



St Thomas More Catholic School Parents' Newsletter

6th December 2019

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Monday, 9th December 2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none">School closed to all pupils
Tuesday, 10th December 2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Year 10 Media mock exam
Wednesday, 11th December 2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none">No events
Thursday, 12th December 2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none">No events
Friday, 13th December 2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none">No events

INTRODUCTION

Our mock exams have come to an end. Over the next week teachers will be assessing these and we will send grades home to parents before the end of term. Pupils will be given their grades and teachers will work with them to help improve before the next mock exams in March.

A reminder there is **no school for pupils on Monday 9th December**. There will then only be 8 school days left before the Christmas holidays begin. The lead up to Christmas is always very busy.

Here is a brief summary of the next two weeks:

Monday 9th December - no school for pupils

Thursday 12th December - Senior Citizens Christmas Party

Monday 16th December - Sixth Form Parents Evening

Tuesday 17th December - Christmas Jumper Day - non-uniform Day

Wednesday 18th December - Year 11 & Sixth Form Carol Service - **Parents Carol Service - 6pm**

Thursday 19th December - Pupils Carol Service - School finishes around 12pm.

A reminder that in January the Year 11 pupils will have a mock GCSE Physics Exam. There will also be a large number of official external BTEC exams.

Could I please remind all parents that it is extremely important that your child has the appropriate funds in their school account, to be able to purchase lunch.

Recently there have been a large number of pupil accounts going overdrawn. We ask that these are dealt with as a matter of urgency.

INTRODUCTION CONTINUATION

Any parent who is having financial difficulties please contact the school. We are able to check pupil's eligibility for free school meals very quickly with the permission of parents along with a national insurance number. Forms are available from the reception.

Mr Rowland, Head of School

OUTSTANDING FOR ALL AWARDS

We were thrilled this week by news that our Year 12 pupil Precious Foli Arthur had won the 'Overcoming Adversity' Award at the Haringey Outstanding for All Awards. She beat many other pupils in the borough and we are incredibly proud of all that Precious has achieved throughout her time at St Thomas More Catholic School.

GIRLS SPORTS

Year 7 took part in their first mixed netball tournament at the University of Bedfordshire on Thursday 5th December. Samuella, Olivier and Lily showed their amazing shouting skills, while Juan and Macey played on. The team won their first match 9-1. Well done to all the players. The pupils also got a chance to tour the university.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

First Sunday of Advent in Year A Be Ready

Let us join in Prayer for Christians in Need
We ask you to join us in prayer throughout Advent, remembering the Suffering Church and Christians who are in need.

This Sunday 1st December we start a new year in the church's calendar with the Season of Advent. The first part of Advent is devoted to preparation for the Second Coming of Christ. That is why the Gospel gives us the instruction to STAY AWAKE, to be ready for our master to come. It involves a constant effort on our part. The effort is like climbing a mountain. It involves going to God's house. It involves walking in the paths that the Lord has taught us, to walk in the light of the Lord. It means being ambassadors of peace, living decently and proclaiming the light rather than the darkness of sin. May our hearts be confirmed in holiness.

PRAYER

Dear God, help us to forgive anyone who has hurt us. We must be ready to forgive others, just as you forgive us. If we have done wrong, by our words or actions, we want to say we are sorry and we will try to be good. Amen.

'THE GOD WHO SPEAKS - YEAR OF THE WORD'

Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen. (Luke 21: Verse 36).

Words of the Week

Monday- Heirloom- Noun- A valuable object that has belonged to a family for several generations.

Tuesday –Punitive– Adjective- Inflicting or intended as punishment.

Wednesday–Unprecedented– Adjective- Previously never experienced or seen.

Thursday–Posthumous- Adjective- Occurring, awarded, or appearing after the death of the originator.

Friday–Juxtaposed– Verb- The fact of two things being seen or placed closed together with contrasting effect

Thought for the Week

Successful people maintain a positive focus in life no matter what is going on around them. They stay focused on their past successes, rather than their past failures, and focus on the next action steps they need to take to get them closer to the fulfillment of their goals, rather than all the other distractions that life presents to them.