



St Thomas More Catholic School Parents' Newsletter

19th June 2020

INTRODUCTION

This week we welcomed pupils and parents from Year 10 and Year 12 for some face-to-face meetings with their teachers. This was to support home learning. All Year 10 pupils were also issued with a large bag of books, revision guides and materials to support their home studies. Any Year 10 pupils who were unable to attend, should contact parents@stthomasmoreschool.org.uk to arrange collection of the resources.



Online lessons continue next week for Year 10 and Year 12. Online lessons will also start for Year 9 from Monday 22nd June. We will be using a different platform for this – Microsoft Teams. Information about logging in to this new platform has been emailed out. Copies of the information are available on the school website in the Parents Section – Letters Home. Instructions were also given in year group assemblies this week. Please ensure your child has the information about logging in, as the details of individual lessons will start being sent direct to the pupils – there will no longer be zoom logins or details sent to parents.

There will be some online lessons planned for Year 7 and Year 8 in the coming weeks and details will follow in due course.

Next week, Thursday 25th June, we will be having our virtual end of year mass for Year 11 in the morning and our leavers mass for Year 13 in the afternoon. Details will be sent out with log in details to the year groups.

Mark Rowland
Head of School



AMAZON VOUCHER WINNERS

The winners of £10 Amazon vouchers for this week are:

Year 7: Daniella Di Bernardo, Bitaniya Tafese, Hendrix Weekes

Year 8: Yoel Merhawi, Joel Mensah-Bonsu, Hermela Nega, Oliver Lusnia, Prince Michael Osuji

Year 9: Yetunde Sanyaolu, Janie Oke-Uyanneh

Year 10: Chukwudi Dioramma, Aishat Adenuga, Donald Effi-Watt Ntiero

Year 12: Precilia Kabunda, Tianah Buchanan

Well done to all the nominees. Congratulations to the winners! Vouchers will be emailed.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ZOOM MEETING

There will be a School Council zoom meeting taking place on **Monday, 22nd June from 3pm to 4pm**. The login details will be emailed to all School Council members via their parents contact email. Members can contact Mr Ajayi (o.ajayi@stthomasmoreschool.org.uk) if there any issues with taking part.

NETBALL NEWS

Yasmin Young-Clarke plays for AP Saints and recently won the award for most improved player.

Yasmin said: "I was very happy because this season I put a lot of work into netball... [doing] extra training on Sunday with the older teams.. It wasn't easy at the start but I just looked at the positives and decided to continue and fight for my spot on the A team. In just one year I went from the B team to the A team".

Well done to Yasmin!



UCL MEDICAL SCIENCES LECTURE SERIES

UCL are delighted to launch the UCL Medical Sciences Lecture Series, designed to inspire year 11 and 12 students, and engage them with the fascinating world of medical sciences.

Join them on the 26th June at 12.15pm, for an online lecture and Q&A with Professor Mervyn Singer: 'COVID... every breath you take... we'll be helping you.' Professor Singer will talk about the challenge of treating seriously ill COVID-19 patients on the front line, his innovative work with Mercedes Formula 1 to develop new devices to help patients, and answer your questions. Use the link below to sign up: <https://bit.ly/uclmedicalsciences>

Mervyn Singer is a Professor of Intensive Care Medicine at UCL, and author and editor of several critical care textbooks.

LEARN TO FLY

A company called Fantasy Wings will be funding the cost of training and Private Pilots Licenses for three BAME (Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic) young people on their '20/21 programme, which commences this October. 50 additional BAME students who sign up on their '20/21 programme will receive a trial flying lesson fully funded by Fantasy Wings. Young people must be between the ages of 13 and 25.

Please visit: www.fantasywings.co.uk for more information on the programme and to reserve your space for the '20/21 programme. Please note that **registration must be completed by parents**.



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Gospel Reading: 12th Sunday of the Year (Matthew 10:26-33)

Do not be afraid

Before Jesus sent the apostles out to bring the Good News to the people, he gathered them together and said: 'Do not be afraid to stand before the crowds and speak, even though there will be many who wish you harm and will not listen. My heavenly Father knows when even one little sparrow falls dead from the sky, and you mean more to him than all the birds in the world.

He will watch over you and see how brave you are. If you lose your life for my sake, your reward will be great in heaven and you will share in my Father's glory and have life everlasting'.

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, help us to share the good news of the Gospel. Through the power of your Holy Spirit, give us the strength and courage of the apostles to stand up and be witnesses to what we believe. Do not be afraid, God will always love you. Whatever you have done, God will always love you. As a father loves his child, he will always love you. Come back to him and know God's love lasts forever. Amen

A God Who Speaks: 'The Year of the Word'

The path to our heavenly Father is like the sun rising, getting brighter and brighter as we draw closer to God. Those who turn away from his love, follow a path as dark as the night, and they tumble and fall as they cannot see the way. (Proverbs 4:18-19).

One day Peter asked Jesus, 'How many times must I forgive someone who wrongs me? Would I have to forgive as many times as seven in a row?' Jesus answered, 'Not just seven times Peter, but more than seventy times seven, for you must forgive from your heart.' (Matthew 18:21-22, 35).

Feast of St Thomas More 22nd June 2020

Thank you oh God for another day, help me to spend it wisely and to spend it well. Grant that everything I do today maybe done as well as I can do it. Grant that everyone I meet will be happier for the meeting. Keep me all through today, conscientious in my work, truthful in my speaking, loyal to my friends and faithful to those who love me. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.



Thought for the Week

No matter how well you think you carry yourself if you do not value yourself it will show: you'll be treated as others perceive you. Know who you are and be confident in it. Know your worth and act on it.

A LEVEL DRAMA

A-level Drama students are taking part in weekly online workshops with different professional drama practitioners. This week they had a zoom masterclass with playwright Che Walker who introduced the concept of characters' objectives as well as holding a Q and A on his work.

Tara McCarry, Year 11, said "It was very motivational and just lovely to hear about how acting can lead to different opportunities, like script writing."



This week we will be working with Kevin Mark Trail and exploring how to use the medium of spoken word in performance.

UNIVERSITY OPEN DAYS

Many universities are holding online open days this year due to the lockdown, and there are a number taking place this weekend and over the next few weeks. Check your favourite universities' websites for details.

If you are not sure where or what you would like to study, below is a link for the UCAS hub, which has sessions to help you make your decision as well as other information and help.

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/what-and-where-study/ucas-hub-live>



FACE-TO-FACE MEETINGS

Thank you to all parents and pupils who attended these meetings this week. Below are Raymond Poku (Y10) and Oluwatoni (Y10) and Morayo Bankole (Y12).



Words of the Week

Monday- Scold - (Verb) - Remonstrate with or rebuke (someone) angrily.

Tuesday- Eccentric - (Adjective) - (of a person or their behaviour) unconventional and slightly strange.

Wednesday- Reconcile - (Verb) - Restore friendly relations between.

Thursday- Complement - (Noun) - A thing that contributes extra features to something else in such a way as to improve or emphasize its quality.

Friday- Utter - (Adjective) - Complete; absolute.