



St Thomas More Catholic School Parents' Newsletter

11 October 2019

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Monday, 14 October 2019

- Beijing trip

Tuesday, 15 October 2019

- Beijing trip
- Careers guidance interviews

Wednesday, 16 October 2019

- Beijing trip
- Geography Trip to Wales
- Voluntary Mass in memory of Chloe (08:40-09:10)
- Year 10 Parents' Curriculum Evening (16:30-17:30)

Thursday, 17 October 2019

- Beijing trip
- Geography Trip to Wales
- Year 10 History site visit

Friday, 18 October 2019

- Beijing trip
- Geography Trip to Wales

ANNIVERSARY MASS FOR CHLOE QUILLIEC

Tomorrow will mark the one year anniversary of Chloe Quilliec's passing. There will be a memorial mass at 11.00am on Sunday 12th October at St John Vianney Church. Father Joe will preside over the mass. Following the service, there will be a walk to Chloe's memorial bench which was fundraised for by children from the St John Vianney confirmation class. All are welcome to attend. We will be dedicating our voluntary mass on Wednesday to the memory of Chloe.



INTRODUCTION

It has been an extremely busy week in school. On Tuesday, we held our Open Morning and Open Evening. We had round 800 visitors to the school. As always, the large number of pupils that volunteered as either departmental helpers or tour guides were outstanding. There were many complimentary comments from the visitors about how mature, respectful and knowledgeable our pupils are. It was clear that our pupils are very proud of St Thomas More School. We have a number of Open Mornings by appointment before the 31st October deadline. The dates and times are available on the website. A very important reminder – any applications for a place in Year 7 September 2020 must be submitted online via the Common Admissions from the home borough AND a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) must be submitted to the school with evidence. This includes siblings.

Our trip to Rome, which returned at the end of last week, was a great success. This week we have a Spanish Trip to Barcelona and a Culture Trip to Beijing. We wish them well.

Unfortunately there will be no additional lessons tomorrow (Saturday) but the Headteacher's Saturday morning detention will be held at 8.30am. A reminder full school uniform must be worn.

SPITALFIELD URBAN FOOD FARM

This term our Year 9 and 10 GCSE food students visited Spitalfields Urban Food Farm. We learnt about a range of different plants, how they grow and in which conditions they flourish. We went on a workshop, which allowed them to EAT the plants - including a sorrel and saltbush. The sorrel was a lemon-flavoured plant, which compliments fresh fish and the salt bush often works well with basil and tomato. After this, we were taken to the animal sanctuary where we were shown how to feed the animals. The plants in an urban food farm are used as animal feed and their manure is used to feed the soil which in turn feed the plants to create the best produce. It was fascinating to see an Urban Food Farm in action.

Once we had finished our workshop we walked to Old Spitalfields Food Market, where we had the opportunity to experience a wide range of cuisines - we tried Caribbean Patties, Italian flat breads, Chinese bubble tea and Italian cannolis. The pupils were fantastic and immersed themselves in the range of cultures in the market. This term they will be challenged to cook with fresh ingredients from local markets to develop their knowledge of seasonal foods and will also be challenged to cook a range of dishes from cultures around the world.

YEAR 7 MAP SKILLS

Year 7 pupils have been getting hands on with understanding mapping, direction and use of symbols and scale. The geography pupils have been using OS maps to explore the local park and streets - following routes, as well as making a very abstract idea more concrete. Students were well behaved and wanted to repeat the experience - possibly further afield, again.



GIRLS' TAG RUGBY

This term our Year 7 tag rugby team got off to a great start. They have been training weekly in the lead up to their first Haringey tournament and managed to come back to school with silver medals! They worked fantastically as a team, communicated well and were able to outwit and outrun the opposition in their games. The player of the tournament was Saray Paredes Melo. Saray was invited by the tournament organiser to train at the Haringey Rhinos Girls Rugby Team.



Thought of 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.

GOSPEL REFLECTION: LUKE 17:5-6

Jesus taught us a grand example of service when he washed his disciples feet at the Last Supper. He had told them earlier that he had not come to be served but to serve. The Pope has the title of 'The Servant of the servants of God'. Those in authority are there to serve the people, not to step outside and be expected that others will serve them. Each of us has a role in service. Our duty is our service. At the end of the day we should be able to repeat what Jesus recommended: 'We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty.' we have done no more than our duty.'

PRAYER

Almighty and eternal God, your love surpasses all our hopes and desires. Help us to place our total confidence in you, that anxieties may not cloud our minds, and we may think only of your love and the love we should have for others. You bring us to your truth. You are our guide. You always free us to love you. Amen.

'THE GOD WHO SPEAKS' - YEAR OF THE WORD

When we back away from dependence, we are not living by faith. We need to be willing to attempt things big enough that unless God steps in, we are sure to fail. Faith is like jumping out of an airplane at fifteen thousand feet. If God doesn't catch you, you will fall and crash. But how do you know unless you jump? This is the kind of faith and



Words of the Week

Monday – Itinerary – Noun- A planned route or journey.

Tuesday – Constitution - Noun- The basic principles and laws of a nation, state, or social group that determine the powers and duties of the government and guarantee certain rights to the people in it

Wednesday - Refurbish– Verb- Renovate and redecorate (something, especially a building).

Thursday – Eschew– Verb- Deliberately avoid using; to avoid something which you do not think is right or proper.

Friday – Effigy- Noun- A sculpture or model of a person.