



St Thomas More Catholic School Parents' Newsletter

18 January 2019

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Monday, 21 January 2019

- GCSE Drama Trip to The Unreturning (14:00-18:00)

Tuesday, 22 January 2019

- Careers Interviews with Ms Mondesir
- Year 9 Vaccinations in the Glendale Hall (09:30-13:30)

Wednesday, 23 January 2019

- Sussex University FGSS Workshops (Year 9 Period 2, Year 12 Period 3)
- Nathan Smith speaking to Years 7 and 8 (11:30-15:10)
- Safe Drive Stay Alive Year 12 (12:30-15:10)

Thursday, 24 January 2019

- IntoUni Year 9 Careers Carousel (09:10-11:10)
- IntoUni Year 10 Entrepreneurship/Enterprise (11:30-13:30)
- GCSE and A Level Trip to SWEAT at the Donmar Warehouse (13:30-17:30)

INTRODUCTION

This has been an extremely busy week. As you are aware, we had an Ofsted inspection on Wednesday. As always, the pupils were a real credit to the school, as were the staff. We now have to wait a few weeks for the letter/report detailing their findings. This will be shared with parents as soon as it is received.

A reminder to parents of Year 11 that your Parents' Evening will be on Tuesday, 26 January 2019, 16:30-18:30. This is an ideal opportunity to discuss your child's progress and to look at the next steps for supporting your child, as we enter the lead up to exams.

BAD WEATHER FORECAST

Over the next few weeks the weather is forecast to turn a lot colder, with the possibility of snow.

Our advice to parents is that if there is snow on the ground you should keep your child at home until you have been able to check that the school is open. We are always concerned for the health and safety of both pupils and staff. We will always try to communicate as early as possible via text and/or the school website.



SPORT

Year 8 Indoor Athletics

The Year 8 boys' and girls' teams are sitting comfortably in first place after winning the majority of the track and field events at the first heat of the Haringey Indoor Athletics Tournament. Three outstanding performances from Michael Osuji, Emmerson Ndaye, and Romeo Emenike were particularly memorable. The teams will need to replicate their performances in two weeks' time in order to ensure gold medals and qualification for the London Youth Games. St Thomas More is well on course for winning all indoor events at KS3 level! This legacy has been in place for the past six years - a great achievement. The score tables below give an insight into just how impressively the teams performed.

Year 8 Boys' Table

- 1st - St Thomas More - 124 points
- 2nd - Gladesmore - 118 points
- 3rd - Greig City - 100 points
- 4th - Alexandra Park School - 98 points
- 5th - Dukes Academy - 94 points
- 6th - Park View - 80 points

Year 8 Girls' Table

- 1st - St Thomas More - 130 Points
- 2nd - Alexandra Park - 119 points
- 3rd - Gladesmore - 113 points
- 4th - Dukes - 91 points
- 5th - Woodside - 83 points
- 6th - Park View - 22 points

Year 7 Boys' Football: London Cup

The team travelled to Canning Town in East London this week to play against Royal Docks School. Isaac Chileshe scored three goals, while Cristiano, Ibushi and Kobi each scored one, to secure a 6-1 victory for St Thomas More. They are now through to the quarter-finals of the London Cup.



SCHOOL CLUB: GUITAR CLUB

Do you like to play the guitar? Have you ever dreamed of being a rock star? The place to get started is in St Thomas More Music Department's Guitar Club. Guitar Club gets you started with the basics of guitar-playing technique and the skill of playing together as an ensemble. It's a great way to start learning to play a musical instrument, so do come along if you're interested. Guitar club meets every Monday in NG3 at 15:10.

Please speak to Miss Christodoulou if you have any questions about School Clubs or Youth Clubs.



REFLECTION FROM THE RE DEPARTMENT Week Beginning January 9th 2019 Gospel Reading: (Luke 3:15-17)

Baptism of the Lord

Baptism is not only a way in which Christians are discerned from those who are not christened, but is also a sign of Regeneration, or new birth. Those who receive Baptism rightly are grafted into the Church. The promises of the forgiveness of sin and of our adoption to be the sons of God by the Holy Ghost are visibly signed and sealed, faith is confirmed, and Grace increased by virtue of prayer unto God. The Baptism of young children is retained in the Church as it is most agreeable with the institution of Christ. (<https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/sunday-connection>)

Prayer:

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Thought for the Week

"You will never change your life until you change something you do daily. The secret of success is found in your daily routine."

TERMLY READING CLUBS

Our new termly reading clubs begin next week for Years 7 to 9. As part of a new initiative to promote reading for pleasure, a selection of passionate teachers are leading weekly discussion of a challenging novel or book. Are you searching for your next story? If so, come along to the following sessions:

- Year 7 with Mr Agyekum: 'We Should All Be Feminists' (Thursdays in GF4, 15:15 - 16:15)
- Year 8 with Ms D'Inguibert: 'Feeding the Ghosts' (Thursdays in EF2, 15:15 - 16.15)
- Year 9 with Ms De Souza: 'Jane Eyre' (Mondays in GF4, 15:15 -16:15)

All pupils are welcome and refreshments are provided!



Words of the Week

Monday – Perilous – Adjective: Full of danger or risk.

Tuesday – Vilify – Verb: To speak or write about someone in an abusive, disparaging manner.

Wednesday – Fraternise – Verb: Associate or form a friendship with someone, especially when one is not supposed to.

Thursday – Attenuate – Verb: Reduce the force, effect, or value of; reduce in thickness; make thin. Adjective: Reduced in force, effect or physical thickness.

Friday – Malingering – Verb: Pretend to be ill in order to escape duty or work.