



St Thomas More Catholic School Parents' Newsletter

12 October 2018

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Monday 15 October 2018 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Garden Project - School Workshop
Tuesday, 16 October 2018 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Worlds by Women Project (16:30-18:30)
Wednesday, 17 October 2018 <ul style="list-style-type: none">KS3 Tower of London TripTeenage Cancer Trust Assembly for Sixth Form (08:50-09:10)Lunchtime Concert (13:45-14:10)
Thursday, 18 October 2018 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Prize Giving Evening (18:00-20:00)
Friday, 19 October 2018 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Bank of America Trip (13:00-17:00)

INTRODUCTION

On Tuesday this week we held our Open Morning and Evening. It was very well attended, with nearly 1000 visitors. As always, the pupils of the school were a credit to us and to you. Whether as tour guides or as departmental ambassadors, the commitment to our school community by the pupils was evident. There was a lot of praise given by our visitors, regarding the pupils they met in particular. Well done to all involved. There will be further Open Mornings next week by appointment. Visitors are asked to book a tour by phoning the school.

Next week we have our annual Prize Giving Ceremony on Thursday evening. We ask all those who have received an invite letter to please return the reply slip to pupil reception on Monday and collect tickets for their guests, if they have not already done so.

We have been checking stationery equipment this week, which we have generally found to be quite good. We ask parents to please support us in trying to ensure that pupils do come to school with the correct equipment. The equipment list can be found in the school journal.

SPORT

Year 9 Football

The Year 9 football team continued their 100% winning record this week. The opposing team, Park View School, school failed to field a team, which means the Year 9 boys have now obtained maximum points from the first four games in the league. Team captain, Raymond Poku, has set his team a target not to lose a single game in the Haringey League this year. We wish the boys every success.

Year 9 Basketball - Haringey Hawks

Several boys from St Thomas More's Year 9 basketball team assisted last year's National Champions, Haringey Hawks, to an exceptional win. Jacob Pelling, Chukwudi Dioramma and Keanu Ray-Nearchou showed no contrition as they scored several points to seal a 82-60 win against the Islington Panthers. The boys have their first game in the Haringey League after half-term.

CAFOD LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME 2018-2019

Last year four Year 12 students from St Thomas More School undertook three days of training as part of the CAFOD Young Leadership programme, followed by an end of year celebration and visit to CAFOD's Romero House.

This year, students partaking in the training days will focus on developing leadership skills such as planning, presenting, problem solving, time management and communication. The students will also gain a deeper understanding of CAFOD and its mission, vision and values. Between training days, participants will be encouraged to take the lead by volunteering for CAFOD to make a difference in fighting poverty and injustice. This year's participants have taken part in their first highly enjoyable training day. The students learned a lot from the day and are looking forward to the next session.



YOUTH CLUB

St Thomas More School offers a variety of exciting clubs, a full list of which can be found on the school website. From November, History Club will be up and running every Thursday lunchtime for pupils in Years 7 to 10. They will get the chance to debate with other history fans, research areas of interest with support from the History Department, watch documentaries, create models and posters, and much more. Pupils have previously created models of historic landmarks, such as Medieval castles and the Colosseum of Rome. November's focus will be on the Remembrance and the impact of war on society.



REFLECTION FROM THE RE DEPARTMENT

Week Beginning October 7th 2018

Gospel Reading: (Mark 9:33-35)

Jesus loved to spend time with children. He enjoyed hearing their laughter, talking to them, and listening to what they had to say. He always considered children just as important to him as grown-ups.

At the end of today's Gospel, the people bring their children to Jesus, but again Jesus' disciples show that they just don't get it. Recall that in previous Gospel readings, Jesus has taught his disciples the value and importance of these "little ones" in the Kingdom of God, yet in today's Gospel, the disciples try to prevent people from bringing their children to Jesus. Jesus reprimands his disciples and welcomes these children. Again Jesus offers these children as an example of the kind of complete trust and dependence upon God that ought to be the attitude of all believers.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/sunday-connection>

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, friend of little children, you are always ready to listen to what we have to say, and to take care of us in the grown-up world. As we become adults, help the special trust and friendship we shared with you as little children to grow within us, and draw us ever closer to you.

Amen

Thought for the Week

"Focus on the good in each and every day. No matter what happens, there is good to be found."

FARM TRIP

This week the Year 10 GCSE Food Group visited Organic Lea Food Farm. After a guided tour where pupils especially enjoyed trying edible flowers and leaves, they learned how to make their own compost. Pupils then got their gloves on and started building their own garden. They turned the soil, gathered brown and green recycling and layered it appropriately for their compost heap. This helped pupils develop an understanding of 'Food Provenance'- a topic in their Food GCSE and the new Garden Initiative in school. Pupils will be gathering green waste around school and making their very own compost, in which they will grow their own herbs and vegetables to cook with. They are now even more excited for their new garden at St Thomas More School!



Words of the Week

Monday – Specious – Adjective: Superficially plausible, but actually wrong. Misleading in appearance.

Tuesday – Insinuate – Verb: Suggest or hint (something bad) in an indirect and unpleasant way. Manoeuvre oneself into a favourable position by subtle manipulation.

Wednesday – Compunction – Noun: A feeling of guilt or moral scruple that prevents or follows the doing of something bad.

Thursday – Tentative – Adjective: Not certain or fixed; provisional. Done without confidence; hesitant.

Friday – Innocuous – Adjective: Not harmful or offensive.