



St Thomas More Catholic School Parents' Newsletter

16 September 2016

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Monday, 19 September 2016

- Year 9 Mass, 09.10 to 10.10 am
- School Production Auditions, 3.15 to 5.00 pm
- Sixth Form 'Up the Ante' Evening, 4.30 to 5.30 pm

Friday, 23 September 2016

- Goldman Sachs Workshop with Years 10 to 13 Business and Economics students, 09.45 am to 1.30 pm

YOUTH CLUB

During this week's Youth Club, pupils took part in a range of activities including various sporting clubs, Science Club, Yoga, Meditation and had the opportunity to find out more about Amnesty International.

Youth Club is held every Wednesday, 3.10 to 5.15 pm and all pupils can attend. For a full list of clubs which are running, please see the Extra-Curricular section of the school website.

INTRODUCTION

The school has settled into a good routine very quickly after the school break, albeit a very busy week.

On Wednesday, we held our 'Up the Ante' Evening for Year 11 pupils and parents. Thank you to those parents who were able to attend. The Home-School Partnership has never been more important in ensuring pupils achieve and indeed exceed their targets for next summer's examinations. Next Monday, there will be a similar evening for Year 12 students and parents.

Last night, we held our Year 7 Parents' Cheese and Wine Evening. This was a lovely event where parents were able to receive the results of their children's CATs that were taken before the summer and chat to staff about how well their children have settled in. If you are a Year 7 parent who was unable to attend and would like your child's CATs results or to chat about the first few weeks of school, please contact Mr Wood, Head of Year 7, via parents@ssthomasmoreschool.org.uk.

Currently, we have a number of pupils in Rome on a school trip, along with pupils from St George's School and Bishop Douglass School (our partner schools). We look forward to hearing about the wonderful time we are sure they will have all had. They are due back late Saturday night/early Sunday morning.



PARENT AND TEACHER ASSOCIATION (PTA)

The school has a strong PTA and all parents are staff are automatically members. The dates of this year's meetings have now been decided and are follows: Monday, 3 October 2016, Monday, 5 December 2016, Monday, 23 January 2017, Monday, 6 March 2017, Monday, 8 May 2017 and Monday, 3 July 2017.

All meetings start at 6.30 pm and take place in the school's New Reception Large Conference Room. For more information about the PTA, please visit the school website.

KEATS PROJECT DRAMA CLUB

Currently, the pupils in Drama Club are working with Jacksons Lane Art centre to explore the work of John Keats, a famous English poet who went to school in Enfield and will present their final performance at Keats House.

Interested pupils should see Miss Gibb or Mr Brown for more information about the Keats project.

'I am certain of nothing
but the holiness of the heart's affections,
and the truth of imagination.'
by **John Keats** (1795 - 1821)



Pupils taking part in the Keats Project, Drama Club

Thought for the Week

"Even when you have doubts, take that step.
Take chances. Mistakes are never a failure, they
can be turned into wisdom".

RE DEPARTMENT

Reflection: Week Beginning 11th September 24th Sunday of Year C

This week's liturgical readings are about mercy. Mercy is the gift that God has given us to recover what was lost and so mercy enables us to escape the past and find a new future.

Mercy is not like a medicine, which we may take for a while and then, being healed, are able to dispense with. It is more like the air that we breathe. We breathe it in and we breathe it out. Mercy is the atmosphere of heaven. These final three months of the Year of Mercy provide an opportunity to reflect on God's great mercy for us and encourages us to have mercy on others.

Prayer

Look upon us, O God, creator and ruler of all things, and, that we may feel the working of your mercy, grant that we may serve you with all our heart.

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

OPEN EVENING

The school will be holding its Open Evening on Tuesday, 4 October 2016, 5.30 to 8.00 pm. It will also hold an Open Morning on the same day, 9.30 to 11.00 am. Please inform friends and family, who are currently considering possible secondary schools for their children, about the school's open events. A school prospectus and application forms will be available to collect during both open events.

Words of the Weeks

Monday: **Elite** (noun) – a select group that is superior in terms of ability or qualities to the rest of a group or society.

Tuesday: **Blueprint** (noun) – a design or plan or other technical drawing. Something which acts as a plan model, template for others.

Wednesday: **Puerile** (adjective) – this means displaying or showing a lack of maturity/being childish.

Thursday: **Mediocre** (adjective) – this means lacking exceptional ability or quality/of average equality.

Friday: **Condone** (verb) – this means to accept/overlook or approve behaviour, that some find unacceptable.