



St Thomas More Catholic School Parents' Newsletter

15 June 2018

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Monday 18 June 2018

- Italian Assembly (08:50-09:10)

Tuesday, 19 June 2018

- Year 9 GCSE Music visit to see La Boheme, Royal Opera House
- Italian Assembly (08:50-09:10)
- Year 9 Retreat to St Paul's Church (10:00-12:30)

Wednesday, 20 June 2018

- Italian Assembly (08:50-09:10)
- Youth Club (15:15-17:15)

Thursday, 21 June 2018

- Year 12 Trip to Sussex University & St Mary's University
- Italian Assembly (08:50-09:10)
- Year 9 Retreat to St Paul's Church (10:00-12:30)

Friday, 22 June 2018

- Italian Assembly (08:50-09:10)
- Choir Practice (15:15-16:15)

INTRODUCTION

Today saw the last of our core GCSE exams, Science. Many of our Year 11 pupils have now completed their examinations and are able to enjoy a well earned rest. There are still some pupils who have exams left, as well as BTEC work so we continue to wish these pupils well.

Sixth Form inductions are taking place on Monday, 25 and Tuesday, 26 June, followed by the end of Year Examinations Mass for Year 11 pupils on Wednesday, 27 June in the afternoon. After mass, pupils will be taken by coach to their prom which is being held on a boat on the River Thames.

Tomorrow, Saturday, we have our new Year 7 pupils who will be joining the school in September, coming to school to complete their cognitive ability tests (CATs).

An early reminder that our annual parents' evening and reports for Year 7 pupils will be on Wednesday, 4 July, 5pm to 7pm.

MEASLES INFORMATION

Pupils have been given information today about a recent outbreak of measles confirmed in North London, including Haringey. A text has also be sent to parents.

Parents - please read the information booklet from Haringey and be aware of the symptoms to look out for.

DRAMA DEPARTMENT

The Drama A Level students performed their final devised performances to a sell out audience this week. The pieces explored what its like to be defined as male or female in today's society and posed some thought provoking questions.

Year 7 pupils went to see 'Small Wonders' at The Bernie Grant Art Centre. The theatre has been turned into Nanny Lacey's home and the audience go on a journey exploring the stories that Nanny tells. Oliwia Kowalska, 7BK1 said, "It was an amazing experience as we have been learning about immersive theatre in drama and now I have been able to experience it. My favourite part was interacting with the actors to help develop the story line".

TOWER OF LONDON TRIP

After two weeks of daily rehearsals and lots of hard work, pupils from Years 7, 8 and 9 set off to the Tower London to sing at the Water City Music Festival on Thursday. To celebrate the occasion, pupils set up a choir and learned a set of songs inspired by this historical place.

On the day, our choir was joined by pupils from other schools and after a quick rehearsal and sound check pupils took their place on stage, which had the tower as a dramatic background. All eyes were on us! Pupils delivered three performances, singing their hearts out and making the audience dance, sing and applaud thunderously.



SPORT

Year 7 Rugby - The Year 7 boys' rugby team are the 2018 'Champions Cup' winners after beating Seven Kings 5-4 in the final. Romeo Emenike led the boys to a comfortable victory against Alexandra Park School in the first round. He scored two tries in the first half to cement a 4-0 win. Samuel Nwabuko was too hard for Cardinal Pole to stop in the second game. He guided the team to a 4-1 win and prevented his opposition from scoring using several strong tackles. Seven Kings from Ilford met St Thomas More in the final after both teams topped their groups. St Thomas More won the final 5-4 and will now go on to represent the north-east London region in the 2019 National Cup competition. The fantastic achievement for the boys was enhanced as Samuel Nwabuko and Romeo Rojas won 'Players of the Tournament'.

Athletics - The Year 7 boys' and girls' teams won gold in the Haringey Outdoor Athletics Championship this week. St Thomas More's teams finished above the 11 schools in Haringey that competed on the day. Memorable performances were from Kashieve (hurdles), Naylah (100m), Osato (100m) and Romeo (200m) as they all finished 1st in their races.



SCHOOL PRODUCTION AUDITIONS

We are excited to announce that auditions for next year's school production are taking place on Wednesday, 20 June after school! Please encourage your child to come to the music department to sign-up to audition and collect their audition pack.

Thought for the Week

Honesty is the first chapter in the book of wisdom. Don't gain the world and lose your soul; wisdom is better than silver or gold. Knowledge is of no value unless you put it into practice. To acquire knowledge, one must study; but to acquire wisdom, one must observe.

REFLECTION FROM THE RE DEPARTMENT

Week Beginning June 17th 2018

Gospel Reading: Mark 4: 26-34

The mustard seed is the smallest of seeds. While the early Christian community was small, this parable assures Mark's readers that their efforts will be very fruitful in growing toward the Kingdom of God. Jesus preaches about that kingdom in today's Gospel reading. He again uses everyday images—those of seed, sowing, growth, and harvest—to make his point that God's kingdom is "naturally" growing. Its fruitful harvest will seem just as miraculous as when a farmer plants seeds and those seeds later sprout up into a large plant.

Prayer

Lord our God, we come into your presence and bow down before you, the Almighty. We come before you and repent, believing in you and in your will to save us. Your will to save goes out over the whole world, that all may repent and be redeemed. Grant us the thoughts of your heart so that we may begin to understand your will. Amen

Words of the Week

Monday: Leverage (Noun) – 1. Power to influence people and get the results you want.
(Finance) The relationship between the amount of money that a company owes to banks and the value of the company. 2. The exertion of force by means of a lever.
(Verb): Use (something) to maximum advantage.

Tuesday: Cursory (Adjective) – Hasty and therefore not thorough or detailed. Not paying attention.

Wednesday: Culminate (Verb) – To reach the end, climax or point of highest development.

Thursday: Threshold (Noun) – 1. A point of entry. A strip of wood or stone forming the bottom of a doorway and crossed in entering a house or room. 2. The intensity/magnitude that must be exceeded for a certain reaction, result or condition to occur.

Friday: Clemency (Noun) – Mercy; lenience.