break however you chose to spend it. I wanted to start the year by sharing some big successes for St Thomas Becket Catholic school that the whole community can be proud of.

First and foremost, it was wonderful to celebrate both the GCSE and A-Level exam results with the students and see so many happy faces after a year of very hard work. When I started at St Thomas Becket Catholic School, I promised that every year, each examination year group would surpass the previous cohort. This summer, we celebrated the best A-level results the school has ever achieved. If you have a moment, do look at the good news articles recently shared over the summer holidays:

[GCSE results day 2025: St Thomas Becket Catholic School celebrates sustained improvement](#)

[A-Level Results Day 2025: St Thomas Becket Catholic School celebrates best ever results](#)

I am incredibly proud of how hard the students and staff have worked and it was great to celebrate the incredible results that have led to our students continuing their studies at some very prestigious Russell group universities.

As always, it is a pleasure to welcome the students back, including our new year 7 students on their first day. Whilst on lunchtime duty in the school canteen, I have enjoyed listening to what many of our students have spent their summer holidays getting up to. Last week I led welcome back assemblies for all year groups in which I shared what it means to be a member of our school community to **'cross the Becket line.'** Our monolith at the front of the school reminds students, every day, that once they cross the line, they need to give their best and be exceptional. I also talked about the daily habits that we can all build to work towards big accomplishments over time. As inspiration, I shared how the England women's football team journey of success can link to that of our own core values as a school.



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September always sets the standard for the year ahead, and I can already see that this year is going to be exceptional. I have the highest expectations for all our students, and I know that they can surpass them all. This strong start to the academic year provides the perfect foundation for high-quality learning and extraordinary experiences that awaits this year.

If you are not already following, I warmly invite you to explore what makes our school incredibly special here at St Thomas Becket Catholic School, please do take a look at the following:

- **Our school marketing video:** [St Thomas Becket Catholic School - Life at TBCS](#)
- **Our newsletters:** [St Thomas Becket Catholic School - Newsletter](#)
- **Headteacher's bulletins:** [St Thomas Becket Catholic School - Headteacher Bulletins](#)
- **Facebook account:** <https://www.facebook.com/ThomasBecketCatholicSchool>

The various links above will give you a regular insight into our ethos, achievements, and the daily life of our school

#### Dates for your diary

- Thursday 18th September – Y5/6 Open Evening
- Thursday 25th September – Y11 Steps to Success Evening
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October – Meet the Tutor Evening (All years)
- Friday 26th September – Whole school Sports Day

On behalf of everyone at St Thomas Becket Catholic School, thank you for your continued commitment to Catholic education. We look forward to supporting your children this academic year as they grow into the young person God is calling them to be.

I hope that you have a restful and relaxing weekend.

Here is to a fantastic year ahead! **#MissiontoExcellence**

Yours faithfully in Christ,

Paul McCahill  
Headteacher



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