



St Thomas More Catholic School Parents' Newsletter

5th June 2020

INTRODUCTION

I hope everyone had a good half term and stayed safe.

This week we have started online lessons for Year 10 pupils. We ask all parents to encourage the pupils to log in to these sessions promptly and complete all work set. Work is continuing to be set for all pupils in all year groups on Show My Homework to ensure that pupils have the ability to progress their learning and understanding of subjects and topics. As always, if there are any issues or questions please email parents@stthomasmoreschool.org.uk

As I am sure you are aware, the Government has announced some partial reopening of secondary schools for Year 10 and 12 pupils, from the 15th June, for some 'face to face' to support the pupils home learning. We are currently finalising plans to enable this to happen and will notify parents of these pupils during next week.

While some restrictions of lockdown are being eased we would encourage all to follow the advice to 'stay alert' and keep safe.

Mark Rowland

Head of School

AMAZON VOUCHER WINNERS

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

Year 7: Baraka Mugaza, Benjamin Cifuentes Castaneda, Joshua O'Reilly

Year 8: Maja Grzybek

Year 9: Catherine Osborne Suarez, Danielle Asiedu, Prince Michael Osuji

Year 10: Connor Glindon, Fiona Arthur, Ikenna Johnson-Nwosu

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

YEAR 7 DRAMA - DEVISING A MONOLOGUE

The worst thing that could have possibly happened.

Two metres apart.

Not allowed to see our friends.

It's a problem everyone has to face right now.

Not knowing when schools are going to open.

Being at home stuck in isolation.

I mean it's for the best to keep the world safe.

But no.

It's unfair.

As some people would think, but again if you want this to all be over, stay in isolation; be bored but keep that boredom to yourself, it's not fair putting people's lives in danger.

You don't have to be bored, find something to do, not complain.

Like a puzzle, art, face-timing a family member.

Just don't put it on other people.

Please keep it to yourself and stay at home in isolation so you don't put other people's lives in danger.

Elodie Wohlgenuth

MESSAGE FROM MR TISSOT

Many of our pupils and staff have been rightly outraged and upset, at the much publicised homicide of George Floyd in Minneapolis, whilst in police custody. Several pieces of work and a poem have been submitted in reaction. George Floyd was cruelly treated, handcuffed and pinned to the ground and his dying words, 'Please, I can't breathe', have sparked a flood of tributes, many of which discuss the injustice and institutional racism, which can only be expunged from our world if we all work together. Philadelphia Eagles' quarterback, Carson Wentz, reflects the thoughts shared by millions through his comments on Twitter on the subject of racism:

'I'll never know the feeling of having to worry about my kids going outside because of their skin color. However, I know that we are all equal at the foot of the cross and Jesus taught us to value others' lives like they were our own – regardless of skin tone.'

I am very grateful to the member of staff who has sent in the following prayer influenced by Pope Francis' words on the feast of Pentecost in Rome. Our Holy Father called for the Holy Spirit to give us the courage to become one family:

As communities turn against each other, at St Thomas More School we turn to each other with love.

We pledge that end-less persecution becomes less persecution and an end to injustice.

Liberty and justice for some, we recognise is equality for none.

We kneel in solidarity against racism, against the virus of hate, and declare:

Lord, help us all to breathe again!

EBOOKS

There is a very good range of ebooks which are readable across most platforms through Haringey libraries: (<https://www.haringey.gov.uk/libraries-sport-and-leisure/libraries/ebooks-and-audiobooks>).

EXACT EDITIONS

A reminder that a number of magazines are available for our pupils through the school's subscription to Exact Editions. Titles available through the account are: BBC History Magazine, BBC Music Magazine, BBC Science Focus Magazine, The Biologist, Chemistry World, Geographical, New Internationalist, Prospect, Resurgence and Ecologist, The World Today.

For students or staff to access the online editions:

1. Visit the login page: <https://login.exacteditions.com/login.do>
2. Select the 'library card' option in the top right-hand corner.
3. Enter our 6 digit code into the 'card number' bar and login.

The six digit code for St Thomas More School is 904134

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Week Beginning 8th June

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Gospel Reading: (Matthew Chapter 28: 16-20)

Jesus appeared to his disciples on a hillside where they had arranged to meet. He said to them, 'All power in Heaven and on earth has been given to me, and I am sending you out into the world to make disciples of all peoples. Baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey all the commandments I have given to you. Remember that I will always be with you, to the very end of time'.

God shares himself with us through the three persons of the Trinity. We share the love of God the Father, the goodness of Jesus the Son, and the friendship of the Holy Spirit. 'Trinity' means something made up of three, and today we give thanks for the three persons of God. So who are the three persons who make up the Holy Trinity and what do we know about them?

1. God the Father – He created the world and everything in it. He loves us all dearly and sent his only son, Jesus to rescue us from our sins.
2. God the Son – Jesus was made man. His love was so great, he died on the cross and rose from the dead to save us from sin.
3. God the Holy Spirit – We have learned that the Spirit takes many forms. He is invisible but very powerful, and he fills us with God's life and warms our hearts with the 'fire' of God's love and courage.

Prayer:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

NATIONAL SPORTS WEEK

This month from the 20th June to the 26th June, we will be joining thousands of other schools across the country to deliver National Schools Sports Week direct to your home! St Thomas More Sports Week is always eagerly anticipated, which is why we are hoping that all students and their families will get involved to make this Sports Week an active, fun and healthy event.

We will be putting together lots of different activities for you to complete, and you can submit your results to us via SMHW. Although you will be working individually, we will be tallying the points into your house groups. The success of your house could be in your hands! So get ready for a fun week of activities.

Let the games commence - may the best house win!

Thought for the Week

Remember, happiness doesn't depend upon who you are, or what you have; it depends solely upon what you think. So start each day by thinking of all the things you have to be thankful for.

FREE TUTORING - YEAR 9

Applications for The Access Project are now open for Year 9 students! If your child's application is successful, they will receive free tutoring in a subject they desire and a mentor programme in school.

Please watch this short video for more information:

<https://youtu.be/xgfg5HYhyLs>

Please use this link to apply: bit.ly/TAPlication2020

The deadline for applications is Friday 12th June.

Please email mairead@theaccessproject.org.uk if you have any questions.

MY WEEK OF WORK

From Monday 8th June, there will be a series of 20 **FREE** online sessions, available via Oak National Academy, to help students gain an insight to the world of work (most suitable for Year 9 students). Tasks will be set for pupils to complete each day, to develop and showcase employability skills. Pupils are encouraged to share their work on ShowMyHomework. Available (no registration required) here: <https://www.thenational.academy/>

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Introduction	Meet the Team: HR	Meet the Team: Marketing	Recruitment	Meet the Boss: Leadership
Investigate the Sectors (1)	Work Life Balance	Innovation & Creative Thinking	HR Recruitment	CV Creation
Investigate the Sectors (2)	Mental Health & Wellbeing In the World of Work	Marketing Campaigns	Understanding Entrepreneurship	Employability Skills in Everyday Life
Insight Into The World of Work	Work Skills & Reflection	You as a Brand!	Project Planning	Reflection on the Week

Employers will be also available to answer questions at set times. Suggested questions you could ask the employers:

- How do you get work-life balance?
- What is it about your work you like or dislike?
- What does success mean to you?
- Why should I be interested in your industry?

'Learn Live' Employer Sessions will run from Tuesday 9th June and you can register here:

<https://learnliveuk.com/my-week-of-work/>

Words of the Week

Monday- Residual - (Adjective) - Remaining after the greater part or quantity has gone.

Tuesday- Collusion - (Noun) - Secret or illegal cooperation or conspiracy in order to deceive others.

Wednesday- Posture - (Noun) - The position in which someone holds their body when standing or sitting; a particular approach or attitude.

Thursday- Nefarious - (Adjective) - (Typically of an action or activity) wicked or criminal.

Friday- Insipid - (Adjective) - Lacking flavour; weak or tasteless; lacking vigour or interest.