



St Thomas More Catholic School Parents' Newsletter

1 November 2019

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Monday, 4 November 2019

- No events

Tuesday, 5 November 2019

- Year 11 GCSE Geography Human Fieldwork
- Year 9 Money Workshops

Wednesday, 6 November 2019

- Sixth Form Geography Trip
- Year 9 GCSE Drama Trip to Ballet Black

Thursday, 7 November 2019

- Gladesmore Community School Pathways Day
- Donmar Warehouse Workshop
- Haringey Routes to Work Careers Fair

Friday, 8 November 2019

- No events

YOUTH CLUB

Over 80 pupils from different year groups attended Youth Club this week engaging in football, basketball, rugby, table-tennis, volleyball and Science Club. Badminton will commence on Wednesday and will start at 4:10. If any pupils would like to attend one of the aforementioned clubs, they need to receive a letter of consent from Mr Ameh.



INTRODUCTION

Today in school, we had All Saints Day Masses for all the pupils. Each year group participated in a mass and we were joined by four priests from the area.

As you are aware Mrs Cheryl Haynes, PA to Mr Rowland and Mr Tissot passed away earlier this week. As we celebrated our masses today, we prayed for the repose of her soul. Cheryl had worked here for twenty seven years and was instrumental in the running of the school. Cheryl will be a huge personal loss to our school community.

It has been a busy week, on Tuesday, we held our Year 9 Curriculum Evening and on Thursday, we held the Year 8 Curriculum Evening. Thank you to the large number of parents who were able to attend the evenings. The targets and information will be sent home to those unable to attend. If in the meantime, any parents wish to contact the Head of Year 8, Ms Howard, or Head of Year 9, Mr Thorborn, please email parents@stthomasmoreschool.org.uk.

Next week we have GCSE English and Maths Exams for Sixth Form students, we wish them luck.

Year 10 Mentors

Congratulations to our Year 10 Peer Mentors who have officially completed their training!

Mentors provide a young person with support, guidance, friendship and reinforcement. The peer-mentoring programmes contribute to the development of both the mentors and mentees, and enable them to develop the confidence, self-esteem and skills they need to be successful in school and in their personal life.



DIOCESE OF WESTMINSTER ESSAY AND PAINTING COMPETITION

It was announced by the Knights of St Columba that six pupils from St Thomas More have won prizes in the annual Easter Prayer, Painting and Essay Competitions.

Many schools from the Diocese entered the competition. The Knights, represented by Roddy Beare, presented the awards during assemblies alongside Mr Benjamin Agwunobi, Provincial Grand Knight for Westminster Diocese. The pupils were also given a brief history of the Knights. This is an outstanding achievement and we are delighted with the pupils' success which reflects our school's strong Catholic ethos. Awards were presented to Lillie Rayworth, Melanny Nazari Gallego, Shantel McKenzie, Fenet Chemir John Duah, Temitayo Awofadeju.

UAL NATIONAL ART & DESIGN SATURDAY CLUB 2019/20 - YEAR 10 PUPILS

The University of the Arts are offering a Saturday Art and Design Club to Year 10 pupils. It will take place at their campus in Granary Square, Kings Cross and starts on 2nd November. For more info please go to <https://www.arts.ac.uk/partnerships/outreach/applications-for-ual-insights>. The scheme includes:

- A visit to a London art gallery and a trip to City Hall.
- A Masterclass led by an artist/designer/industry partner
- An exhibition of their work at Somerset House in June
- A certificate for taking part in the Saturday Club

This is an exciting opportunity and we would encourage our pupils to get involved.

BRONZE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

Congratulations to Fallon Bourne, Kim Ly, Mannab Berhanu and Roberto Camerota who were recently awarded their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Awards at Year 11 assembly. Each pupil demonstrated a fantastic level of commitment. Well done! If your child is currently enrolled as a participant on the Award programme, please encourage them to attend the next meeting, to be scheduled next Friday, or see Mr. Andrews in the English Department for information and guidance.

'THE GOD WHO SPEAKS' YEAR OF THE WORD

"The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' And the Lord said, 'If you had faith like a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and be planted in the sea', and it would obey you.'" – Luke 17:5-6.

Thought of the Week

Adopting the right attitude can convert a negative stress into a positive one.

Once you replace negative thoughts with positive ones, you'll start having positive results.

GOSPEL REFLECTION LUKE 17:5-6

Every year the Church recalls the example, witness, and prayer of the holy women and men who have been identified by the Church as Saints. These saints are more than just role models; they are family members with whom we continue to share relation, in a bond of prayer, called the Communion of Saints. Every year when we celebrate this day, the Gospel we proclaim recalls for us Jesus' teaching about happiness, the Beatitudes. We quickly note in this reading that none of those Jesus names as "blessed" or "happy" is expected the poor in spirit, the meek, and the persecuted. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness.

What does Jesus mean when he uses the word "blessed?" This word is sometimes translated as "happy" or "fortunate" or "favoured." In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favour is upon those who are poor, who mourn, and who are persecuted. This might have been welcome and surprising news to the crowds who heard Jesus that day.

The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Because of this, it is natural that we proclaim this Gospel on the Feast of All Saints. Saints are people who lived the spirit of the Beatitudes as Jesus lived. On this day, we too are challenged to model our lives on the spirit and promises of the Beatitudes.

PRAYER FOR ALL SOULS

Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life: hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all whom we remember this day. Fulfil in us, as in them, the purpose of your love; and bring us all to your eternal joy;

Lord God of the nations, whose sovereign rule brings justice and peace, Lord have mercy on our broken and divided world. Pour out your peace into the hearts of all, that all races and peoples may learn to live as members of one family in obedience to your law, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of the Week

Monday –Imminent- Adjective- Likely to occur at any moment.

Tuesday –Eminent– Adjective- (of a person) famous & respected within a particular sphere; remarkable, great.

Wednesday –Candid– Adjective- Truthful and straightforward.

Thursday –Delirious– Adjective - Not able to speak or think clearly especially because of mental confusion or illness.

Friday- Manoeuvre– Noun- A movement or series of moves requiring skill and care.