



St Thomas More Catholic School Parents' Newsletter

4 October 2019

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Monday, 7 October 2019

- Spain Trip
- NCS Assembly - Sixth Form (08:50-0)

Tuesday, 8 October 2019

- Spain Trip
- Open Evening (17:00-20:00)
- NCS Assembly - Sixth Form (08:50-09:10)

Wednesday, 9 October 2019

- Spain Trip
- Late start (Registration at 10:00)

Thursday, 10 October 2019

- Spain Trip and Beijing Trip

Friday, 11 October 2019

- Spain Trip and Beijing Trip
- Duke of Edinburgh Award Meeting (15:10)

INTRODUCTION

On Tuesday evening we have our Open Evening for the primary transition. School will close early on Monday so that staff can prepare the school. Pupils will be dismissed from school at 13:30, pupils who receive free school meals can collect their lunch from the Glendale Hall. Thank you to those parents whose children are helping out for Open Evening, the pupils will be given dinner at school. If you are collecting your child at 20:00, please ensure you are prompt. As it is such a late evening for the staff and pupils, school will open slightly later on Wednesday and registration will start at 10:00.

Next we have two international trips to Spain and Beijing. We wish them a safe and pleasant trip.

MR ROWLAND

WORK EXPERIENCE WORKSHOPS

On Wednesday, Year 10 pupils participated in a workshop to prepare them for their February work placements. Pupils thought about their own skills and preferences, potential employers to approach within and outside their networks, and tips on CV writing.

All pupils have now received a longer booking form that employers need to fill out. We ask that they be returned to the school by Thursday 31st October.



MARITIME MUSEUM

On Wednesday 60 Year 10 historians travelled to the National Maritime Museum in Greenwich for a workshop on the Spanish Armada. The students learnt about reasons for the defeat of the Spanish, a key part of their GCSE course. They had the opportunity to view the famous Armada Portrait of Queen Elizabeth I and to handle original documents from the time. Thank you to Year 10 for their enthusiasm and excellent behaviour, and to the staff who accompanied them.

OLD GLENDALIANS

This week Dawid Hendrych (13MC1) and Giovanna Trafeli (9BK1) were invited to attend the Old Glendalians 17th Annual Luncheon. At this event past pupils from Glendale School, now St Thomas More School, meet to swap stories about their school days. At the lunch Dawid was presented with the Doggie Davis Cup for Community Service by Brain Eastoe and Giovanna was presented with The Old Glendalians Award for Performing Arts by Richard Greenhill. Both pupils will also receive a £50 bursary from the Old Glendalians to support their studies.

MISSIO MASS

On Wednesday six of our students alongside Mr Habte attended a mass at Westminster Cathedral to celebrate the year of Missio. The students enjoyed the mass very much and found it a very spiritual reflection on their own life.

NETBALL

The netball teams have started the season as they mean to go on.

The Year 9 netball team played Woodside High School. The team finished the first quarter winning 5-0 and the second winning 9-0. They were determined not to let them score and they won by an incredible 17-0. Four of our players were Year 8 players, playing for the Year 9 team. The player of the match was Sasha Boakye.

The Year 8 team played Gladesmore. After the first quarter the team were winning 2-1 but Gladesmore were not going to let us win easily. The second quarter finished 4-4 but we were going to making sure we finished with another win and the game finished 7-6. The player of the match was Nayla.

The senior netball team (Year 10) played Woodside High School. The game was extremely close from the start. Woodside were winning 4-3 by the end of the second quarter but our team was determined not to lose and the game finished 6-6.

The senior netball team (Year 10 and 11) played Gladesmore. The players took charge and won 12-4 with Deborah (Year 10) and Latrice (Year 11) being awarded women of the match.

GIRLS' FITNESS CLUB

This week we started our KS3 and KS4 Girls Fitness Club. It was a brilliant start with girls coming from Year 7- Year 13 to make this their fittest year yet! The girls are working on their core strength, legs, arms and cardiovascular fitness and at the end of the year will enter into a fitness competition in school.

YEAR 9 FOOTBALL

Jean Paul and Christian Samson scored two goals each to attain a 6-0 win for St Thomas More against Woodside this week. Other scorers from close range were Prince and Jesse Udaigwe. The team have now won two games out of two in the Haringey league.

Thought of the Week

A strong, positive self-image is the best possible preparation for success. A positive attitude can really make dreams come true. Remember if at first you do not succeed, try, try and try again.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

If there is one parable that alerts us to the need of caring for the poor, it is this week's Gospel Reading. It is about the rich man feasting magnificently and the poor man starving on his doorstep. What makes the parable so dramatic is the vision of the rich man in hell trying to get a message to his five brothers to change their ways. Jesus uses the parable to point out to the Pharisees the need to listen to the prophets. If they don't, they would not be convinced if someone were to rise from the dead. Jesus is making a connection between what the Pharisees know through the Law and the Prophets and what Jesus would achieve through his Resurrection.

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.

YEAR OF THE WORD

Pope Francis has announced that from 30th September to the end of 2020 the church will celebrate the 'Year of the Word'. During this period we will be taking a deeper focus on the scriptures throughout the church. As from next week we will be asking students about what is their favourite scripture quote. We will like to include some of these quotes in our Parents Newsletter each week.

Words of the Week

Monday – Untenable – Adjective- (especially of a position or view) not able to be maintained or defended against attack or objection

Tuesday – Insular – Adjective- ignorant of or uninterested in cultures, ideas, or peoples outside one's own experience

Wednesday - Subliminal – Adjective- perceived by or affecting someone's mind without their being aware of it.

Thursday – Culinary – Adjective- related to cooking

Friday – Squabble - Noun- a noisy quarrel about something trivial.