



# St Thomas More Catholic School Parents' Newsletter

09 June 2017

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### Monday, 12 June 2017

- Year 8 Music Trip to St Luke's (10:00-15:30)

### Tuesday, 13 June 2017

- Year 12 IntoUniversity Workshops
- Year 8 Self-Esteem Workshop (15:15-16:15)

### Wednesday, 14 June 2017

- Year 9 Leadership Programme
- Youth Club (15:15-17:15)
- Year 9 Parents' Evening (17:00-19:00)

### Thursday, 15 June 2017

- Year 9 Leadership Programme
- Year 12 Mock Interviews and Employability Training
- Year 8 Spelling Bee (14:10-15:10)
- Auditions for the School Production of Joseph (15:10 onwards)

### Friday, 16 June 2017

- Year 9 Leadership Programme
- Trip to Cinven for Six Year 9 Pupils
- Year 7 Spelling Bee (14:10-15:10)
- Duke of Edinburgh Meeting (15:10-16:10)
- Choir Practice (15:10-16:10)

## INTRODUCTION

Well done to all those pupils taking external examinations for the excellent attendance to last week's half-term extra sessions. We are now over half-way through the exams. Next week, following the completion of English, Maths and RE exams, the Year 11 timetable will change. Pupils are aware of this and information is available on the school website. We ask parents to encourage pupils to attend school when they should, especially to complete BTEC work, if this is needed. Any concerns about the above, please email Ms Warriner via [parents@stthomasmoreschool.org.uk](mailto:parents@stthomasmoreschool.org.uk).

On Thursday, the London Fire Brigade came to the school to present two assemblies to Year 8 pupils. They were most impressed with the pupils' behaviour and attentiveness - well done Year 8!

Next Wednesday is the Year 9 Parents' Evening, 5.00 to 7.00pm. This is the opportunity for parents to not only collect their child's report but also to meet subject teachers and form tutor. We would encourage all parents of Year 9 pupils to attend as the home-school partnership is very important. Please be aware that some teachers teach a large number of classes - we ask that discussions are kept to a maximum of five minutes to enable as many parents as possible to speak about their child with a teacher.

## SCHOOL CHOIR TOUR

During the half-term break, the School Choir completed an outstanding tour to the Netherlands.

Pupils gave two performances to audiences of nearly 100 people and received standing ovations for both performances! One family said that coming to the choir concert was the highlight of their holiday to the Netherlands.

The pupils also experienced some cultural visits including a trip to the top tower of the New Church in Delft, a visit to the Amsterdam Dungeons and a canal cruise around Amsterdam. The behaviour of the pupils was exceptional - they were a credit to themselves, their families and to the school. Look out in the upcoming Glendalian for pictures and more information. Well done everyone!



## REFLECTION FROM THE RE DEPARTMENT

### The Ascension of the Lord

We have two accounts of the Ascension in the Gospel readings. The accounts appear right at the end of St Matthew's Gospel and right at the beginning of the Acts of the Apostles, illustrating that the Acts of the Apostles overlap with the Gospels. The Acts of the Apostles see the apostles putting into action the instructions which Jesus left them. Jesus' last words to the apostles before he ascended into heaven were 'Go make disciples of all the nations and baptise them'. After Pentecost, the apostles set out to carry out these instructions.

### Pentecost

This week we celebrate the Feast Of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came down on the Apostles and gave them the gifts they need to carry out the instructions that Jesus had left them – to go out and make disciples of the nations. They had been praying intensely for that moment and now their lives were transformed from timid followers of Christ to bold proclaimers of the Good News. The Holy Spirit comes to us in so many ways. May the Feast Of Pentecost help us to be more aware of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

### Prayer of the Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit come into our lives.

Open our ears: To hear what you are saying to us. In the things that happen to us. In the people we meet.

Open our eyes: To see the needs of the people round us.

Open our hands: To do our work well, to help when help is needed.

Open our lips: To tell others the Good News of Jesus. To bring comfort, happiness and laughter to other people.

Open our minds: To discover new truth about You and the world.

Open our hearts: To love you and our fellow men and women. As you have loved us in Jesus.

To you with our Father and the Son, one God, all honour and praise shall be given now and forever.

**Amen**

## MUSIC EXAMINATIONS

Congratulations for the following pupils who recently passed their Rock School Vocal Examinations: Tanyka Goode, Saron Habtes, Leticia Martins, Chriso Panayi, Kiane Johnson and Tayla Lohan.

## Thought for the Week

"British Values means being a democracy, having a fair government election with the freedom to voice your opinion. It also means tolerance and respect towards other around you due to being a multicultural country".

## YEAR 8 LONDON FIRE BRIGADE ASSEMBLY

This week, Year 8 pupils were given a special assembly on fire safety delivered by two Fire Officers from the London Fire Brigade. Officers Connor and Jordana gave a detailed assembly on Fire prevention, planning escape routes and updated pupils' knowledge on fire awareness. Pupils were commended on their enthusiastic and respectful behaviour towards the assembly and joined in with demonstrations and a question and answer session. Special mentions to Kolade Animasaun 8MC2 and Suria Morton 8BK1 for their spectacular demonstration of the 'Stop. Drop & Roll'.

Pupils and teachers who attended took some new knowledge home about spotting the dangerous fake chargers sold online to understanding the preventative care that pupils can administer in their homes from being aware of over heating PS4's to the care of ladies' hair straighteners!

## PARENTS' ENGLISH CLASSES

This academic year our EAL parents have enjoyed taking part in English classes at St Thomas More School. This is a great opportunity for them to meet parents from different cultures as well as improve their English. Parents' classes are held on Tuesday, Thursday mornings and Wednesday afternoon. Everyone is welcome regardless the level of English.



## Words of the Week

Monday: Disoriented (Adjective): To feel lost or confused.

Tuesday: Gnarled (Adjective): Knobbly, rough, and twisted, especially with age.

Wednesday: Beguiling (Adjective): Charming or enchanting, often in a deceptive way.

Thursday: Baleful (Adjective): Threatening harm; menacing; sorrowful.

Friday: Indignant (Adjective): Feeling or showing anger or annoyance at what is perceived as unfair treatment.