



St Thomas More Catholic School Parents' Newsletter

04 May 2018

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Monday, 07 May 2018 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Bank Holiday
Tuesday, 10 May 2018 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Year 10 Pre-Examination Mass (14:10-15:10)
Wednesday, 09 May 2018 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Year 11 English Intervention Classes with AdvanceYouth Club (15:15-17:15)
Thursday, 10 May 2018 <ul style="list-style-type: none">GCSE Year 11 Art ExamYear 10 GCSE Drama Exam (16:15-17:15)
Friday, 11 May 2018 <ul style="list-style-type: none">GCSE Year 11 Art ExamBulgarian Assembly (08:50-09:10)Choir Practice (15:15-16:15)

INTRODUCTION

On Wednesday this week, we held our Pre-Examination Mass for Year 11 pupils and Sixth Form students. The start of the public exams are now only four school days away! We ask parent to please support their children by reminding and encouraging them to attend all of the extra sessions arranged for them. The timetables for the extra sessions are available on the school website.

Next Tuesday we have a Pre-Examination mass for Year 10 pupils who will also be sitting examinations.

Also last Wednesday, we held our Year 9 Parents' Evening. Thank you to all those parents who were able to attend, collect their child's report and speak to subject teachers. If you were unable to attend, please contact Ms Thomas, Head of Year 9, via parents@stthomasmoreschool.org.uk.

A reminder to parents that the school will be closed on Monday due to the Bank Holiday, and will reopen on Tuesday for a 8.50am start.

LIBRARY OPEN ON SATURDAYS

During the examination season, the school will be opening the Library on Saturdays for Years 10, 11 and Sixth Form students to study. Starting this Saturday, 5 May 2018, students will be able to access the Library from 9.30am to 2pm. As well as Saturdays, the school will be opening the Library during the May half-term.

DRAMA DEPARTMENT

This week, 35 pupils from Year 8 took part in a collaboration between the Royal Court Theatre and The Saatchi Gallery to explore how to create a performance from a stimulus.

Thomas Oduro, 8BK2, said about the trip, "We visited the gallery and chose a picture that interested us like the Wave by Maria Farrar. We then went to the Royal Court Theatre and used what we saw as a stimulus to create characters and a script that we performed."



REFLECTION FROM THE RE DEPARTMENT

Week Beginning May 6 2018

Gospel Reading John 15:9-17

A complete circle of love is found in this gospel reading. God loved the Son, Jesus. The Son loves his followers, and the followers show their love for God through their love for one another. It is clear in this reading that while we are part of this circle, we are only part of it because God chose us to be. Our response to God's choice for us is simply to show our love for God through the love we show to other human beings.

Prayer

Father in heaven we pray for the future, certain in the knowledge that you will continue to guide us and guard us throughout all things. Support us through times of ill health or doubt or trouble. And fulfil your promise to be with us to the end of the age. We remember the troubled nations of the world, praying for an end to warfare and for negotiations for peace throughout the world.

Amen

PARENTS' ENGLISH CLASSES

For the last two years, St Thomas More School has been holding free English language classes for parents/carers of pupils. The classes are designed to provide support for those parents who want to improve their communication and English skills.

The classes are held once a week on Tuesday evening, 6.00 to 7.30 pm. For more information, please email parents@stthomasmoreschool.org.uk or call the General Office.



Thought for the Week

"Study hard; no matter if it seems impossible, no matter if it takes time, no matter how hard it seems at times. Just remember the feeling of success is the best thing in the entire world".

SPORT

Richard Xuhao, Year 10 - Richard continues to display his excellence in table tennis, bringing home a number of trophies for his local club. Last weekend, Richard became the U15 and U18 silver medallist in the Ellenborough Championship. He went one step further in the doubles competition as he became the junior champion and took home the gold medal.

Richard will be pushing on to represent Haringey in the London Youth Games later on this year; we wish him the best.



THUD

The school has introduced THUD presentation to ensure pupils' books are neatly presented. To help the school, when looking in your child's books, please check they are following THUD presentation.

T	Is your TITLE clearly marked at the top of your piece of work?
H	Is your HANDWRITING neat and easy to read?
U	Have you UNDERLINED your title, date, C/W or H/W and your last piece of work?
D	Have you written the DATE ?

Words of the Week

Tuesday: Temerity (Noun) – Excessive confidence or boldness; audacity.

Wednesday: Deciduous (Adjective) – Of a tree or shrub - Shedding its leaves annually; denoting the milk teeth of a mammal, which are shed after a time.

Thursday: Calamity (Noun) – An event causing great and often sudden damage or distress; a disaster.

Friday: Conspicuous (Adjective) – Clearly visible; attracting notice or attention.