



St Thomas More Catholic School Parents' Newsletter

19 January 2018

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Monday, 22 January 2018

- Years 9 and 10 Computer Science Trip to Bletchley Park
- Year 12 University of Hertfordshire Workshop (09:10-10:10)

Tuesday, 23 January 2018

- Jack Petchey's "Speak Out" Challenge Regional Final (18:00-20:30)

Wednesday, 24 January 2018

- BFI AS Level Study Day - Introduction to Critical Theory
- Year 10 IU 'Enterprise' Workshops (09:10-13:30)
- Lunchtime Concert - Year 11 GCSE Music Students (13:40-14:00)
- Youth Club (15:15-17:15)

Thursday, 25 January 2018

- Year 7 IU 'Approaches to Homework' Workshop (09:10-11:30)
- Urban Debate League Round 1 at Heartlands High School (5:45-16:15)
- A Level Drama Exam (16:15-17:15)

Friday, 26 January 2018

- Choir Practice (15:15-16:15)

INTRODUCTION

Pupils and students sat their second set of mock examinations last week. The results of these exams will be sent to parents in the next couple of weeks. It is vital now that all pupils studying for this year's external exams organise their studies to make the best of the time remaining. A reminder to all parents that 'PREP' is available to all pupils and students Monday to Thursday 3.10 to 7.00pm (a free, light supper is served at 5.15pm), and Friday 3.10pm to 4.10pm. The staff supervising will sign pupils' journals and write the time they leave 'PREP' so parents are aware of this.

We also ask parents to remind their children of the need to travel directly home when they leave school and not to hang around in Wood Green.

This week we have had some great sporting successes - well done to all those who have competed in sporting competitions this week.

SPORT

The Year 7 basketball team is on course to win the Enfield Basketball Cup after dominating the tier 1 league. The Year 7 boys have been extremely successful in Haringey this year and decided to test their talent in a bigger borough in London. St Thomas More were drawn against Southgate School and Ark John Keats Academy. Ark John Keats Academy were unable to match the talent of our boys as we comfortably won the game 12-2.

Emmerson Ndaye demonstrated his talent as he passed several players to score numerous lay ups for the team. The second game was against Southgate School, which our boys won 14-4. Shamah Onyinah and Hamilton Mhatta were setting a number of screens to create several chances to score points. The boys have now progressed to the grand final and will find out their opponent next week.

This week, professional football player Nathan Smith who plays for Yeovil Town, delivered a presentation to several PE classes about his transition from being a Haringey born individual to a professional football player. Pupils were given information and advice on how to get into a sporting career and the different routes available. Nathan will be playing live on BBC One against Manchester United on 26 January in the FA Cup. He has promised to mention his experience at St Thomas More School if fortunate enough to receive an interview; we wish him the best!

The Year 8 boys' athletics team has finished top of Haringey in the Indoor Athletics Championship. St Thomas More pupils won most of their races on the day, which put them in first position. The Year 8 teams has one more competition in two weeks' time. If the team are successful, they will represent Haringey in the London Youth Games.

The Year 8 handball team has beaten Holy Family in the first round of the London Youth Games. The boys were very successful winning 16-6 on the day. Chukwudi Dioramma impressed the most as he scored several points to lead the team to victory. We wish the boys every success in the next round.

Congratulations to the girls who took part in the UK National Dance competition this week, who were up against numerous schools from across the country. The girls came out on top and will be going on to represent London and the South East in the finals this summer - well done girls!



Pupils with Nathan Smith, Professional Footballer



Enfield Basketball Championships

MATHS DEPARTMENT

National Number Day

Year 7 pupils will be raising money for the NSPCC by completing in Maths for Cash on the 2 February, National Number Day. Over the past four years, we have raised approximately £1800 which is a fantastic achievement!

REFLECTION FROM THE RE DEPARTMENT

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel Reading: John 1:35-42

This week's reading is an account of the vocation of the first four Apostles who followed Jesus. It was a momentous event in the history of salvation. It was the beginning of a stream of vocations that would grow and spread down through the ages until the end of the world. It was momentous, firstly, in that Christ had decided to let men co-operate with him in the divine task of opening heaven for all. He decreed to set up a kingdom in this world—his Church—which would be run by mere mortals for their fellow-mortals, but which would be under his protection and assisted by his divine aid until the end of time. Christ chose this very human way, in order to make his Church more acceptable to our limited, human understanding and more approachable for sinful, human nature.

Prayer

Almighty and ever living God, who governs all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace upon our times 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

Thought for the Week

"Surround yourself with people that are going to lift you higher. It's never too late to be the person you want to be".

DRAMA DEPARTMENT

On Monday, Ruby Thompson visited from the Donmar Warehouse to run a workshop with AS and A Level students to prepare them for the production of 'Belleville' which they will be watching in a few weeks' time. The workshop explored the key themes from the play and helped students to develop an understanding of the characters and story line.

On Wednesday, twenty five Year 8 pupils continued rehearsals with Jacksons Lane Arts Centre as part of the upcoming 'Horror Heritage Immersive Exhibition', which they will be performing at Alexandra Palace in March. This session was attended by Alexandra Palace's curator James, who provided the pupils with a fascinating history of the venue and the famous Victorian theatre which will be opening up to the public again later this year.

On Thursday 25 January, Year 13 students will perform Road by Jim Cartwright for their A Level Drama exam. The performance will begin at 4.30pm in NF2. Tickets are available from the drama department at a cost of £1 - all proceeds will be donated to charity. Please come along and show your support.



A Level Students in 'Road'

Words of the Week

Monday: Rapport (Noun) – A close and harmonious relationship in which the people or groups concerned understand each other's feelings or ideas and communicate well.

Tuesday: Amalgamate (Verb) – Combine or unite to form one organisation or structure.

Wednesday: Fluke (Noun) – An unlikely chance occurrence, especially a surprising piece of luck.

Thursday: Intersperse (Verb) – Scatter among or between other things; place here and there.

Friday: Holocaust (Noun) – Destruction or slaughter on a mass scale, especially caused by fire or nuclear war.