



# St Thomas More Catholic School Parents' Newsletter

25 May 2018

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### Monday, 4 June 2018

- Haringey Music Festival, Royal Albert Hall
- AS and A2 Devising Production Week

### Tuesday, 5 June 2018

- AS and A2 Devising Production Week
- A Level Theatre Trip to see Machinal (19:30 onwards)

### Wednesday, 6 June 2018

- AS and A2 Devising Production Week
- Youth Club (15:15-17:15)

### Thursday, 7 June 2018

- AS and A2 Devising Production Week
- Year 9 Drama Trip to see DNA (09:10-13:10)
- Year 8 Parents' Evening (17:00-19:00)

### Friday, 08 June 2018

- AS and A2 Devising Production Week
- Year 9 IntoUniversity Trip to a Corporate Firm
- Year 10 English Trip to Jackson Lane Theatre (13:00-15:10)
- AS/A2 Drama Production

## INTRODUCTION

Next week is half-term and as always, there is a full programme of extra revision session for all pupils taking examinations. Timetables have been given to pupils and are available on the school website. Please ensure your child attends all the relevant available sessions. Thank you in advance to all the staff who are volunteering to run these sessions.

On Thursday this week, Ryan Martin, a past pupil and professional basketball player, returned to our school to talk to pupils. Today, Mr John Rynne visited the school to talk to A Level geography students about the work of charity NGOs (Non-Governmental Organisations) around the world. John works for GOAL and has been the Country Director for GOAL's operations in Ethiopia and is now their Director for emergency cross support worldwide. The students gained a great insight to how charities work across the world.

A reminder to parents of Year 8 pupils that Parents' Evening is on Thursday, 7th June, 5.00 - 7.00pm, the week following half-term.

We ask all parents to check their children's uniform and equipment in preparation of their return after half-term.

## SPORT

### Ryan Martin

Former pupil and professional basketball player Ryan Martin visited the school this week to deliver a motivational talk to various PE classes. Ryan Martin explained the process of his transition from being a St Thomas More pupil to a professional basketball player. The pupils received inspirational words on how to persevere through difficult times, regardless of what hobby or career path they choose. He also spent the lunch period partaking in a free throw shoot-out challenge, signing autographs and played Stefanos Chatziplis one-on-one.

### Year 7 Basketball

The Year 7 basketball team were victorious against Enfield Grammar School this week, beating them 38-4. Jayshaun Bailey came in to the team and showed his ability as he scored a number of points.

### Athletics

The Year 9 boys' team finished 1st in the Outdoor Haringey Athletics Championship. The boys won most of their track and field events to top the other eight schools competing in Haringey. The most memorable performance on the day was from Adam Mayombe jumping close to 11 metres in the triple jump!



Ryan Martin with the Year 7 Basketball Team



Year 9 Athletics Team

## REFLECTION FROM THE RE DEPARTMENT

### Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) Year B

Week Beginning June 2018  
Gospel Reading Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

Mark describes for his community the words and actions of Jesus at the Last Supper. Scholars believe that the words are more an attempt on Mark's part to help his early Christian community understand the Eucharist than they are the actual words spoken by Jesus. Still, they help us understand that Jesus was leaving the physical company of the apostles, and he gave them a way of remembering him through bread and wine, his body and blood.

### Prayer

Dear Father in heaven, we thank you for all your goodness and for the peace you give us. Unite us as your people, we pray. Unite us as one people with all your children who have ever lived, as one people with all who want to serve you. The more faithfully and joyfully we are your people, the more blessing you can give. Let the material world come under your hand. Guide your children on earth. Lead us in such a way that others may be helped. When we suffer, grant us strength and understanding of your will. Protect us today and every day.

Amen

### BRIGHT IDEAS CHALLENGE

We are delighted to announce that a group of five Year 9 pupils have made it into the top 50 entries of 'The Bright Ideas Challenge 2018' run by Shell UK.

Tayla Lohan, Desange Nkumu, Aaron Gonito, Suria Morton and Maksymilian Matusiak submitted a project focusing on how cities will be powered in 2050 to be healthy, vibrant and clean places to live. They brainstormed a few solutions, but after further research they chose using 'piezoelectricity' to power cities to be the most safe and efficient energy source.

We wish them all lots of luck for the next round!

## Thought for the Week

"I believe all positive and negative things are valuable because they shape you. Every person gets negative things, they learn from those negative things, and you become a positive person".

## DRAMA DEPARTMENT

Having made the finals of the Rudolph Walker Inter-Schools Drama Award, this week we received a visit from actor Michael Salami, who is well known for his roles in Eastenders and Hollyoaks.

Michael spent a lesson working with our Year 10 GCSE Drama class before watching their performances and judging which group he wanted to work with and mentor for the next few weeks. Michael had a difficult decision on his hands as he said he was "blown away by the talent in the group... I can't believe they're only fourteen to fifteen years old."

The competition takes place on Sunday, 1 July when our pupils will perform their piece alongside pupils from other schools in the hope of winning one of the prestigious RWiSDA trophy's.



## Words of the Week

Monday: Nonchalant (Adjective) – (of a person or manner) Feeling or appearing casually calm and relaxed; not displaying anxiety, interest, or enthusiasm.

Tuesday: Myriad – (Noun/Adjective) – (noun) A countless or extremely great number of people or things. (adjective) Countless or extremely great in number; a unit of 10,000.

Wednesday: Gregarious (Adjective) – Fond of company, sociable.

Thursday: Temporal (Adjective) – Relating to worldly as opposed to spiritual affairs; secular. Relating to time.

Friday: Pithy (Adjective) – (of fruit or plant) Containing much pith. (of language or style) Terse (abrupt) and vigorously expressive.