



# St Thomas More Catholic School Parents' Newsletter

11 November 2016

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### Monday, 14 November 2016

- Parents' Forum (17:30-18:30)

### Tuesday, 15 November 2016

- Sixth Form Open Evening

### Wednesday, 16 November 2016

- Barclays' 'IT Girls Awllowed' Trip for selected Year 8 Girls
- AS Drama Workshop at St George's School

### Thursday, 17 November 2016

- Junior Entrepreneur of the Year Trip for Selected Year 8 Pupils
- STEM Enrichment Day
- Mountview Academy Performance of Macbeth to Year 11 Pupils (09:10-11:10)
- Mountview Academy Performance of Macbeth to Year 10 Pupils ( 11:30-13:30)

### Friday, 18 November 2016

- UCAS Deadline
- Year 11 Study Skills Seminar

## INTRODUCTION

Today we held our Remembrance Day Service. The whole school plus both Year 6 form classes from Earlham Primary School lined up in the school playground for the service. A prayer was read over the speaker and the Last Post was played by Miss Blake. The two minutes' silence was observed, followed by a procession, led by the school's Head Boy and Head Girl, to lay a wreath and poppies. It was a very moving occasion.

Today was also the funeral of ex-Headteacher, John Shaughnessy. John was Headmaster of the Lower School from 1967 for 11 years. After that he was First Deputy of the Secondary School until 1987 when he retired. Members of the school choir attended the mass, accompanied by Mr Gaughran and Mr Rowland. Please remember Mr Shaughnessy and his family in your prayers. RIP.

On Tuesday, we have our Sixth Form Open Evening. Year 11 pupils will have a talk from 16.30 and will then be joined by external applicants from 17.00. Pupils and parents will have the opportunity to visit the school, discover the Level 3 courses on offer and discuss their options with staff.



Poppies and wreaths laid during the Remembrance Service

## JUWON ADEDOKUN

This week, a former pupil of ST Thomas More Catholic School, Juwon Adedokun, starred in BBC 1 drama 'Damilola, Our Loved Boy' which dramatizes the tragic surroundings of ten year old Damilola Taylor's death and his family's gruelling path to find justice.

Juwon whose left school in 2015 after completing his A-levels, including Drama, played the role of Tunde Taylor, Damilola's older brother.

Juwon, winner of the school prize for drama during his time at the school, felt a connection to the role due to his own relationship with his younger brother Bola and older sister Ola, our current Head Girl.

Juwon is returning to school for a special screening of the BBC film and a question and answer session.



## RE DEPARTMENT

### 32nd Sunday of Year C

As we approach the end of the Church's year, we turn our minds towards the resurrection as we look forward to the things to come. In the Gospel, Jesus talks to the Sadducees about the resurrection of the dead. The Sadducees did not believe in the resurrection but Jesus himself was to rise from the dead and he invites us to prepare for everlasting life by conducting good lives.

### A Prayer of Remembrance

Almighty and eternal God,  
from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life:

hear our prayers and thanksgivings  
for all whom we remember this day;  
fulfil in them the purpose of your love;  
and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

### 'Anti-Bullying Week' - 14 - 18 November 2016

Anti-Bullying Week shines a spotlight on bullying and encourages all children, teachers and parents to take action against bullying throughout the year.

This year the theme is **Power for Good**.

Next week, Year 7 pupils will be asked to create an art poster to help promote anti-bullying here at St Thomas More. The top three students will each receive an Amazon voucher. First place will receive a £20 voucher, second a £10 voucher and third a £5 voucher.

All entries must be with the Art Department by Thursday 17, November at 4.15 pm and the top three students will be announced during assemblies the following week.

For further information, please speak to Mr Turner.  
Best of luck to all taking part!

## Thought for the Week

"Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures and the environment".

## DRAMA

The winner of this half term's Dramatic Review goes to Daniel Ellis 7DX1 who will receive a cinema voucher for his interactive review on 'So Awkward'. E-Praise will also be awarded to Chanelle Thomas 8MC1 for her review of 'The Lion King'; Stefanos Chatziplis 8KL1 for his review of 'Bugsy Malone'; and Franz De Guzman 7DX1 for his review of 'Wicked'.

The A-Level Drama students took part in a workshop with the Old Vic in preparation for seeing 'King Lear' starring Glenda Jackson. The workshop explored the themes and issues of the play whilst giving it a contemporary context.

The GCSE Drama pupils completed their practical performance exam based on Blood Brothers. Excellent performances were produced and we anticipate high grades for their final GCSE examination results!



A Level Drama students taking part in  
The Old Vic Workshop

## Words of the Week

Monday: **Tangible** (noun) – a thing that can be touched or felt.

Tuesday: **Credible** (adjective) – this means to be able to be believed; convincing.

Wednesday: **Lacklustre** (adjective) – this means lacking in vitality, force, or conviction; uninspired or uninspiring.

Thursday: **Facetious** (adjective) – this means treating serious issues with deliberately inappropriate humour; flippant.

Friday: **Curb** (noun) – this means a check or restraint on something.