

Goodmorning to the parents of St Thomas'
Please find the HT briefing for Monday 28th of September

1. **Health and Safety:** The St Thomas of Aquin's Health and Safety Team meet every **Monday Lesson 5** to ensure the H&S systems at St Thomas' are working for pupils, staff, and parents.

Please remember: The most common symptoms Covid-19 Symptoms are:

- new continuous cough and/or
- fever/high temperature and/or
- loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste

If you or your child have developed one or more of these symptoms (however mild) stay at home for 10 days from the start of your symptoms and arrange a test. (More information about testing is at the end of these FAQs.) Do not go to your GP, pharmacy or hospital.

2. **Staffing:** No new information.

3. **Faculty Awards:** I have asked the School Admin team to place all of the 2019-20 Faculty award winners up at the reception area this week. We hope to send out all certificates to pupils before the start of the October break.

4. **Staggered start to the school day:** The daily routine that I lead as Headteacher in bringing in St Thomas' pupils has developed through August and into September and a pattern of all S1-S3 pupils being allowed in the school building by **8.30am** is in place: S1 in at 8.20; S2 in at 8.25: and S3 in at 8.30.

This means that I am now starting to bring **S4 pupils into the building by 8.35. S5 and S6 pupils are generally allowed in the school building by 8.40 Monday to Thursday and S6 pupils are allowed in at 8.40 on Fridays.**

The senior leadership team will discuss a slight change to the times of lessons this afternoon and liaise with staff, pupils, and parents asap.

5. **Parent Council:** The Parent Council, on 1st October, will be the PC's Annual General Meeting.
6. **S4-S6 Tracking Reports:** The S4-S6 Tracking cycle has finished and we hope to have the reports ready for pupils on the 1st of October. Please find the updated

Tracking guidance. Ms Mariani will be meeting with S4-S6 pupils to discuss the new Tracking guidance at House meetings.

Regards
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