



# St Thomas More Catholic School Parents' Newsletter

23 September 2016

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### Monday, 26 September 2016

- Year 11 Geography Fieldwork, 2.10 to 4.30 pm

### Tuesday, 27 September 2016

- Year 10 Mass, 9.10 to 10.10 am

### Wednesday, 28 September 2016

- Year 7 IntoUniversity Workshop 'Choosing Success', 9.10 to 11.10 am
- Year 11 IntoUniversity Workshop 'Education Choices', 11.30 am to 1.30 pm
- Lunchtime Recital - Piano People, 1.40 to 2.00 pm

### Friday, 30 September 2016

- TAD

## ANNIE IS CAST!

Auditions for the school production, Annie, showcased what enormous talent there is at St Thomas More! We had actors, singers and dancers who impressed the panel and the cast has now been decided. Rehearsals start this coming Tuesday and performances will be held on Wednesday, 1 and Tuesday, 2 February 2017.

## THE ANGELUS AND VOLUNTARY MASS

This term, we have continued with reciting The Angelus at 2 pm in the Chapel every lunchtime. It is a good way of giving thanks to God for what he has done for us and what he is yet to do.

Every Wednesday morning, at 8.50 am, we have Voluntary/Form Mass in the Chapel which is well attended. Please encourage your child to attend both or one of these sessions as they help to develop spiritual, cultural, moral and social development.

## INTRODUCTION

On Monday we held the Sixth Form 'Up the Ante' Evening. Thank you to the large number of parents who supported this event. As always, we feel the partnership between home and school is very important. If you are a parent of a Sixth Form student and were unable to attend the evening but would like to talk to Mr Saunders, Head of Sixth Form, please email [parents@stthomasmoreschool.org.uk](mailto:parents@stthomasmoreschool.org.uk)

Also on Monday morning, our Year 9 pupils celebrated their Start of Year Mass with Fr Christian from St Paul's Parish. Next Tuesday, Year 10 will have their mass.

A note to parents that you should have received a letter about important dates which are coming up, the first being next Friday's Teacher Availability Day (TAD). Pupils will not be in school for the TAD. If you did not receive a letter about the upcoming dates and the TAD, please ask your child for it. Copies of all letters sent home are available on the school website, in the parent area.



The Angelus



Voluntary Mass

## OPEN EVENING

The school will be holding its Open Evening on Tuesday, 4 October 2016, 5.30 to 8.00 pm. It will also hold an Open Morning on the same day, 9.30 to 11.00 am. Please inform friends and family, who are currently considering possible secondary schools for their children, about the school's open events. A school prospectus and application forms will be available to collect during both open events.

## ABRSM EXAMINATIONS

During last term, a number of pupils took part in the prestigious ABRSM examinations. From these exams and resulting awards, pupils can gain UCAS points to help with their university applications. As part of the exam, pupils perform three pieces on their chosen instrument, play scales, complete listening tests and have a sight reading test.

Saron Habtes achieved an excellent pass mark for her performance and said, "I am so proud of my progress from the beginning of the year to the end. I had such a good teacher. It is so rewarding to have all my hard work judged so well."

Congratulations to all the pupils who took part in the examinations.



## YEAR 9 FOOTBALL MATCH REPORT

St Thomas More (STM) started strong in the first half of their recent match against Alexander Palace School (APS), dominating the pace of the game which APS struggled to cope with and as a result, Nathan and Alex scored the first two goals for STM. Unfortunately, we soon conceded a goal from a corner kick, due to a lack of concentration, when players from the opposing team had been left unmarked, resulting in an APS player scoring from a header. On the stroke of half time, APS scored their second goal of the game, bringing the score to 2-2.

At half time the team talk was stern but constructive. After identifying the faults in the midfield, the decision was made to make a substitution, bringing on another central defensive midfielder. As the second half unfolded it seemed that the tactical change had worked in our favour as STM went on to score three more goals - Ginero scoring the first two, followed by Makhi with the best goal of the game.

Final score STM 5 v 2 APS.

## Thought for the Week

"We all want to be liked, valued and appreciated. There's no doubt that we're motivated by praise from those who matter to us but it's easy to become addicted to praise. Savour compliments without needing them. Enjoy performing well even if no one notices. Give your best without expecting validation".

## RE DEPARTMENT

### 25th Sunday of Year C

The parable of the dishonest steward may seem somewhat confusing when the steward was praised for his astuteness. How can it be right to reduce the debts of his master's debtors? We live in a world where money is at the centre of everything. Even the Church spends time and energy raising funds for various projects.

However, Jesus is teaching us through this parable that such values as integrity, compassion and trust have greater weight than money. We should ask ourselves what and who do we trust and what can we be trusted with.

### Prayer

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen

## MOUNTVIEW PROGRAMME RESTARTS

Mountview Academy of Theatre Arts is again running a programme of weekly training sessions with a select group of pupils from Year 10 onwards.

Auditions were held last week and Ashley Zhangazha, a professional actor and trainer, was very pleased with the monologues from the pupils. Congratulations to the new cohort who will work towards a performance in December at Mountview's studios.

## Words of the Weeks

Monday: **Violate** (verb) – this means to destroy, spoil or assault. To go against in an extreme way. To break or fail to comply (with a rule or formal agreement). To treat (something sacred) with irreverence or disrespect.

Tuesday: **Procrastination** (noun) – this means to put off or delay something until a later time. The act of delaying or postponing something

Wednesday: **Abide** (verb) – this word has got two meanings: 1. to put up with somebody or something unpleasant. To act in accordance with (a rule or decision). 2. abide means to stay with or live with.

Thursday: **Ominous** (adjective) – this means the threat of bad luck or a tragic development.

Friday: **Dwindle** (adjective) – this means to become smaller or to begin to disappear. Diminish gradually in size, amount or strength.