



# St Thomas More Catholic School Parents' Newsletter

16 June 2017

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### Monday, 19 June 2017

- Year 7 Trip to London Metropolitan University
- Year 9 Jewish Living Tour
- ECDL Exam
- A Level Drama Performance of 'Our Vote' in NF2 (16:10-17:10)
- Parents' Forum (16:30-17:30)

### Tuesday, 20 June 2017

- ECDL Exam
- BAFTA Kids Big Schools Day for 40 Years 7 and 8 Pupils
- Jack Petchey Reward Trip for 11 Year 12 Students (11:30-15:10)
- AS/Years 10 & 11 Woyzeck at the Old Vic Workshop (15:15-16:15)
- Year 8 Self-Esteem Workshop (15:15-16:15)

### Wednesday, 21 June 2017

- Year 12 Trip to Sussex University
- AS/Years 10 & 11 Woyzeck at the Old Vic Performance (14:30-16:30)
- Youth Club (15:15-17:15)
- Parents' and Pupils' Meeting for the Year 8 Trip to Belgium (16:15-17:00)

### Thursday, 22 June 2017

- Year 10 Jewish Living Tour

### Friday, 23 June 2017

- Years 11 - 13 Applying for Drama Schools with Mountview (14:10-16:10)
- Duke of Edinburgh Meeting (15:10-16:10)
- Choir Practice (15:10-16:10)

## INTRODUCTION

Thank you to the Year 9 parents who attended the Parents' Evening on Wednesday - the turnout was excellent. If you were unable to attend and would like to discuss your child's progress, please contact Ms Thomas, Head of Year 9, by emailing [parents@stthomasmoreschool.org.uk](mailto:parents@stthomasmoreschool.org.uk). Our last Parents' Evening of the year will be Year 7, on Tuesday, 4 July 2017. Parents will be able to collect their child's report and meet with subject teachers.

Yesterday afternoon, we held the Year 8 Spelling Bee which was an excellent showcase of pupils' ability to remember the Words of the Day we have had this year. This afternoon, we are holding the Year 7 Spelling Bee which pupils have been preparing very hard for by trying to learn as many words as they can.

Tomorrow we welcome our new Year 7 pupils who will be starting in September. They will be completing a number of computer based tests (CATs), as all new pupils do prior to starting.

## BBC MUSIC DAY

On Friday, 8 June, the school celebrated BBC Music Day 2017, with the theme of day being 'The Power of Music'.

The day began with an extended Year 7 assembly where pupils experienced some of the BBC Ten Pieces. There were also live performances from a number of pupils as well as the St Thomas More Ensemble. During period 2, a selection of Year 8 pupils experienced a Samba workshop which was lots of fun! At break-time, a group of pupils met in the Glendale Hall and did a Boomwhacker activity.

For period 3, our Year 10 GCSE music class had a composing workshop whilst our Sixth Form music group had a music technology workshop. The School Choir was very lucky to have a vocal workshop with Brenda Rattray from Goldsmith's, University of London before members gave an excellent Lunchtime Concert. Upcoming UK boy band 'The TailorMade' gave a song writing workshop to Year 9 during period 5 followed by an excellent concert! The whole day was a great success!



## REFLECTION FROM THE RE DEPARTMENT

### Trinity Sunday

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians:

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

### Reflection

On this Holy Trinity week, we praise God for his great love for us: to the Father who created us, to the Son who has redeemed us and to the Holy Spirit who sanctifies us. We have been made in the image of God and he invites us to share in that unique relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Holy Trinity is a celebration of God's love.

### Prayer

God our Father, who by sending into the world the word of truth and the spirit of sanctification made known to the human race your wondrous mystery, grant us, we pray, that in professing the true faith, we may acknowledge the Trinity of eternal glory and adore your Unity; powerful in majesty. 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

## YEAR 12 EMPLOYABILITY WORKSHOPS

On Thursday, 15 June, the Access Aspiration organisation delivered a series of mock interviews and employability workshops. Emmanuella Akonto was one of our attending students and this is what she had to say: "The mock interview was a bit intimidating, as I've never been interviewed before but as it went on I felt more and more confident. It gave me an opportunity to talk about my skills and achievements and the advice the interviewers gave me helped me to avoid my habit of over-thinking."

About the workshop she said, "At the start, everyone was quiet and closed off, but after some ice-breaking activities, students opened up and felt more comfortable. The best advice I got from the workshop was on the importance of body language and presentation. How you look is so important as people form impressions of you—whether that's fair or not!" Emmanuella has also just been successful in her application for North Middlesex Hospital and will be volunteering there over the summer. Well done Emmanuella!

## Thought for the Week

"Overcoming feelings such as anger, greed, hatred, or pride; or forgiving someone who has hurt you, are all possible examples of British Values".

## YEAR 9 LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

This week twelve pupils in Year 9 attended a three day Leadership programme. This fun, activity-based course aims to help young people to unlock their potential and provide an arena in which to think about goal-setting for the future.

"We did a lot of group work and games designed to challenge us. I discovered how I can make changes in order to achieve more!" Olivier Domaradski, 9MC1

## YEAR 9 TRIP TO CINVEN

As part of the IntoUniversity 'Careers in Focus' programme, seven pupils visited Cinven, a wealth management company on Friday, 16 June. They were given an introduction to the firm, tour of the offices and workshops on interview and presentation skills.

## GRENFELL TOWER DISASTER

As a school community, we were all shocked and saddened at the Grenfell Tower fire which has taken the lives of many people and left many without homes or possessions. It is difficult to comprehend the massive effect it has had on families and the community in the area.

To help support those who have been affected by the disaster, the school will be collecting monetary donations at the school gates next Monday and Tuesday morning.

Please keep all those who have lost their lives and their families in your prayers.

## Words of the Week

Monday - Haughty (Adjective): having or showing an attitude of superiority and contempt for people or things perceived to be inferior; arrogantly superior and disdainful.

Tuesday - Prolific (Adjective): abundant growth, generation, or reproduction. Fruitful. Present in large numbers or quantities; plentiful. (Of plant, animal or person) producing much fruit, foliage or many offspring.

Wednesday - Succinct (Adjective): Short and to the point. Briefly and clearly expressed.

Thursday - Pecuniary (Adjective): relating to or consisting of money.

Friday - Endemic (Adjective): belonging or native to a particular people or country. (Of a disease or condition) regularly found among particular people or in a certain area.