



St Thomas More Catholic School Parents' Newsletter

28 April 2017

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Monday, 1 May 2017 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• May Bank Holiday
Tuesday, 02 May 2017 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 11 Career Advisor Meetings with Selected Pupils
Wednesday, 03 May 2017 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• GCSE Music Controlled Assessment Day• Year 9 Trip Sussex University• Voluntary Mass (08:40-08:50)• A Level Art Exam• Youth Club (15:10-17:15)
Thursday, 04 May 2017 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A Level Art Exam• Year 8 Trip to Goldsmiths, University of London• Years 8 and 9 IntoUniversity Workshops
Friday, 05 May 2017 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prayers with Sr Eileen• A Level Art Exam• Year 7 Music Trip to Jerwood Hall• Choir Practice (15:10-16:10)• Duke of Edinburgh Meeting (15:10-16:10)

INTRODUCTION

The summer term has got off to a good start with pupils focused on their studies. We are now at a time of the year when pupils' organisation is very important. We ask parents to support pupils in their organisation.

Journals - Every day homework should be written into journals, next to the subject they are receiving it from. Parents should check regularly that pupils are doing this and sign journals weekly. The journal is extremely important to help pupils organise themselves and to keep the constant link between school and home.

Equipment - Please ensure your child has the basic equipment needed for their lessons, including a pen, pencil, ruler and calculator.

Presentation of work - We also wish to push the excellent presentation of work in exercise book. Parents can support this by looking through books when possible to ensure books are neat, praising or asking your child for better presentation when necessary.

Thank you in advance to parents for your support. The home-school link is so important to ensure your children achieve and exceed their targets.

REFLECTIONS FROM THE RE DEPARTMENT

The Lord is Risen! Today we rejoice that Jesus has risen from the dead to bring us new life, new hope and new purpose. We can sing 'Alleluia' and share our joy with those who have not heard the Good News.

Second Sunday of Easter

We can be uplifted by reflecting on Jesus' appearance after he had risen from the dead. There are two incidents in this week's Gospel. On Easter night, the disciples had locked themselves away from fear of the Jews. Jesus appeared to them and gave them the power to forgive sins. Thomas was not there on this occasion and he refused to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead unless he could see for himself. It was on the eighth day, that Jesus appeared again, this time with Thomas present. Thomas' words, 'My Lord and my God', are words we can whisper to ourselves when Jesus appears to us at the Consecration of the Mass.

Prayer

O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory.

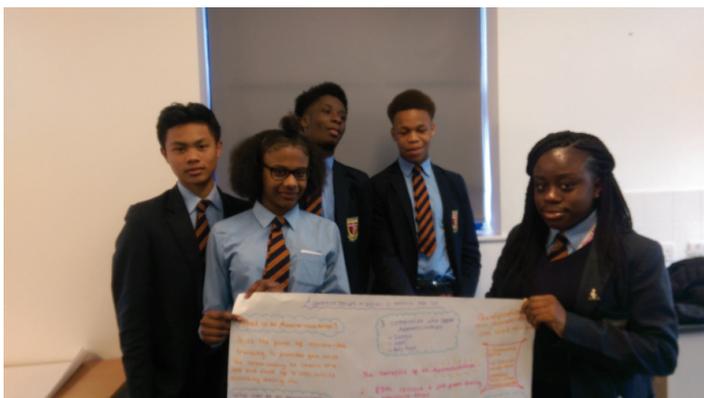
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen

INTO UNIVERSITY

On Tuesday, IntoUniversity delivered two workshops. Year 9 pupils were given an introduction to university life in which they researched different universities, courses and clubs as well as different careers of personal interest. The Year 10 group researched Post-16 opportunities and gave lively presentations on A-Levels, BTEC and Apprenticeships.

The photo shows Joseph, Alicia, David, Keane and Meriesa in Year 10 with their presentation poster.



YEAR 11 DRAMA

Congratulations to the Year 11 Drama pupils who completed their GCSE course this week. The pupils devised their own performances that were presented to an audience and an external examiner.

The performances, which showcased all of their drama skills, got the audience thinking about what it means to be a feminist, why we tell fairy stories to children, and what events from history we would change if given the opportunity.

The pupils worked very hard to achieve high standards of performance and we expect they will be rewarded with excellent grades.

LONDON MARATHON

Congratulations to Mr Rosen, Assistant Headteacher, who ran his first London marathon last Sunday! Mr Rosen, who is also Head of PE, completed the marathon in an amazing time of 2 hours and 48 minutes.



Mr Rosen ran in aid of Reverse Rett and raised an incredible £1,100 for the charity. Reverse Rett funds treatments and cures for children living with Rett Syndrome.

Well done Mr Rosen!

Thought for the Week

“Hardworking is a good attribute, but the pay-off is determined by whether you are investing the great effort in the right place.”

YOUNG WRITERS

Back in October 2016, a number of our pupils entered into the Young Writers 'Busta Rhyme' Poetry Competition. The competition gave pupils the opportunity to write a poem about a topic they feel passionately about. It also inspired pupils to showcase both their creative and technical writing skills, allowing them to engage with lyric poetry.

The competition gave pupils an opportunity to have their poems published alongside their peers from a variety of schools within the UK and share their poetry with a real audience.

We are pleased to announce that the following eleven pupils were selected from St Thomas More Catholic School to have their poems published in the book 'Busta Rhyme Hopes & Fears' edited by Emily Wilson which is available to buy on Amazon.

Year 11

Javay Telfer 11DX1

Year 9

Leon Anton Thompson
9MC1

Year 7

Divine Victoria Luwero
7BK2
Nicolas Benavides Ruiz
7BK2
Tee-Jay Martin 7BK2

Year 10

Alex Chiu 10BK1
Lin Ly 10BK1
Jade Cushing 10BK1
Paula Podniesinski 10MC1

Year 8

David Akintoye 8BK1
Matthew Chuungwe 8KL1

Words of the Week

Monday: Bank Holiday

Tuesday: Uncouth (Adjective): Lacking good manners, refinement, or grace.

Wednesday: Emphatic (Adjective): Something that is said or done with strong emotion or action. Expressing something forcibly and clearly.

Thursday: Approbation (Noun): Approval or praise.

Friday: Subliminal (Adjective): Working beneath the level of consciousness or sensation; perceived by or affecting someone's mind without their being aware of it. Relating to things that influence your mind in a way that you do not notice.