



St Thomas More Catholic School Parents' Newsletter

6 July 2018

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Monday 9 July 2018

- ABRSM Instrumental Exams in Glendale Hall
- Year 10 Geography trip Walton-on-the-Naze (half cohort)
- Liturgical Prefects' Trip
- Worlds by Women Project - Debating Workshop with ESU (15:15-16:15)
- Sport Awards Evening (18:00-20:00)

Tuesday, 10 July 2018

- Worlds by Women Project - Visit to the Houses of Parliament
- Year 10 Geography trip Walton-on-the-Naze (half cohort)
- Year 10 London Zoo Trip
- Year 9 Media Trip to Cineworld Wood Green (09:10-12:30)

Wednesday, 11 July 2018

- Year 10 Geography fieldwork write up day
- Year 10 - 12 Drama Prime of Miss Jean Brodie Theatre Trip (19:30 onwards)

Thursday, 12 July 2018

- Feast Day

Friday, 13 July 2018

- TAD
- Sixth Form Thorpe Park Trip

INTRODUCTION

As with all weeks, it has been extremely busy at school. There have been lots of educational visits. Our Choir and musicians are returning tonight from their four day tour in Germany. There are excellent reports of their outstanding performances in Germany. On Wednesday, we invited our new Year 7 pupils in for an induction day. 200 pupils attended the day which helps to settle them in to their new school. We are expecting 219 new Year 7 pupils next year. Unfortunately, some were unable to come due to primary school trips and visits.

On Wednesday evening we had our 'Online Safety Course' for Year 7 parents followed by our Year 7 Parents' Evening. Thank you to all those who were able to attend. If you were unable to attend, please contact Mr Wood, Head of Year 7, via parents@stthomasmoreschool.org.uk.

Tomorrow morning at about 5am, a large number of staff are leaving school on their epic journey to complete the 'Three Peaks Challenge'. This involved climbing the three highest mountains in the UK (Scotland, England and Wales); Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and finally Snowdon within 24 hours (including travel!) They have all volunteered to attempt this great feat to support the school's PTA mini-bus fund.

The PTA are looking to support the school in purchasing a much needed new mini-bus. Please support this worthy cause by making a donation on Parent Pay or handing in a donation into the school reception. Thank you to all of those who have supported already. We wish them a safe and successful trip.

SPORTS AWARD EVENING

We would like to announce that the fourth annual St Thomas More Sports Awards is taking place on Monday 9 July 2018. This is a fantastic evening where we celebrate the hard work and sporting achievements of the pupils throughout the school.

SUMMER SHOWCASE

Tickets for the Summer Showcase are going on sale next week. The evening showcases the musical talents of our pupils and is a wonderful event each year. The showcase begins at 6.00pm and is being held in the Glendale Hall on Wednesday, 18 July. Tickets can be purchased from either the front reception or from outside the Music department and will cost £2.

DRAMA DEPARTMENT

St Thomas More has regained the title of Best Production at the Rudolph Walker Inter Schools Drama Awards!

Year 10 pupils Vanessa Sampaney, Amiyah Cottoy, Ronaldo Trim and Jaime Bile were crowned winners of the Best Production at the Rudolph Walker Inter Schools Drama Award after performing their piece entitled 'Shackled' on stage at the Theatre Royal Stratford East. The group devised the performance, which explored slavery, with the support of their mentor Hollyoaks star Michael Salami.

The panel of judges, which included Eastenders stars Diane Parish and Danny Walters, claimed their piece was inspirational and thought provoking. Amiyah Cottoy was also awarded Best Actress for her emotive portrayal of Mary. The group were awarded their trophies by Rudolph Walker and Trinidad and Tobago's High Commissioner His Excellency Mr Orville London - congratulations!



REFLECTION FROM THE RE DEPARTMENT

Week Beginning July 8th 2018

Gospel Reading: Mark 6:1-6

Our hearts go out to Jesus in this gospel because we feel his pain when his own family and friends reject him. The news of Jesus' miracles and healings had by now spread throughout the region and when he returned to Nazareth to teach in the synagogue, the people there were unbelieving. How, they wondered, could someone as common as a labourer have such authority from God? Sadly, Jesus could not do the wondrous work of God in his own home town. There are not further times recorded in the gospels that Jesus entered another synagogue after the rejection he experienced in Nazareth.

How many times do we shy away from saying what we know to be the truth? We may see a co-worker, a relative, or friend making some poor decisions. Or we may witness injustices in our society. It's easier to turn our heads in the other direction and not get involved. After all, our lives are going fairly well and someone else's mistakes or misfortunes don't really affect us. But don't they? We are answerable first to God, but we also need to keep in mind that our children are watching (and will eventually imitate) our every move. As difficult as it is, it is our responsibility to show them how to be strong and courageous even when our words and actions might be unpopular.

Prayer

Lord, O great and almighty God, we thank you that you have given us the Saviour, in whom we can become united and have peace on earth. May he, the Saviour, work powerfully among us. May your Spirit come into people's hearts so that they learn to acknowledge you as their leader and their God and to rejoice in their lives, which are intended for eternal life.

Amen

LIBRARY BOOKS

Pupils must return all library books before the end of term, preferably next week. Once they have returned all their books they can borrow new books for summer (or renew the ones brought back), which will be due on 10th September. Pupils who have books due to be returned should have been given a printout by their form teacher, but if they have any questions they should see Mrs Brownlie in the library.

Thought for the Week

Mutual respect means that even though we might not always agree with others, we can show respect for their thoughts and feelings. It is about the value we see in the other person.

SPORT

Year 8 Rugby

After being crowned this year's Champions Cup winners, the Year 8 rugby team tested their luck in the London Youth Games competing against 33 other schools. St Thomas More did very well in the group stage beating Seven Kings 32-10 and Bishopshault Secondary 32-4.

After progressing through the group stage, the team completed a remarkable victory against Kingsford 32-16. The next bout against Harris Academy Croydon was more competitive as the boys' team won marginally 20-18. St Thomas More crashed out against Langley Park in Bromley losing their first game of the season and ended up finishing 5th in London. A fantastic achievement for the boys as they are amongst the top 5 schools in the capital.



Year 8- Middlesex Cup Athletics

After the Year 7 and 8 boys' and girls' teams were crowned outdoor champions of Haringey, they were put through to the Middlesex Cup finals. All teams finished in the top 3 in Middlesex after spending the whole day at The Alliance Park Stadium. The year 7 boys' finished 3rd in Middlesex and the girls' finished 2nd. The Year 8 boys' and girls' teams finished a step ahead and were both crowned Middlesex Champions on the day. The most memorable performances were from Olamide Adeosun and Guynelle Amatcha (Year 8) in the 100m sprint and 75m hurdles.

Words of the Week

Monday – Solicitude – Noun: Care or concern for someone or something.

Tuesday – Repose – Noun: A state of rest, sleep, or tranquility.

Verb: Be situated or kept in a particular place

Wednesday – Volition – Noun: the faculty or power of using one's will; an act of making a choice or decision

Thursday – Malady – Noun: A disease or ailment; a serious problem.