



St Thomas More Catholic School Parents' Newsletter

19 October 2018

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Monday, 22 October - Friday, 26 October 2018

- Autumn Half-Term

Thursday, 25 October 2018

- Year 11 Geography Fieldwork

Wednesday, 31 October 2018

- Oxbridge Admissions Test
- Address to Sixth Form by Dame Barbara Stocking (08:30-09:00)
- Year 7 Road Safety (09:10-10:10)
- KS4 More Able Parent Event (16:30-17:30)

Thursday, 1 November 2018

- All Saints Day
- AS Drama Workshop at Donmar Warehouse (08:30-13:30)
- Worlds by Women Project (16:30-18:30)

INTRODUCTION

It has been a difficult week in school for pupils and staff with the sad news of the passing of one of our Year 10 pupils, Chloe Quiliec. We held a special assembly for Year 10 pupils on Monday morning and said prayers during the day, with our 'Moment for Jesus' at lunchtime devoted to Chloe's memory.

Our voluntary mass on Wednesday was also in memory of Chloe, and was attended by her Grandmother and Uncle. It was an extremely moving event. We held it in the Sports Hall, where over 500 pupils voluntarily attended. It has been humbling to see the way that the whole school community has come together to support those who have been particularly affected by the loss.

Today was Chloe's funeral mass, which a number of pupils and staff attended. Pupils formed a guard of honour as Chloe was brought into and taken out of the church. There were comments about how the pupils were a credit to our school. We are always extremely proud of our pupils and they never fail to amaze us.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Chloe, her family, and her friends.

Next week is our Autumn Half-Term Holiday. We return to school Monday, 29 October at the usual time.

PEER MENTORING

Peer Mentoring is now up and running every Tuesday and Thursday morning during Registration, with our enthusiastic Year 10 mentors using this time to support their Year 7 mentees. We also have a wonderful cohort of Year 8 mentors (pictured across the page), who help out in the Year 7 playground during breaks and lunch times.



SPORT

Year 9 Basketball

The Year 9 boys' basketball team have kept up their winning streak after beating Lammas School 56-50. St Thomas More were on the back foot for most of the game, but Keanu Ray-Nearchou drove towards the basket several times in the 4th quarter to help the team come out of the close game with a victory. Well done to Chukwudi Dioramma who made a memorable first dunk!

Year 8 Football: London Cup

The Year 8 football team beat Bow school 8-2 in the first round of the London Cup this week. Romeo Rojas, Lamarhrio Foster, Jayshaun Bailey, David Mpunga, Jesse Udaigwe and Emmanuel Yessoh all scored on the day.

Year 11 Football

The Year 11 boys' football team have been crowned champions after winning the Haringey Football Cup. The tournament was hosted by St Thomas More school at the Frederik Knight Sport's Ground, and involved seven local schools. The team's captain Donnabhan Green received Player of the Tournament. Well done to our boys!



ROME TRIP

This term, 37 pupils from St Thomas More School, Salvatorian College, and Bishop Douglass School made an unforgettable journey to Rome, Italy. In their quest for spiritual and cultural fulfilment, they visited various sites, most notably the Vatican – the headquarters of the Catholic Church and the home of our beloved Pope Francis. The group was lucky enough to be able to see the Pope at the papal audience on the third day of the visit.

Not only did the pupils enrich their knowledge, they also learned to get along outside of the school environment and interact with others they had never met before. Patricia, of Year 8 (St Thomas More), said, "The trip to Rome helped me to make new friends and to build my confidence in living with 'strangers' from other schools." Patricia also felt very moved by the dedication of the local people to the preservation of their ancient culture and relics: "I've realised that the community really cares about its churches and monuments because there were military vehicles everywhere, protecting the historical structures. The citizens were also very vigilant and wanted to ensure that their city was treated with respect."

Mr Mann, who accompanied the cohort to Rome declared it to have been a great success, and said, "It is important that our students expand their knowledge and understanding of their Christian faith and there is no better way to do so than to visit the place where the successor of St Peter is based."

REFLECTION FROM THE RE DEPARTMENT

Week Beginning October 14th 2018

Gospel Reading: (Mark 10:17-25)

The Camel and the needle

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells a young man what he must do if he wants to share everlasting life in the kingdom of God and explains that one must follow the commandments of the Law of Moses. The man acknowledges that he has observed all of these since his childhood. Jesus then says that only one thing is lacking: he must give his possessions to the poor and follow Jesus. The man leaves in sadness, and Mark tells us that this is because he has many possessions.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/sunday-connection>

Prayer:

Lord, you see and remember every act of kindness and generosity and store them in your heart. Help us to store up our treasure in heaven, so that we can share everlasting life with you at the end of time.

Amen.

Thought for the Week

"Your dream doesn't have an expiration date. Take a deep breath, and try again."

PRIZE GIVING 2018

Last night we celebrated our annual Prize Giving evening. We were honoured to have been joined by Catherine West, the Labour MP for Hornsey and Wood Green. Both Catherine and Mr Tissot presented Subject Achievement and Effort Awards, Year Awards, Sporting Awards and a range of Special Awards. Between presentations, we were kept entertained by our Drama and Music Departments who showcased a range of songs and theatre productions, including a sneak preview of Mary Poppins! Congratulations to all our prize winners!



Words of the Week

Monday – Insouciant – Adjective: Showing a lack of concern.

Tuesday – Cavernous – Adjective: Like a cavern in size, shape or atmosphere; vast.

Wednesday – Susceptible – Adjective: Likely or liable to be influenced or harmed by a particular thing.

Thursday – Ingratiate – Verb: Bring oneself into favour with someone by flattering or trying to please them.

Friday – Confound – Verb: Cause surprise or confusion in (someone), especially by not according with their expectations.