



# St Thomas More Catholic School Parents' Newsletter

1 February 2019

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### Monday, 4 February to Friday, 8 February 2019

- E-Safety Week
- French Trip

### Monday, 4 February 2019

- Donmar Warehouse Writing Wrongs with Year 10 (15:15-17:15)

### Tuesday, 5 February 2019

- IntoUniversity Year 13 Skills for the Future (09:10-11:10)

### Wednesday, 6 February 2019

- Apprenticeship Assembly Year 12 (08:50-09:10)
- Post-16 Apprenticeship Workshop Year 11 (09:10-10:10)
- Careers Panel in the Glendale Hall (pre Careers Fair) (16:30-17:00)
- Careers Fair (17:00-19:00)
- Regional Final of Jack Petchey's 'Speak Out' Challenge (18:00-20:30)

### Thursday, 7 February 2019

- IntoUniversity Year 11 University Life Group 1 (09:10-11:10)
- IntoUniversity Year 11 University Life Group 2 (11:30-13:30)

### Friday, 8 February 2019

- Second Physics A Level Monitoring Visit (12:00-13:30)

## INTRODUCTION

As I am sure you are aware, we again had excellent news this week that following our recent Ofsted inspection, we have remained OUTSTANDING.

A letter has been sent home to pupils, along with a copy of the Ofsted letter. If you have not received this, please ask your child for it or check their bag. Further copies are available from school. If you would like an electronic copy, please send a request email to [parents@stthomasmoreschool.org.uk](mailto:parents@stthomasmoreschool.org.uk).

As stated in the letter, we are extremely proud of our whole school community. The many positive comments about pupils, staff and governors are a testament to the hard work and commitment put in by all. We would also like to thank our parent community for their support and commitment to St Thomas More. Without this partnership, the school could not achieve what it does.

## GIRLS' SPORT

The Netball teams played their final games of the season this week. The Year 9 and 10 teams beat Gladesmore 6-3 and 11-6 respectively, while the Year 7 team beat Greig City 10-1. Congratulations to all the teams on a great week and season!

## BOYS' SPORT

### Boys' Basketball

The Year 7 team won their first Enfield Cup game 18-2, making it to nine wins out of nine this week. The team are also through to the Haringey League final after winning their league game against Gladesmore School 33-9.

Due to recent successes in boys' basketball, a number of pupils got to watch the Haringey Hawks beat the Reading Rockets 73-71 in the Under 18 National Cup Final in Colchester. The team were also fortunate enough to get a picture with the Haringey Hawks after their win. Former student Joseph Bautista was in the Hawks' line-up.



### Year 8 Indoor Athletics - The Legacy Continues

The boys' and girls' teams were both crowned champions this week. Fantastic individual performances from Michael, Romeo, Kashieve and Blessing led the teams to victory. The Year 8 teams have joined our Year 7 teams in the London Youth Games and will represent Haringey.



### Year 9 Boys' Badminton

Congratulations to Raymond, Victor, Hao-Xi and Ezekiel for finishing second in the Haringey Cup badminton competition. The boys earned silver medals after winning most of their games.



### Khayon Edwards

Year 10 Khayon Edwards had a fantastic weekend with Arsenal after scoring six goals in the Premier League National Cup. Arsenal beat Fulham 2-1 in the final, with Khayon playing a large part in the win.



## FROM THE DRAMA DEPARTMENT

The Drama department have continued to develop their partnership with the Donmar Warehouse. This week, A Level students attended a performance of 'Sweat', and took part in a workshop exploring the decline of the American Dream. Pupil from Years 9 and 10 have begun the 'Writing Wrongs' project, in which pupils will develop their script-writing skills with the support of a professional playwright. This will result in a performance in June.



Following on from the Worlds by Women performance in December with Jacksons Lane, a short documentary following the pupils' experience is now available to watch. (<https://www.jacksonslane.org.uk/join-in/jl-youth/worlds-by-women>).

## REFLECTION FROM THE RE DEPARTMENT

### Week Beginning January 27th 2019

#### Gospel Reading: (Luke 1:1-4)

We belong to one body

In the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus reads aloud from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah and announces that this Scripture is now fulfilled.

In Chapter Four of Luke's Gospel, we hear that Jesus is in his hometown of Nazareth, attending the synagogue on the Sabbath, which is said to be his custom. In this account, we find another important clue that Jesus lived as a faithful, observant Jew.

As Jesus stands in the synagogue, he reads from the scroll handed to him; it contains the words of the prophet Isaiah. At this early moment in his ministry, Jesus announces his mission in continuity with Israel's prophetic tradition. This reading from Isaiah defines Jesus' ministry. We will find more evidence of this as we continue to read from Luke's Gospel throughout the year. Jesus' ministry will include bringing glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, freedom to the oppressed, and proclaiming a year acceptable to the Lord.

(<https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/sunday-connection>)

Prayer:

God our Father, we pray for the grace to respond to the call of discipleship quickly and decisively, for the grace to witness God's love by embracing all works of charity and justice, for the grace to collaborate with other people of good will in relieving need and addressing its causes, for the grace to make no distinction in those we serve. In them, help us to see the face of Christ.

Merciful God, hear us!

Amen

## Thought for the Week

"Success is the result of perfection, hard work, learning from failure, loyalty, and persistence. Put your heart, mind, and soul into even your smallest acts. This is the secret of success."

## BBC SCHOOL REPORT

BBC School Report takes place every Wednesday in the Media Suite (next door to NF4) from 15:10 to 16:10. This club gives pupils the chance to produce their own reports. Pupils record and edit video footage, write stories for websites, and reach and inform real audiences about

the topics that matter to them. If you have any questions about Youth Clubs or School Clubs, please speak to Miss Christodoulou.

## CAREERS SOFTWARE

This week, Year 8 pupils used our new careers software, START, as they began to consider which subjects to study at GCSE. The program walked pupils through the differences between GCSEs and equivalent qualifications. They were also introduced to different post-16 and post-18 pathways that may follow their GCSEs. Students were able to explore careers and industries they may not have considered before, based on preferences they entered in their profile.

Hannah Clifton in Year 8 said, "I liked researching the different careers using START. It made me think about careers I hadn't considered before. I now understand better where my GCSEs could take me."



Pupils can continue to use the program by visiting <https://www.startprofile.com> and entering the username and password given to them in form time.

## Words of the Week

Monday – Reconnaissance – Noun: 1. Military observation of a region to locate an enemy or ascertain strategic features. 2. Preliminary surveying or research.

Tuesday – Thwart – Verb: (1) Prevent (someone) from accomplishing something.

Wednesday – Procrastinate – Verb: Delay or postpone action; put off doing something.

Thursday – Abeyance – Noun: A state of temporary disuse or suspension.

Friday – Churlish – Adjective: Rude in a mean-spirited and surly way.