



St Thomas More Catholic School Parents' Newsletter

06 October 2017

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Monday, 9 October 2017

- AS & A2 Media students' trip to BFI London Film Festival
- Early Closure for Pupils (13:30)

Tuesday, 10 October 2017

- Open Morning (09:30-11:00)
- Open Evening (17:30-20:00)

Wednesday, 11 October 2017

- Late Start for Pupils (09:45)
- Youth Club (15:15-17:15)

Friday, 13 October 2017

- Author Visit for Years 7 and 8
- GCSE Drama Workshop in NF1 (14:10-16:10)

Saturday, 14 October 2017

- Trip to China

INTRODUCTION

Last week, the school was pleased to welcome the new parish priest of St Monica's Church, Palmers green. Fr Lowry was very impressed with the order and calmness of the school as he walked around.

Next Tuesday the school will be holding its Open Morning and Evening. In preparation for this, the school will close early at 1.30pm for pupils on Monday. Those who receive free school meals will be able to collect a packed lunch before they leave.

Open Morning will run from 9.30 to 11.00am, during which time parents of prospective pupils will have the opportunity to look around the school whilst pupils are learning in lessons. There will be no extra lessons on Tuesday, including PREP, as our Open Evening will be begin at 5.30pm. Thank you in advance to all the pupils who have volunteered to support within departments or as student ambassador guides for tours.

The school will open late on Wednesday to enable staff to tidy the school after Open Evening. Pupils will register at 10am on Wednesday morning. Please note that there will be no breakfast provided on this morning.

DRAMA DEPARTMENT

It has been another busy week in the drama department, with two theatre visits taking place. On Monday, 2 October forty pupils from Years 11, 12 and 13 visited the Pleasance Theatre to watch Splendid Theatre's production of Metamorphosis as part of their exam requirement.

Pupils really enjoyed the performance and were able to take away lots of ideas from it, and some were even invited on stage to participate in the show!

On Tuesday, 3 October fifteen pupils from Year 9 GCSE Drama visited the Donmar Warehouse to participate in the first of a series of workshops as part of the 'Take the Stage//Lady from the Sea' Schools Project.

St Thomas More is one of four schools in the country that has been chosen to take part in this exciting opportunity in which pupils will work with director Anne Langford over a number of weeks to produce their own piece of work, which they will get to perform on the stage of the Donmar Warehouse in November!

OLD GLENDALIAN LUNCHEON

On Tuesday, ex-pupils from Glendale School, which stood on the site where St Thomas More School now stands, met for their annual luncheon.

At the event, Year 9 pupil Tayla Lohan was presented with a bursary award for Performing Arts by Richard Greenhill, and Darren Thorn was presented with the 'Doggie Davis' Community Award by Brain Eastoe for his role as a peer mentor. This was an excellent opportunity for pupils and Old Glendalians to come together to share stories of both schools' successes.



REFLECTION FROM THE RE DEPARTMENT

26th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)

In this week's Gospel we contrast two sons who are asked to work in the vineyard. The first son refused but later changed his mind. The second son agreed to go but in fact didn't. It is the first son who did the right thing.

Jesus presented this parable to illustrate how we all need to repent, to change our ways from what is wrong to what is right. This is the way to our salvation. All human life is itself a second chance offered to us by God. We call that second change redemption. Redemption makes life a choice.

We all know people who promise the earth! They say they will do something and never deliver. Others make a song and dance when asked to do something, but do it. It can be from helping in the home to co-operating on something big. Jesus means action when he speaks his message. While he is happy that people listen and pray and say good things, he is looking for people who put their hands where their hearts are, and put the gospel into action. We are people whose light is to shine before others, and not be hidden.

He has a shocking way of saying this – that some of the most looked down on people will find their way into the kingdom of heaven because they do the works of God – they love and care, they help and encourage. They are not just spiritual thinkers, but faith-filled doers of the word of God, even when their lives are not perfect.

When he speaks of someone working in his vineyard, he is speaking of building up the community of his disciples in what we say and do.

Prayer

O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven. 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

Thought for the Week

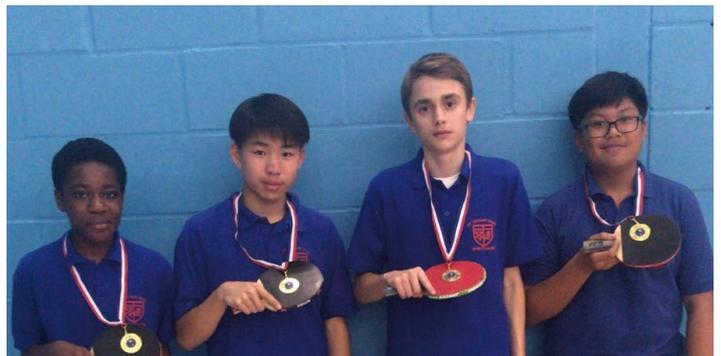
"Stay positive and happy. Work hard and don't give up hope. Be open to criticism and keep learning. Surround yourself with happy, warm and genuine people".

SPORT

Football - The boys' football teams continue to display their proficient capabilities with several victories across all year groups. The Year 8 team's performance was highly commendable as they won 12-2 against a decent Park View side. Mr Adjei's team are now joint top of the Haringey League Table with Fortismere. The Year 7 boys continued their winning streak as they also outclassed Park View to win 3-0.

Rugby - The Year 10 boys were entered into the National Vase Cup and commenced their season with a game against Enfield Grammar, a rugby specialist school. Unfortunately, they were unsuccessful on the day but showed great promise. Jamoya Davis and Ronaldo Trim in Year 10 have been picked up from our neighbouring partners The London Skolars and will start training with the club from next week. Tie-Ann, Shakira and Rosemary in Year 10 have made it on to the Middlesex Rugby team for the second year - congratulations to them!

Table Tennis - The Years 9 and 10 boys showed their competence competing in the Haringey Table Tennis Cup at Gladesmore School. Richard (Year 10), Kofi (Year 9), Victor (Year 10) and Denzel (Year 9) were worthy winners of the competition! St Thomas More have successfully defended their title and received a score of 619 points.



Words of the Week

Monday: Thespian (Adjective) – relating to drama and the theatre
(Noun) – an actor or actress

Tuesday: Regal (Adjective) resembling, or fit for a monarch, especially in being magnificent or dignified

Wednesday: Obsolete (Adjective) – no longer in use or no longer useful; out of date

Thursday: Redolent (Adjective) something that brings back strong memories or a strong association.

Friday: Aplomb (Noun) – self-confidence or assurance, especially when in a demanding situation