

Dear soon to be year 7,

English in year 7, I am sure your mind goes straight to one thing - homework! Look at it this way, when you were in year one you might not have even got homework, but in year 3 I am sure you got a lot more. It is a bigger jump in the quantity of work than you are used to but, if anything, it makes it all the more exciting.

In year 7 your imagination is set free like an eagle rising from the ground. In primary school you have most likely written a few stories, but as you were younger, you were probably given rough guidelines that you had to follow. St Thomas More gives you the skills you need so that you can be told 'write a short story that shows emotion' and you can just get to work.

I am positive that you now understand why the work goes up not just in quantity but quality. It is this freedom that allows your imagination to flourish and grow in its own unique way.

A very happy year 7 St Thomas More student.

Dear Year 6,

My name is Jayden Stafford and I transitioned from St Josephs to St Thomas More in 2019.

In St Thomas there are some lessons you may have done at primary school such as Maths and English and some that you may not of such as Graphics and Food Technology.

I am writing to you all to tell you about English. This is a big subject in St Thomas More. Here are the topics we covered before the lockdown. We started with Fiction. We Read the story Private Peaceful and answered some questions on it. This was lots of fun as some confident readers could read but the shy ones did not have to. After this we focused on speeches and watched a video on Malala's speech to the United Nations. This helped me as I loved speeches. After this we did some work on poems and that continued until the lockdown.

As I am writing this letter to you, our topic is William Shakespeare and his plays. We have just covered A Midsummers Night's Dream and that was hilarious.

I hope you find this information helpful for you, even I was a little nervous during my transition, this is normal, but it is not as scary as you may think.

Stay safe.

Hi Year 6,

First of all I hope you are well,

This letter will hopefully explain a lot about your English lessons in St Thomas More.

The first thing I would like to tell you about are the activities you do before you start doing proper lessons, there are small spelling tests, grammar tests etc.

You don't get put into sets for English until later years so you don't have to worry about sets just yet.

However, moving onto actual lessons. There are so many interesting topics that you learn about in quite a bit of detail, you study class books, famous poets, famous authors and even amazing people who have received a Nobel Prize!

The English field is very diverse and unlike other subjects, there are different subjects included in English, for example, you may read a poem translated from a different language or you could learn a bit of history when learning about an author or poet!

I know I've been rambling on for a whole page but English lessons have so much to explain.

Now onto homework, you may dread this section but trust me, it's not as horribly dreadful as it sounds. You normally only get one piece of homework from English per week, sometimes you even have the choice of doing it digitally on something like pages or google docs, and printing it out, then handing it in or handwriting it on a sheet you have been given, If you don't have paper at home you can normally just ask your English teacher for a piece of paper for homework.

Now to finish this letter, I'll give you something you'll probably be happy about.

There will be at the absolute least one topic you discuss that you will enjoy, and if there isn't, I don't know what you could possibly like!

Thank you for spending your time to read this and I hope you have an amazing time in Year 7!