



# St Thomas More Catholic School Parents' Newsletter

25 January 2019

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### Monday, 28 January to Friday, 1 February 2019

- Good Manners Week

### Monday, 28 January 2019

- Donmar Warehouse Writing Wrongs with Year 10 (15:15-17:15)
- PTA Meeting (18:00-19:00)

### Tuesday, 29 January 2019

- Year 11 Parents' Evening (16:30-18:30)

### Thursday, 31 January 2019

- Urban Debate League Round 1 (15:15-18:30)

### Friday, 1 February 2019

- Paul Kaye from European Commission Speaking to Year 8 (08:50-10:10)
- A Level Drama Public Performance (16:30-17:30)

## INTRODUCTION

We received the excellent news this week that our Sixth Form has been ranked number 30 out of 4434 schools and colleges in the country for progress. This is outstanding. Many of the schools in the top 30 are independent (fee paying) schools.

Well done to all of our past Sixth Form students for this outstanding progress, and to all of the staff who have worked so hard to achieve this. Attached to this newsletter is a comparison table of our local schools and colleges. For more information, you can visit the results page and various comparison tables online (<https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/schools-by-type?step=default&table=schools&region=309&geographic=la&for=16to18>).

A reminder to all Year 11 pupils that it is very important that applications to join our outstanding Sixth Form are completed and submitted as soon as possible. A high percentage of Year 11 have already applied, had their interview, and been offered a place for September.

We are an open Sixth Form school so welcome applications from Year 11 pupils who have not studied at St Thomas More. Applications for external applicants are available from the school website or school reception.

A reminder that the Year 11 Parents' Evening is next Tuesday, 30 January, 16:30-18:30. This is a very important meeting, and a chance to discuss your child's progress and any concerns.

## SPORT

### Year 7 Indoor Athletics

The boys' and girls' teams were both confirmed champions on Wednesday evening, winning the Haringey competition for the 6th year in a row. The pupils all received a well-deserved gold medal, and will now go on to represent Haringey in the London Youth Games.



### Year 7 Basketball

On Tuesday evening, Jahze displayed an exceptional performance against Heartlands High, scoring 10 points to lead St Thomas More to a 40-14 victory. Jesse, Ibuchi, Darren and Kwesi also scored. On Thursday evening the squad travelled to Park View to win 72-0 and maintain their unbeaten run. Scorers were Jakub, Emmanuel and Ananiah.

Nathan Smith (Professional Football Player) Visit Jamaican international and Yeovil Town Football Club's highest capped professional football player, Nathan Smith, visited St Thomas More School on Wednesday afternoon. Nathan delivered a presentation alongside Ms Eshen, explaining their transitions from Haringey born pupils to reputable athletes. Their presentation displayed several mental techniques to achieve audacious sport-specific goals. Nathan and Ms Eshen also ran a crossbar challenge activity for pupils to participate in during the lunch period, won by Daniel Situ.



## ASHURST LAW WORK EXPERIENCE

Five Year 12 students have made it into a prestigious legal work experience programme at Ashurst.

The students, Lin Li, Nikaisha Anane-Busia, Ryan Yew, Alicia Ramos and Holly Spencer, survived a tough application process that included an interview with a senior law firm partner.

Ashurst is a global law firm that specialises in commercial law. The students will spend two days in one of Ashurst's legal or support departments and two days in skill and insight sessions focused on securing a career in law. They will then visit five well-known organisations to learn more about their businesses and the range of career opportunities available.

The aim is for students to gain an understanding of the role of an 'In-house' lawyer.



## REFLECTION FROM THE RE DEPARTMENT

**Week Beginning January 20th 2019**

**Gospel Reading: (John 2:1-11)**

The Miracle of Cana

In the Church's liturgical history, the wedding feast of Cana is closely associated with the baptism of the Lord and the adoration of the infant Jesus by the Wise Men. In this context, the sign Jesus performs at the wedding feast is celebrated as an epiphany or a manifestation of Jesus' divinity.

Yet awareness of Jesus' impending passion and death is ever present in John's Gospel. Even in this report of Jesus' first sign, the language used anticipates Jesus' passion. When Jesus says to his mother that his hour has not yet come, he protests against her wishes in language that John will use again when reporting Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples. When introducing the story of Jesus washing his disciples' feet, John writes that Jesus knew that his hour had come. In John's Gospel, Jesus is very much in command and aware of all that is to happen to him.

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

Prayer:

Almighty and ever living God, who govern all things both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace upon our times. 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.

## Thought for the Week

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts."

## PEER MENTORING

Congratulations to all of our Year 8 Mentors, who received certificates for taking part in a range of Mentoring programmes. If you have any questions about Peer Mentoring please speak to Miss Christodoulou.



## HIGHLY ABLE UPDATE

**Year 9 Brunel Urban Scholars Programme**

Last Saturday, a group of ten Year 9 pupils started the Brunel Urban Scholars Programme. They will be attending the university monthly for activities and presentations designed to extend their learning and aspirations.



**Sussex University 'First Generation Scholars' Programme**

On Wednesday, two groups in Years 9 and 12 enjoyed the introductory workshop presented by Sussex University Ambassadors. Later in the year they will be going on a campus visit to give them insight into university life.

**'IntoUniversity' workshops**

On Thursday, two workshops took place as part of the ongoing IntoUniversity programme which runs for Years 7 to 13. The workshops were 'Careers Carousel' for Year 9, and 'Entrepreneurship' for Year 10.

## Words of the Week

Monday – Congeal – Verb: Become semi-solid, especially on cooling.

Tuesday – Fulsome – Adjective: (1) Complimentary or flattering to an excessive degree. (2) Of large size or quantity; generous or abundant.

Wednesday – Officious – Adjective: Assertive of authority in a domineering way, especially with regard to trivial matters.

Thursday – Taint – Verb: Contaminate or pollute something. Noun: A trace of a bad or undesirable substance or quality.

Friday – Rapacious – Adjective: Excessively greedy or grasping.

## A level performance at the end of 16 to 18 in 2018 - all students ?

Showing 9 schools and colleges

School or college name	Type of school or college	Number of students with an A level exam entry	Progress score & description	Average result		Students completing their main study programme	Achieving AAB or higher in at least 2 facilitating subjects	Grade and points for a student's best 3 A levels
				Grade	Point score			
St Thomas More Catholic School	Academy	56	Well above average 0.55	C+	32.81	Published in March 2019	12.9% (31 students)	B- 36.02 (31 students)
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Fortismere School	Maintained School	232	Above average 0.22	B	39.49	Published in March 2019	26.0% (208 students)	B+ 41.84 (208 students)
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Hornsey School for Girls	Maintained School	54	Average 0.09	C-	27.14	Published in March 2019	2.6% (39 students)	C 29.40 (39 students)
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Woodhouse College	College	692	Average 0.04	B	38.56	Published in March 2019	23.1% (657 students)	B 39.89 (657 students)
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Alexandra Park School	Academy	253	Average 0.01	C+	32.40	Published in March 2019	11.9% (185 students)	B- 36.25 (185 students)
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Highgate Wood Secondary School	Maintained School	141	Average -0.01	C+	33.10	Published in March 2019	12.2% (131 students)	B- 35.06 (131 students)
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Harris Academy Tottenham	Academy	10	Average -0.02	C	29.00	Published in March 2019	0.0% (10 students)	C 29.00 (10 students)
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Haringey Sixth Form College	Academy	123	Below average -0.26	D+	22.89	Published in March 2019	3.2% (95 students)	D+ 23.16 (95 students)
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Greig City Academy	Academy	102	Below average -0.28	D+	24.95	Published in March 2019	5.9% (68 students)	D 21.37 (68 students)
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<b>England - state-funded schools / colleges</b>		<b>263436</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>C+</b>	<b>32.12</b>	<b>Published in March 2019</b>	<b>13.7%</b>	<b>C+ 32.49</b>
<b>England - all schools / colleges</b>		<b>299420</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>C+</b>	<b>33.33</b>		<b>16.2%</b>	<b>C+ 33.59</b>

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