



# St Thomas More Catholic School Parents' Newsletter

8 June 2018

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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| <b>Monday 11 June 2018</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Year 7 Sacred Text Workshop</li><li>Year 9 Financial Workshops</li><li>Mentoring Trip (12:30-15:10)</li></ul>         |
| <b>Tuesday, 12 June 2018</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Year 12 IntoUniversity Support with Personal Statements</li><li>Choir Tour Parents' Meeting (18:15-19:15)</li></ul> |
| <b>Wednesday, 13 June 2018</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Year 7 Drama Club/ A-Level Drama trip to Small Wonders (12:30-15:10)</li><li>Youth Club (15:15-17:15)</li></ul>   |
| <b>Thursday, 14 June 2018</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>GCSE Art Exhibition</li><li>Trip to the Tower or London for Music Students (09:10-14:10)</li></ul>                 |
| <b>Friday, 15 June 2018</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>GCSE Art Exhibition</li><li>A Level Drama Performance (15:30-16:30)</li></ul>  |
| <b>Saturday, 16 June 2018</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Year 9 Brunel Urban Scholars Programme</li></ul>   |

## INTRODUCTION

Yesterday evening, we held our Year 8 Parents' Evening. Parents collected their child's report and had the opportunity to discuss their child's progress with subject teachers. Those who were unable to attend can contact Mr Turner, Head of Year, via [parents@stthomasmoreschool.org.uk](mailto:parents@stthomasmoreschool.org.uk) to arrange collection of their child's report.

A new timetable has been issued to Year 11 pupils to cover the last couple of weeks of the final examinations. A reminder that the Sixth Form induction for Year 11 pupils will be on Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th June. Our End of Examinations' Mass for Year 11 pupils and parents will be on Wednesday 27th June, followed by their prom. Pupils will be taken by coach to central London to the River Thames where they will pick up the boat on which their prom is being held.

Letters have been issued to all pupils in Years 7 to 10 today about their end of year examinations that are starting on Monday, 18th June. Along with the timetable, there is also a revision list for each subject. We ask parents to support us and their children by encouraging them to work extra hard in the run up to these examinations. The results will inform the set classes pupils are put in from September.

## LOST PROPERTY

If you think your child may have an item in lost property, please ask them to go to Pupil Reception before Thursday 18 July to claim their lost items. Any remaining lost property will be donated to charity during the summer holidays.

## DRAMA DEPARTMENT

Years 10 pupils and Year 12 students went to see the expressionist masterpiece 'Machinal' by Sophie Treadwell at the Almeida this week. As the pupils are studying the text and producing their own directorial concepts, it gave them lots of ideas and inspired their creativity.

Also this week, Year 9 drama pupils visited our artistic partners Jacksons Lane Art Centre to see a production of Dennis Kelly's 'DNA'. The production was inspiring as it was presented by students from Northampton University which gave our pupils an excellent example of what they could be doing at university if they went on to study drama.

Year 10 drama pupils this week have been continuing to work with Michael Salami on their piece for the Rudolph Walker Inter Schools drama competition. Tickets are now on sale from: <http://www.stratfordeast.com/whats-on/all-shows/rudolph-walkers-inter-school-drama-awards-rwisda-2018>

## HARINGEY MUSIC FESTIVAL

On Monday, nearly 40 members of the School Choir had the unique and life-changing experience of performing in the Royal Albert Hall, one of the world's most iconic concert venues, as part of the Haringey Schools Music Festival. Pupils have been working hard over the last few weeks to learn the songs for an evening of entertainment called 'Haringey Goes Wild'. The concert featured thousands of school pupils from across the Borough performing music written by local Haringey composers. The music reflected the wildlife in Haringey like the Coldfall Woods. The pupils performed and behaved exceptionally well and were a credit to the school.



## SPORT

The Year 8 boys' and girls' athletics teams have finished top of the borough in the Haringey Championship. All Haringey secondary schools came to New River Stadium on Wednesday evening fighting to be crowned champions.

St Thomas More won the most events to tip the competition and win by a substantial difference. The boys' team won by a remarkable 60 points, whilst the girls' team won by a comfortable 30 points. The boys 4x100m race was the most memorable on the evening as Olimide Adeosun dipped his head at the finish line to beat Gladesmore school.



## CONFESSION

On Wednesday, 13 June, after Voluntary Mass, Father Chris Connor will be available to hear pupils' confessions, problems or concerns that they might have. Please inform your child/children about this upcoming addition to our liturgy that is taking place in school.

It will be good for pupils to have the time for someone to listen to them. If successful, the RE Department will put this in place on the first Wednesday of every month.

## Thought for the Week

Talent is God given; be humble. Fame is man-given; be grateful. Conceit is self-given; be careful. God never ends anything on a negative; God always ends on a positive.

## REFLECTION FROM THE RE DEPARTMENT

**Week Beginning June 10th 2018**

**Gospel Reading: Mark 3: 20-35**

### Gospel Reflection Reading

Today's gospel begins and ends with the theme of family, which is sandwiched between a disputes about the relationship of Jesus to the world of demonic power. The gospel begins with the family of Jesus questioning his sanity. For many, the message that Jesus proclaimed was troubling and upsetting, and so his family began to wonder if he is out of his mind. This is followed by the narrative of the Scribes asking about the power of Jesus. Did his power come from "Beelzebub," the name of an unclean spirit in Jewish literature, who is perhaps a demonic prince? Jesus brilliantly responds by turning the tables on them. It is not Jesus but those whose hearts are hardened (through rejecting God's representative) who are in danger of irrevocably separating themselves from God's friendship. The gospel then returns to the theme of family. The bonds of our relationship with Jesus result from doing the will of God. Each of us is challenged to conversion.

### Prayer

Lord, Almighty God, you are our Father and we are your children, who want to live for you through Jesus Christ our Lord. Strengthen and renew our hearts. When discouragement and fear try to mislead us, may your Holy Spirit help us again and again to hold fast, for no matter what difficulties arise, your will is being done and your will is good. Your name will be honoured. Your kingdom will come for all nations. Your reign will come over all peoples, for they are all yours and must acknowledge that Jesus Christ is the Lord, to your honour, O Father.

Amen

## Words of the Week

Monday: Exude (Verb) – 1. (of a person) To display, an emotion or quality, strongly and openly. 2. (with reference to moisture or a smell) Emit or release, slowly and steadily.

Tuesday: Polemic (Noun) – A strong verbal or written attack on someone or something.

Wednesday: Deterrent (Noun) – A thing that discourages or is intended to discourage someone from doing something. Adjective: Able or intended to deter.

Thursday: Quandary (Noun) – A state of doubt or uncertainty over what to do in a difficult situation; a state of perplexity.

Friday: Iota (Noun) – An extremely small amount. (Also the ninth letter of the Greek alphabet).