



St Thomas More Catholic School Parents' Newsletter

23 November 2018

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Monday, 26 November 2018

- Strong Foundations Workshop in Stratford (A Level Sociology) (09:30-15:30)

Tuesday, 27 November 2018

- 'Mary's Meals' Presentation in Year 9 Assembly (08:50-09:10)

Wednesday, 28 November 2018

- Red Wednesday (non-uniform day)
- IntoUni Year 7: Choosing Success
- IntoUni Year 8: Learning Techniques
- Parents' Forum (17:00-18:00)

Thursday, 29 November 2018

- 'Mary's Meals' Presentation in Year 10 Assembly (08:50-09:10)
- Worlds by Women Project (16:30-18:30)

Friday, 30 November 2018

- Year 12 Geography Tectonic Hazards Trip

INTRODUCTION

There are now only two weeks before our first set of mock exams take place for Years 10, 11 and Sixth Form. We ask all parents to support their children by encouraging them to work hard in their revision for all subjects. Letters have been issued to the pupils with their timetables.

Next week we will hold a non-uniform day in aid of 'Red Wednesday'. Donations of at least £1 will be collected at the gate for those participating in the non-uniform day.

A reminder that 'Mary Poppins' is coming to St Thomas More on Wednesday, 5 December and Thursday, 6 December. Tickets are on sale in school at £3 for adults and £2 for children, but are selling out quickly. You can ask your child to purchase tickets for you, or can purchase them yourself from the school reception.

LOST PROPERTY

There are a large number of coats and other items in our lost property. Please check that your child has all of their belongings. If not, please ask them to come to student services to have a look in lost property. We also urge all parents to write names inside coats and other items so any misplaced articles can be returned to the correct owner when found.

ALL LOST PROPERTY REMAINING AT CHRISTMAS WILL BE DONATED TO CHARITY.

CALLING ALL BUDDING TEACHERS

Are you or a friend interested in becoming a teacher? As a National Teaching School, St Thomas More offer a number of different routes into teaching. If you would like more information or would like to come in for a chat contact teachingschool@stthomasmoreschool.org.uk.

SPORT

Hubert Graczyk

Hubert's continued excellent performances for Arsenal have captured the attention of the England national coaches once again. Hubert has been invited to St George's Park, the home of the FA, to partake in a two day 'England Men's Goalkeeping Development Event'. This is a huge honour, which both Hubert and the School are extremely proud of. We wish him the very best of luck next week!



Girls' Basketball: Haringey Champions!
The U16 girls' Basketball team have been crowned champions after winning the final of the Haringey League against Alexandra Park School 24-12.

Boys' Volleyball: Haringey Champions!

St Thomas More's U15 volleyball team have been crowned this year's Haringey champions for the third year running, after beating Gladesmore, Greig City and Alexandra Park.



Girls' Football

The U13 girls' football team beat St. Mary Magdalene 5-4 in extra time this week, and are now through to the quarter-finals of the London Cup.

Boys' Football

Raymond Poku led the Year 9 boys' team to another victory in the Middlesex Cup this week, winning 3-2 against Christ College. The team are now into the quarter-finals.

The Year 11 boys' team also had a 3-2 victory, winning their Middlesex Cup match against University College School with a last minute penalty by Alex Mansaray.

Boys' Rugby

The Year 9 boys' rugby team are one step away from the semi-final of this year's National Cup after beating Colne 10-3.

SCHOOL CLUB: READING CLUB

This year, in an attempt to promote a stronger culture of reading for pleasure, we launched a range of stretching reading clubs targeted at KS3 and KS4 (Years 7 to 11). The texts being led by teachers are thought-provoking, challenging and so far have led to some fantastic discussion. Ms Whelan noted how her Year 8 group have been particularly impressive with their feminist discussion, thinking in a way that challenges their own preconceptions. As always, these clubs are open to all - especially those who were set a reading-based target at Academic Review Day! Details for the four clubs are available around the school or through Mr O'Connor. We'd love to see you there! Please speak to Miss Christodoulou if you have any questions about School Clubs or Youth Clubs.



REFLECTION FROM THE RE DEPARTMENT

Week Beginning November 18th 2018

Gospel Reading: (Mark 13:24-29)

Jesus Will Return

At the end of time, Jesus will return in power and glory and will welcome all those who have been chosen to join him in the kingdom of Heaven. This Sunday is the second to last Sunday of our liturgical year. As we approach the end of the Church year, our Gospel invites us to consider Jesus' predictions and teaching about the end of the world. In the context of Mark's Gospel, Jesus' words about this are spoken to his disciples as he prepares them for his passion and death.

Jesus' words are not spoken to frighten his disciples, nor should they frighten us. Rather, they are offered to prepare us for the changes we will experience during our lifetimes and at the end times. Our consolation and hope is found in the lasting nature of Jesus' words and God's never-ending love for us.

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

Prayer:

Lord, may our lives always be rich in love and goodness, so we are ready to welcome you whenever you return. Amen.

Thought for the Week

"Focus on the people who inspire you instead of those who annoy you. You'll get much further in life."

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WORKSHOP

25 students in Years 12 and 13 attended a workshop delivered by the National Apprenticeship Service this week. The workshop introduced the students to the different types of apprenticeship and the wide range of industries that offer apprenticeships. All of the pupils found the workshop very helpful and interesting, and they left with a much better understanding of where to find vacancies and how to make the best applications.



RED WEDNESDAY: 28 NOVEMBER 2018

"I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me." (John 14:6)

Next Wednesday, we will be having a non-uniform day for Red Wednesday. All students and staffs are asked to wear something RED to show solidarity for all Christians and other faith minorities who are still persecuted for their faith to this day. Donations collected will be sent to Aid to the Church in Need, and to the other charities the school supports throughout the year. Students are asked not to wear bandanas to school.

Pope Francis has asked all Catholic Schools to help highlight the problem that so many face even today. Let us not forget that our own patron Saint, Thomas More, was a martyr for his faith, and reports sadly show that Christianity is still the most persecuted faith today.

<https://www.aidtochurch.org/RedWednesday>

"I thank Jesus for you, the friends of Aid to the Church in Need. You are bringing hope to us all in Syria."

– Sister Annie Demerjian.

Words of the Week

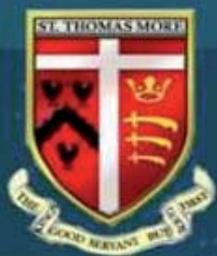
Monday – Judicious – Adjective: Having, showing, or done with good judgement or sense.

Tuesday – Volatile – Adjective: Liable to change rapidly and unpredictably, especially for the worse.

Wednesday – Thrive – Verb: Grow or develop well or vigorously (of a child, animal, or plant); prosper; flourish.

Thursday – Brawn – Noun: (1) Physical strength in contrast to intelligence. (2) A seasoned jellied loaf made from the head and sometimes the feet of a pig or calf.

Friday – Propensity – Noun: An inclination or natural tendency to behave in a particular way.



St Thomas More Catholic School Presents:

Mary Poppins



Wednesday 5th &
Thursday 6th
December 2018
at 6:00pm

TICKETS:

Concessions £2/Adults £3

Available to buy from

Front Reception/Pupil Reception

Featuring the choir of St John Vianney Catholic Primary School