



St Thomas More Catholic School Parents' Newsletter

17 January 2020

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Monday 20 January 2020

- No events

Tuesday 21 January 2020

- Introduction to HE Talk (Oxford Brooks)
- Year 10 Speak Out Workshop

Wednesday 22 January 2020

- Lunchtime Concert

Thursday 23 January 2020

- Year 10 GCSE Showcase

Friday 24 January 2020

- Year 9 IntoUniversity Business in Focus Trip
- Sixth Form Money Workshop
- Year 10 GCSE Workshop

INTRODUCTION

This week we had a workshop from Sussex University for our 'First Generation Scholars'. Along with this, both Goldsmiths University and the Financial Times ran workshops for our Sixth Form students on student finance and financial management.

Today (Friday) our Girls' Rugby Team are visiting Twickenham Rugby Stadium for a tour and workshop.

A letter was issued to all pupils at the beginning of the week highlighting important dates for this term. A reminder about a couple of dates coming up:

Tuesday 28th January, 4.30pm – 6.30pm - Year 11 Parents Evening

Monday 10th February - Teacher Training Day – (school closed to all pupils)

Finally, again, can I please remind parents to ensure your child/children's canteen accounts are kept in credit.

Mr Rowland, Head of School

BBC YOUNG REPORTER WORKSHOP

Today, 60 Year 9 pupils participated in a workshop run by BBC journalist, Jack Goodman. They learnt about the difference between real news and fake news, and how to identify inaccurate news whilst learning about the journalism industry.

STEM CLUB

Year 10 students visited University College London and used the facilities in the Physics labs to make solar cell charger mobile phone cases. It was an excellent opportunity and provided them with the practical experience of engineering in a university setting.



INTO-UNIVERSITY WORKSHOP

Tayla Lohan in Year 11 was chosen to present her 'pitch' for a money saving idea for university students as part of the 'Introduction to University Life' at this IntoUniversity workshop.



MORE THAN MENTORS TRANSITION PROGRAMME

On behalf of Community Links Mr Fernandes and Miss Christodoulou would like to congratulate all of the pupils who took part in the 'More Than Mentors Transition Programme'. They have all successfully completed the scheme and should be extremely proud of their efforts.



GOSPEL REFLECTION

**Week Beginning 13th January 2020 Year A
First Sunday after the Epiphany**

**Gospel Reading: (Luke 3:15-17)
Gospel Reflection Reading**

Baptism of the Lord

John the Baptist had been preaching to the crowds and baptising them in the River Jordan. God had told John that he would send him a sign. The Holy Spirit would appear like a dove and settle on the one he had chosen to send. John would then be ready to show the Son of God to the people.

When John saw Jesus in the distance walking towards him, he said to the crowds, "Look, there is Jesus, the Lamb of God. He is the special one sent by God whom I have told you about. I saw the Holy Spirit hovering like a dove, coming down from Heaven and settling on him. He is the one you must follow now, for he will baptise you not just with water, but with the Spirit of God". John called Jesus 'Lamb of God' because he would meekly sacrifice his life for all of us. John's work was coming to an end - he had prepared the people to listen to Jesus and his message.

PRAYER

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit. Grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

'THE GOD WHO SPEAKS - YEAR OF THE WORD'

(Jeremiah 29:11) "For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future".

Thought for the Week

Surround yourself only with people that are going to lift you higher. It's never too late to be who you might have been.

BOYS SPORTS

The Year 7 boys' basketball team started the year on a high. STM visited GCA to participate in a double-header game for the Haringey League and Jr NBA League (London Cup). STM beat Heartlands High 64-9. Greig City Academy performed better, but STM proved to be too strong. Final score finished 22-15 which means STM edge closer to the play offs in the Jr NBA league and lead the table in the Haringey league. Special commendations go to Saverio and K-K who were exceptional in both games.

The Indoor Athletics Teams lead the line in Haringey as both boys and girls were victorious against all schools in Haringey this week. In order to be crowned Haringey Champions again this year STM need to continue to perform to this same standard.

The Year 8 Boys' Basketball team started the Haringey league with a win against Alexandra Park. Congratulations to Ibuchi, Kwesi and Darren who scored several points.



A LEVEL DRAMA STUDENTS

Congratulations to the A-level Drama students who performed this week to an external examiner. We look forward to receiving their outstanding results in the summer. In preparation for their upcoming practical exams the GCSE drama pupils will showcase their work in the Drama studio on the following dates:

Thursday 23rd January at 4.15 pm

Friday 24th January at 3.30 pm

Monday 27th January at 4.15 pm

Words of the Week

Monday - Unequivocal - (Adjective) - Leaving no doubt; unambiguous.

Tuesday - Articulate - (Adjective) - Having or showing the ability to speak fluently and coherently; (Verb) form a joint.

Wednesday - Eclectic - (Adjective) - Deriving ideas, style, or taste from a broad and diverse range of sources.

Thursday - Cumbersome - (Adjective) - Large or heavy and therefore difficult to carry or use; unwieldy; difficult to manage.

Friday - Anathema - (Noun) - Something or someone that one strongly dislikes; someone who is cursed or shunned.