



St Thomas More Catholic School Parents' Newsletter

19 May 2017

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, 24 May 2017

- AS and A Level Art Exam
- Year 9 IntoUniversity Leadership Course
- Lunchtime Recitals - The Guitars (13:40-14:00)
- Youth Club (15:10-17:15)
- Year 10 GCSE Devised Performances (16:30)

Thursday, 25 May 2017

- AS and A Level Art Exam
- Year 9 IntoUniversity Leadership Course

Friday, 26 May 2017

- Mock General Election
- Prayers with Sr Eileen
- AS and A Level Art Exam
- Year 9 IntoUniversity Leadership Course
- Last Day of Term

INTRODUCTION

Last night, our School Choir held a pre-tour concert at St Paul's Church Hall, Wood Green - it was a wonderful event. The pupils in the choir and the those playing the piano were excellent. During the half-term break, the Choir will be travelling to the Netherlands to perform in two cities. We wish them well for a very successful tour.

Thank you to all the parents of Year 8 pupils that were able to attend this week's Parents' Evening. The opportunity to have discussions between parents and subject teachers is very important to ensure pupils are making the progress they should, and how to excel further. If any parents were unable to attend and would like to meet with Mrs Tyler-Collings, Head of Year 8, please email parents@ssthomasmoreschool.org.uk to arrange an appointment.

As the General Election approaches, the school will be running a number of activities for pupils regarding the election, culminating in its own election for pupils and staff, next Friday.

Next Friday is also the last day of this half-term. Weekly detentions will be held on Thursday and there will be no after-school activities for pupils. A full Year 11 and Sixth Form timetable of revision sessions for the half-term holiday will be issued to pupils and uploaded to the school website.

SCHOOL CHOIR

On Thursday evening, the St Thomas More Catholic School Choir had the wonderful opportunity to perform their Tour Concert to an audience at St Paul's Church Hall, Wood Green. This was the first time the choir have performed their concert and they did a wonderful job! Thank you to everyone who came along to watch and support the pupils - we are now counting down the days to the Netherlands Tour!



SONG WRITING WORKSHOPS

Over the last few weeks, a number of pupils have been involved in song writing workshop in association with the Haringey Music Service. They have been working really hard and we look forward to hearing their performances at the New River Studios in London.

The pupils involved are: Toni-Rose Gomez, Fayeti Buyanga, Tanyka Goode, Daniel Ellis, Marilyn Gomes, Jayden Malinzi, Chriso Panayi and Alex Chiu.



REFLECTIONS FROM THE RE DEPARTMENT

Fifth Sunday of Easter

It is very easy for us to look at Jesus represented in an image, as an icon, or even on the crucifix and say, 'This is God'. But how often so we think of God the Father when we have no image? It becomes quite difficult. This week's Gospel, however, reminds us that it is only through Jesus Christ, who became man, suffered death, and rose from the dead, that we can recognise God the Father's love, mercy and his presence in and among us. This is the Easter message of joy that continues to resonate in our daily lives.

Prayer

Almighty ever-living God, constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us, that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism may, under your protective care, bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal. 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

ART SUCCESS

This week, it was announced by the Knights of St Columba that four pupils from St Thomas More have won prizes in the annual Easter Triduum Art Competition. The pupils had to paint an interpretation from one of the days of the Triduum. Many schools from the diocese entered the competition so having four winners from our school is an outstanding success! The Knights, represented by Roddy Beare, presented the awards during assemblies, were Roddy gave a brief history of the Knights to pupils. We are delighted with the pupils' success which reflects our Catholic ethos.



Thought for the Week

"Today the Lord wants to come and surround you with Himself. You can never be lost from His hand. He holds you securely in His powerful and loving arms. He chooses to bless you and rests His hand of protection on your life."

GIRLS' RUGBY

This week the girls' rugby team competed against The Royal Latin School - the St Thomas More girls were focused and ready to win! They have been training twice a week and have progressed immensely since their previous performance at Twickenham. The game was tight and after 30 minutes, it was 3-4 to The Royal Latin School. Isobel, in Year 10, managed to drive through the defence and take us to a 4-4 draw. The final score was 6-5 to The Royal Latin School. The girls just missed out on the win but were true sportswomen and congratulated the opposition.

The girls have only been playing rugby for two years and put up a very good fight, with line outs, scrums, rucks and incredible tactical play against a team who have been playing for several years. Well done to the girls!



Words of the Week

Monday: Capricious (Adjective): Given to sudden and unaccountable changes of mood or behaviour. A person or thing that is impulsive and unpredictable.

Tuesday: Convoluted (Adjective): Describing an argument, story or methodology which is complicated and difficult to follow.

Wednesday: Pliable (Adjective): Easily bent, flexible. Easily influenced.

Thursday: Imperturbable (Adjective): Someone who is not easily upset, angered or excited; i.e. calm.

Friday: Propitious (Adjective): Giving or indicating a good chance of success; favourable.