



# St Thomas More Catholic School Parents' Newsletter

13 December 2019

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

<b>Monday 16 December 2019</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Sixth Form Parents Evening</li></ul>
<b>Tuesday 17 December 2019</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Christmas Jumper Day / Non-uniform Day</li><li>Pupil Christmas Lunch</li></ul>
<b>Wednesday 18 December 2019</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Parents Carol Service</li></ul>
<b>Thursday 19 December 2019</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Years 7-10 Carol Service</li></ul>
<b>Friday, 19 December 2019</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Christmas Holidays</li></ul>

## INTRODUCTION

Yesterday afternoon (Thursday) we held our Senior Citizens Christmas Party. We hosted over 150 senior citizens from local parishes, carehomes and the local area. As always our pupils were a credit to us. Our thanks to Mrs Henry for the overall organisation and coordination along with many other staff.

We head into our final week of this term next week which will be extremely busy. The summary next week is as follows:

**Monday 16th December** - Sixth Form Parents Evening - 4.30-6.30pm

**Tuesday 17th December** - Christmas Jumper Day / Non-Uniform Day for all pupils for charity. We ask for a minimum contribution of £1 to be donated to our Christmas charities. Pupil Christmas Lunch will also take place this day and will be free to all pupils.

**Wednesday 18th December** - Year 11 and Sixth Form Carol Service will take place in the afternoon. Parents Carol Service is from 6.00-7.00pm

**Thursday 19th December** - Home Study Day for Year 11 and Sixth Form only. Year 7-10 Carol Service. School finishes for the Christmas break at 12pm.

There will be no period 6 lessons for Years 9, 10 and 11 next week. There will be period 6 for Sixth Form on Monday only. Prep has also finished for this term, so there will be no prep next week either.

This is the last Parents Newsletter for this term. Next week, pupils will bring home our latest edition of The Glendalian.

## INTRODUCTION CONTINUED

We look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 6th January 2020 for an 8.50am start with lots of New Year resolutions.

Mr Rowland, Head of School

## SWIMMING GALA YEARS 9 & 10

We would like to congratulate our Year 9 girl swimmers who won gold medals and were crowned 'Champions of Haringey'. Congratulations also goes to our Year 9 boys who finished 4th without a full team, and to the Year 10 boys who came 3rd.

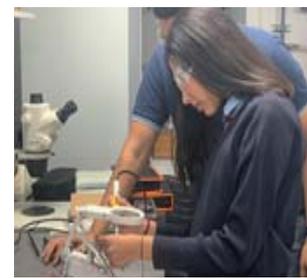
Thanks to Miss Pringle & Mr Omojudi for entering them into the competition.



## STEM CLUB

Members of the STEM club enjoyed a science enrichment day on Wednesday at the Emmanuel Centre, central London. There were five interactive and highly engaging sessions that inspired and challenged the pupils. Pupils discovered the wonder of science through demonstrations and audience participation.

Year 10 pupils also attended a 'Solar DIY Workshop' at University College, London on Wednesday. It has provided them with the practical experience of engineering in a university setting.



## GOSPEL REFLECTION

### Second Sunday of Advent in Year A Gospel Reading: (Matthew 3:1-12)

John the Baptist was the son of Elizabeth and Zechariah. He was chosen by God to prepare the people for the coming of Jesus. He told them that they must be sorry for all the things that they had done wrong and try to live better lives. Today we will hear how and where he lived, and about the message he shared. He wanted John to tell everyone that they must change their ways and try to become good. People came from far and wide to be baptised by John in the River Jordan. They wanted to say sorry for all their sins. One day John told them. 'I can wash you with water, but a very special person is coming who will baptise you with God's Spirit and wash away all your sins'.

### PRAYER

Heavenly Father, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the people for the coming of your Son. As Christmas draws closer, help us to prepare too, so that we may be ready for Christmas day. Amen.

### 'THE GOD WHO SPEAKS - YEAR OF THE WORD'

In this Year of the Word, Pope Francis has announced that the 3rd Sunday of ordinary time each year will be known as the Sunday of the Word of God.

If the spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through His spirit living in you. (Romans 8:11). Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord, make a straight highway for our God across the desert. (Isaiah 40:3).

## Thought for the Week

Your smile will give you a positive countenance that will make people feel comfortable around you. No matter what you're going through, it may seem hard to get through it but you can do it, just keep working towards your goal and you'll find the positive side of things.

## Words of the Week

Monday- Rebuffed- Verb- Reject (someone or something) in an abrupt or ungracious manner.

Tuesday – Propagate- Verb- To spread and promote (an idea, theory, etc.) widely.

Wednesday–Eradicate– Verb- To destroy completely; put an end to.

Thursday–Riven- Verb- Split or tear apart violently.

## STM TAD DAY

On Monday our Sixth Form went on an incredibly fun ice skating trip to Alexandra Palace. As well as having a lot of fun the students showed both courage and resilience with some overcoming a fear of the ice. It was great to see students helping each other when they saw others struggling. A great day was had by all. Thanks to Ms Doherty and Mr Saunders for arranging.



## BOYS SPORTS

The U14 basketball team played their final game of the year against Heartlands this week. They won 38-17. Congratulations to both Wisdom Osuji and Kwesi Shakane who were top scorers of the match.

Another excellent performance from the U16 basketball team who scored 90-19 victory against Heartlands. Some fantastic lay ups were scored by Gabriel Boateng and Jacob Pelling. Well done boys. The U16 boys will now be preparing for next year's London Youth Games.



The U15 and U13 boys handball team have progressed into the London Youth Games after becoming this year's Haringey Handball Champions to win Gold. Well done to Ibuchi Johnson in the U13s for scoring the most points and well done to Chukwudi, Keanu and Gabriel in the U15s.

The Year 7 boys basketball team continue their unbeaten run after winning their second Jr NBA League game. The team played against Skinners' Academy and finished with a score of 39-4. Well done to Saverio, Olivier and David getting the most points for the team.