



# St Thomas More Catholic School Parents' Newsletter

26th June 2020

## INTRODUCTION

This week we held our End of Year Mass and assembly for Year 11 as well as our Leavers' Mass for Year 13, both via Zoom. Students were joined by teachers, Form Tutors, Heads of Year and Governors, wanting to join in commemorating their years at St Thomas More.

Our thanks to Father Mehall from St Monica's who celebrated these masses for us. They were lovely occasions. That was especially true of our Leavers' Mass, where we said goodbye to our Year 13 students who have been part of St Thomas More School for the last seven years. We wish them well with their future studies or career.

Obviously we look forward to seeing the vast majority of our year 11 pupils return in September when they join our 6th Form.

Online lessons continued this week and were extended to year 9 pupils. Next week they will be extended again to Year 7 & 8 pupils.

Information on how to log on to Microsoft Teams has been sent out and there was an online parents information session for parents of year 7 & 8 pupils this afternoon (Friday).

A reminder that if you have any questions, please contact [parents@stthomasmoreschool.org.uk](mailto:parents@stthomasmoreschool.org.uk)

Mark Rowland  
Head of School



## POETRY CLUB

The PBH Summer Challenge

Choose a poem you love - learn it by heart - share it aloud. To find out more about how to enter, please follow the link below:

<https://www.poetrybyheart.org.uk/>

## AMAZON VOUCHER WINNERS

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

**Year 7:** Patrycja Kaczmarek, Andre Medley-Dixon

**Year 8:** Huugo Boateng, Britney Kyeremeh

**Year 9:** Trey Francis, Min Kaung, Hannah Clifton

**Year 10:** Jakub Lewosinki

**Year 12:** Anna Figueira, Kinda Al Hamwi, Jane Tchampi Eko, Precilia Kabunda, Klaudia Mitajew

Year 10 and 12 nominations were for excellent attendance to online lessons.

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

## SUMMER SCHOOLS

Letters have been emailed to all parents of Year 7 & 8 pupils providing details of the two **free** Summer Schools proposed for those pupils.

Each day will include a series of taught lessons with one PE lesson. Lunch will be provided and all sessions will be supervised.

The Year 8 week will run from Monday 20th to Friday 24th July, and Year 7 will run from Monday 27th to Friday 31st July. Government guidance on covid prevention measures will be followed at all times, which means that places are strictly limited: places are available only to those pupils who will attend the full five days. Places will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.

Please email your interest to [summerschool@stthomasmoreschool.org.uk](mailto:summerschool@stthomasmoreschool.org.uk) by **Tuesday 30th June** providing the full names of your child/children and form group/s. Those accepted will be sent a letter of confirmation by 7th July.

## HEAD GIRL AND BOY

We are delighted to announce the new Head Girl and Boy and their Deputies, together with the team of Prefects for 2020-21:

**New Head Boy** - Daniel Oke-Uyanneh

**New Head Girl** - Marilyn Gomes

**New Deputy Head Boy** - Tavon Small

**New Deputy Head Girl** - Nadine Obeng

## New Prefects:

Morayo Bankole, Demoy Morrison, Zeliha Diken, Chriso Panayi, Chairra Cabus, Daniel Abendano, Anna Figueira, Sel-Dean Leslie, Jane Tchamapi-Eko, Ana Ramalho Goncalves, Teresa Nguyen.

Congratulations to all!

## RUGBY CLUB

Attached is a link for a conditioning circuit to try at home:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ny5\\_sFjaR6E](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ny5_sFjaR6E)

## VIRTUAL WORK PLACEMENT

Daniel Tewelde (12BK1) and Sophia Garofeanu (12DX1) will take part in a virtual work placement next week, working on HS2, Europe's largest infrastructure project.

The pupils will work with other pupils across London on a project focused on choosing the best option for the railway's line of route, taking into consideration engineering, environmental and economic factors. The format of the week will be a mixture of independent project work, short online activities and webinars presented by subject matter experts in the business and each pupil will be matched with a mentor.

Pupils in Years 10-12 can continue to look out for further virtual work experience opportunities at <https://www.s4snextgen.org/>

## RE

### 13th Sunday of the Year

#### Gospel Reading/ Reflection: (Matthew 10: 40-42)

##### Make Jesus Welcome:

Jesus said to his apostles: 'Anyone who makes you feel welcome in their homes, is welcoming me, for I am with you always. Anyone who treats you kindly and shares their food and drink with you, is sharing their goodness with me and my Father who sent me. However small or great their act of kindness, they will be rewarded for their goodness'. Imagine if you met Jesus today – if he suddenly arrived at your house and rang the doorbell. What would you do and say to welcome him?

In the Gospel reading what message did Jesus give us? Whenever we welcome anyone and treat them kindly, then we are welcoming Jesus. Remember how at baptism we all received the gift of God's Holy Spirit? Because of this gift, each one of us and every person that we meet has the light of Christ burning inside and so we should treat them as we would treat Jesus Christ.

(St Matthew 25:35-40) tells us how Jesus once said: 'I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me in your home. My clothes were in tatters and you gave me your own. I was ill and you took care of me.' When we do any of these things for others, we do it for Jesus. Jesus was trying to tell us that we could not ignore or send anyone away without doing the same to him.

Our reward for being kind and loving towards someone else is a wonderful feeling of happiness glowing inside us. At that very moment the light of the Spirit is truly burning brightly inside us!

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

Jesus said. 'I am the light of the world, whoever follows me will have the light of life and will never walk in darkness.' (John 8:12).

Turn back to God for he is kind and always ready to forgive. He is full of patience and understanding, and will not punish you for doing wrong if you are sorry. (Joel 2:13).

## SUMMER PROJECT

Alexandra Palace Creative Learning Team have put together a range of online resources, challenges and competitions on wildlife, art, books and more. Take a look at what they have to offer and delve into a mini project over the summer:

<https://www.alexandrapalace.com/creative-learning/overview/>

## Thought for the Week

People are always blaming circumstances for what they are. Try not to believe in circumstances.

The people who get ahead in this world, are the people who get up and look for the circumstances they want, and if they can't find them, make them.

## HISTORY CLUB

We want you to use the resources on the website under the 'Children under 16' heading and look at the biographies of the Great Black Britons nominated on [www.100greatblackbritons.com](http://www.100greatblackbritons.com)

You can choose one or several Great Black Britons. You then need to create a unique and innovative project to celebrate their work and legacy. This could be:

- for a presentation (examples could include a slide presentation, a short film, a speech, poetry, a drama or dance performance)
- for a display (such as artwork, photography, sculpture)
- a project or campaign (such as recorded interviews, a magazine, a music project)
- any other way of promoting the stories of Great Black Britons (perhaps a social media campaign, website design, posters)

[https://www.100greatblackbritons.co.uk/competition.html?utm\\_source=Schools&utm\\_campaign=abf5d4cd3c-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2019\\_09\\_24\\_01\\_26\\_COPY\\_07&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_02029bddfd-abf5d4cd3c-326227815&mc\\_cid=abf5d4cd3c&mc\\_eid=de42c1f74f](https://www.100greatblackbritons.co.uk/competition.html?utm_source=Schools&utm_campaign=abf5d4cd3c-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2019_09_24_01_26_COPY_07&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_02029bddfd-abf5d4cd3c-326227815&mc_cid=abf5d4cd3c&mc_eid=de42c1f74f)

## DRAMA CLUB

JL Circus upload three sessions a week to youtube ranging from juggling to magic tricks. If you learn a new skill, send us a recording of you completing it.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NQnH7GJyMe4&list=PLwpjcMmHeSZPbmX6POz7X0C4jMeXdJcAQ>

## VIRTUAL SUMMER SCHOOL - UNIVERSITY OF PORTSMOUTH

University of Portsmouth are running a Virtual Summer School for Year 10 students full of great online content and activities to provide a real taste of uni. Take part in online and offline activities and challenges, virtual tours, taster sessions and keep digital scrapbooks as a record of your experiences!

Register here: <https://www.port.ac.uk/Collaborate/Schools-and-colleges/Register-for-Virtual-Summer-School>

## Words of the Week

Monday- Commensurate - (Adjective) - Corresponding in size or degree; in proportion.

Tuesday- Mutable - (Adjective) – Liable to change.

Wednesday- Smattering - (Noun) - A slight superficial knowledge of a language or subject; a small amount of something.

Thursday- Consecutive - (Adjective) - Following each other continuously.

Friday- Longevity - (Noun) - Long life; long existence or service; duration.