



St Thomas More Catholic School Parents' Newsletter

14 October 2016

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, 18 October 2016

- VIAM Workshop with School Choir (09:10-11:30)
- A Level Drama Workshop with CheekybyJowl (14:10-15:10)

Wednesday, 19 October 2016

- Year 12 IntoUniversity Workshop Independent Learning (09:10-11:10)
- Year 8 IntoUniversity Workshops Learning Techniques (11:30-13:30)

Thursday, 20 October 2016

- A Level Drama Trip to see The Tempest at The Donmar (19:30-21:00)

INTRODUCTION

Yesterday, St Paul's Primary School, Wood Green, celebrated their 130th Anniversary. The celebration included a mass at St Paul's Catholic Church with Cardinal Vincent Nichols as the main celebrant. This was followed by a reception for guests in the school. Our school choir performed for guests in the school hall to the delight of guests, many receiving complimentary comments. Well done to the Music Department and the pupils of the choir.

We ask that parents of female pupils in Years 7 to 11 support the rules of permitted jewellery. Girls are only allowed to wear a pair or simple, gold or silver earring studs in their ear lobes. In the Sixth Form, one reasonable pair of earrings is allowed i.e. no large hooped earrings. We ask parents to remind their children of this and help us to reinforce the rules.

ADMISSIONS AND APPLICATIONS

The school is continuing its Open Morning tours for prospective pupils and their parents next week, details of which can be found on the school website. If you know of any family or friends who are applying for their child to join the school next September, please remind them that the closing deadline for application is **Monday, 31 October 2016**. Applicants must apply through their local borough **and** return the school's application form by this deadline - late entries will only be considered once all other applications have been processed. Please note that applications are still required even if siblings are currently attending the school.

RE DEPARTMENT

28th Sunday of Year C Reflection

This week's reading of the Gospel is a lesson in giving thanks to God for all he has given us. Jesus cures ten lepers but only one of them comes back to thank him. Jesus sees this as evidence of his faith. There are countless things that we should thank God for. At the end of the day, we should go over the events of the day in our mind to thank God for all the blessings we have received.

The mass is the greatest act of thanksgiving, because in thanking God for his great act of sacrifice for us, he becomes truly present in our midst.

Prayer

May your grace, O Lord, we pray, at all times go before us and follow after and make us always determined to carry on our good works. 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.

UNIVERSITY SEARCH FAIR

On Friday, 30 September 2016, 52 Sixth Form students attended the UK University Search Fair at the Emirates Stadium. Students had the opportunity to speak to staff from an array of UK universities, including Russell Group, Red brick and modern institutions and gained information about higher education, decision making and apprenticeships as well as receiving invaluable advice for their UCAS applications.

Pupils thoroughly enjoyed their day, gaining invaluable information for their future and they also got to bag themselves lots of free goodies!



Sixth Form students outside the Emirates Stadium

SCHOOL CHOIR

The St Thomas More School Choir were very honoured to perform at the 130th Anniversary Celebration of St Paul's Catholic Primary School in Wood Green, yesterday. They sang three songs and received a very warm welcome from parents, pupils and staff who were attending the celebration.



BRUNEL URBAN SCHOLARS

On Wednesday, 12 October 2016, pupils Paulina Grzywacz and Rebeca Rojo attended a meeting with The President of the Moody Foundation who was visiting the London Head Offices in Canary Wharf. They were invited to talk about the Brunel Urban Scholars Programme, which The Moody Foundation funds, as they have been part of the programme for a couple of years.

The Urban Scholars meet one Saturday every month at Brunel University for a programme of inspirational and challenging sessions. They also offer additional support with interview techniques, career guidance and internships.



Paulina Grzywacz and Rebeca Rojo at The Moody Foundation Meeting.

Thought for the Week

"To be hardworking is a good attribute, but the pay-off is determined by whether you are investing the great effort in the right place."

YOUTH CLUB

Every Wednesday the school holds Youth Club for all pupils. Youth Club runs from 3.15 to 5.15 pm and pupils who attend can choose from a wide range of activities. Activities are run by and supported by staff and are open to all year groups. Clubs include Science, Coding, Debating, various Sports and Film.



Pupils making Lava Lamps in Science Club

Words of the Week

Monday: **Fitfully** (adjective) – This means: Occurring irregularly or intermittently/erratically.

Tuesday: **Amends** (noun, plural) – This means: To compensate for/make up for a wrongdoing.

Wednesday: **Laborious** (adjective) – This means: Requiring much physical effort over time. Tiring and requiring exertion. Of speech/writing – showing obvious signs of effort/lacking fluency.

Thursday: **Revere** (verb) – This means: To hold in great respect. To look up to and hold in awe. Admire. To feel deep respect or admiration for something/someone.

Friday: **Stymie** (verb) – This means: To block or prevent something from happening. Obstruct. Prevent or hinder the progress of.