



# St Thomas More Catholic School Parents' Newsletter

27 April 2018

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### Monday, 30 April 2018

- GCSE Art Exam
- NCS Assembly for Year 12 08:50-09:10
- NCS Stand in the Common Room (13:30-14:10)

### Tuesday 01 May 2018

- GCSE Music Performance Controlled Assessment Drop Down Day
- AS/A Level Art Exam
- Year 8 Drama Workshop at Royal Court Theatre (09:10-14:10)

### Wednesday, 02 May 2018

- AS/A Level Art Exam
- GCSE French Speaking Exams
- Pre-Examination Mass for Year 11 and Sixth Form (08:50-09:30)
- Youth Club (15:15-17:15)
- Year 9 Parents' Evening (17:00-19:00)

### Thursday, 03 May 2018

- AS/A Level Art Exam
- Year 8 IU 'Pathways to Success' Workshop (09:10-11:10)
- Year 10 (Group 2) 'Education Choices' Workshop (11:30-13:30)
- GCSE Drama Showcase Year 9 (16:15-17:15)

### Friday, 04 May 2018

- AS/A Level Art Exam
- Choir Practice (15:15-16:15)

## INTRODUCTION

Unfortunately, the weather has become more unsettled with a lot more rain forecast for next week.

Last Friday our Year 8 pupils who went to Belgium to visit the Battlefields were very lucky to have gone on such a lovely sunny day. They had a very informative trip with many of the pupils finding the experience very moving. Thank you to the staff who accompanied the trip and well done to pupils for their excellent behaviour.

On Wednesday, we invited all the major parties from the forthcoming local elections to the school for a hustings with Year 10 pupils. We were delighted that representatives from three parties were able to attend: The Green Party, Labour and The Liberal Democrats. Our Year 10 pupils were an excellent audience and put forward extremely good questions to the representatives, putting them through their paces.

Today saw the start of the external examinations. The art department held their first exams today and will have their next exams on Monday along with oral examinations from the MFL department. We wish all the pupils sitting these exams well. The full exam season begins Monday, 14 May. We ask all parents to encourage their children who are sitting exams to attend the extra sessions that have been arranged for them.

## OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS

The library has a number of overdue books, some of which are a year overdue. It is imperative that library books are returned on time to ensure other pupils have access to the resources they need to support their learning.

Please ask your child if they have an overdue book and if so, ask them to return it to Mrs Brownlie in the library next week.

## HARINGEY MUSIC FESTIVAL

This week we had the exciting opportunity of welcoming a number of Haringey Primary Schools to St Thomas More for a singing afternoon. This event was a rehearsal in preparation for the Haringey Schools Music Festival at the Royal Albert Hall in June this year, entitled "Haringey Goes Wild!" Members of the St Thomas More School Choir will be participating in the festival at this iconic Central London venue.

Tickets can be purchased using the following link: [www.royalalberthall.com/tickets/events/2018/haringey-goes-wild-at-the-royal-albert-hall/](http://www.royalalberthall.com/tickets/events/2018/haringey-goes-wild-at-the-royal-albert-hall/)

It would be great to see as many parents as possible there.

## LOCAL ELECTIONS HUSTINGS

On Wednesday, we hosted a hustings ahead of the Local Elections on 3rd May. Councillor Peter Mitchell from the Labour Party, Councillor Viv Ross from the Liberal Democrat Party and Lee Jerome from the Green Party joined us to share their party's policies with Year 10 pupils. The party representatives addressed issues in the borough such as health, crime, education and housing, and pupils had the opportunity to ask them questions about how our school community would be impacted by their proposed changes.

Following this, we hosted our own election! The results buck the national trend with 55% voting for the Green Party, 18% for the Liberal Democrats, 15% for the Conservatives and 12% for the Labour Party. Over 100 pupils turned up at lunchtime to vote!



## REFLECTION FROM THE RE DEPARTMENT

Week Beginning April 29th 2018

Gospel Reading: John 15:1-8

By using the image of a vine and its branches, Jesus helped his listeners to understand the interconnectedness of relationships between the Father, Jesus, and his followers. Jesus is the vine and we, the followers, are the branches that grow from the vine. The gardener, the one who provided the growth and did the trimming, was God. When we are living examples of God's love and act as Jesus did, we provide much fruit. When we fail to do this, we create a lot of dead wood and produce no fruit.

### Prayer

God our Father, in your unfailing love and goodness, hear us as we bring to you our prayers for the world and for all people. In this period of Lent we come to you aware of our uneasiness for the enormity of the Easter message, which Christ suffered and died for us and was yet raised in glorious victory. Grant us healing in our souls Lord, and in the souls of all who search for meaning in their lives.

Amen

## INTOUNIVERSITY

This week, Year 10 pupils took part in a workshop with IntoUniversity that focused on education choices.

The workshop was one of two held this week by IntoUniversity who run multiple workshops with pupils from all year groups and focus on a wide range of topics to support pupils during their time in school.



## Thought for the Week

"The most important thing is to try and inspire people so that they can be great in whatever they want to do. You need to be able to manage stress because hard times will come, and a positive outlook is what gets you through."

## SPORT

The Years 7 and 8 rugby teams continued their ongoing success in the Cheshunt Rugby Festival this week. The boys decided to branch out from Haringey and compete against several schools from Hertfordshire and Enfield. Both year groups went unbeaten throughout the whole festival and displayed a positive performance against their opponents. Prince Ofori, Jonatan Drzeweicki and Liam Daldy scored several tries to ensure the Year 7 team won 3 games and drew 2. The Year 8 boys duplicated the Year 7 team's results by also winning 3 games and drawing 2; James Kola and Ikenna Johnson were the biggest threat to the opposing teams.

The Year 9 football team took the bronze medal in this year's Haringey Cup. The boys lost one game in the whole tournament which saw them finish third on goal difference. The boys had victories against Alexandra Park School, Gladesmore School, Harris Academy, Fortismere and drew 1-1 with Park View. Ronaldinho Trim and Marlon Salgado scored the most goals on the day - well done boys!



## Words of the Week

Monday: Initiate (Verb) – 1. To cause (a process or action) to begin. 2. To formally admit someone as a member of a group or organisation, usually with a special ceremony.

Tuesday: Sanguine (Adjective) – Optimistic or positive, especially in an apparently bad or difficult situation. Noun – A blood-red colour (especially of fabric).

Wednesday: Diaphanous (Adjective) – Light, delicate, and translucent.

Thursday: Succinct (Adjective) – Briefly and clearly expressed.

Friday: Reciprocate (Verb) – Respond to (a gesture or action) by making a corresponding one.