



St Thomas More Catholic School Parents' Newsletter

22 March 2019

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Monday, 25 March 2019

- Feast of the Annunciation
- Year 12 TAP Enrichment Assembly (08:50-09:30)
- Donmar Warehouse Writing Wrongs with Year 10 (15:15-17:15)

Tuesday, 26 March 2019

- Number Day
- Year 8 trip to London Zoo (8BK1)
- Year 8 trip to Natural History Museum

Wednesday, 27 March 2019

- Romeo and Juliet at the Globe Theatre (Year 10) (11:30-16:15)
- Lunchtime Concert (13:45-14:10)

Thursday, 28 March 2019

- GCSE Music Performance NEA Day
- Year 8 trip to Natural History Museum

Friday, 29 March 2019

- Year 8 trip to Canal Museum and King's Cross (8KL1)

INTRODUCTION

Today, our Year 9 pupils have gone to The Globe Theatre to participate in a Shakespeare experience. We hope they are lucky with the weather and it keeps dry!

Our Mock Exams finish today. Results will be sent to parents before the Easter break. These will be used to inform teachers and pupils of what they need to do to ensure the best results in the final external examinations. The start of the external exams is now only about twenty school days away.

Extra sessions will continue after school, on Saturdays, and during the Easter break. Please encourage your child to participate in all of the opportunities on offer at school, and ensure they work hard at home with additional study/revision.

Our next Parents' Evening is for Year 9 on Monday, 1 April, from 5 pm to 7 pm. Please make every effort to attend with your child. It is very important to discuss the progress of the pupils at the start of their BTEC/GCSE courses.

During the next two weeks, there will be many activities for Year 8 pupils as they start to consider their future careers and subject choices for next year. After Easter, interviews will take place to help guide the pupils to choose the best and most appropriate subjects and courses. Parents will be invited to these fifteen-minute interviews.

SPORT

Year 7 Basketball

The boys' basketball team have extended their winning streak to 15 matches after beating Heartlands 52-12 in their final Junior NBA group fixture. The sensational victory against their local opposition means St Thomas More will be playing a high-ranked team in the next round. Nathan Mesfin came into the team this week and displayed a very positive performance.



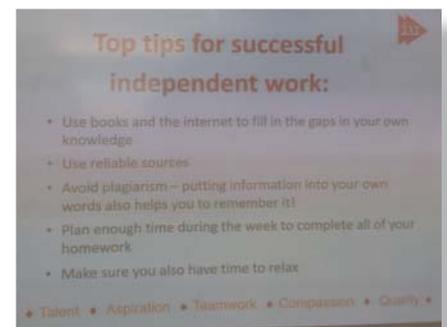
Year 10 Football

The Year 10 boys' football team are one game away from being confirmed Haringey football league champions after beating Gladesmore 7-0. Kaquan, Thomas, Marlon and academy players Quaine and Khayon were among the scorers on the day. St Thomas More is now six points ahead of their closest competition. A victory against Greig City next week will cement their gold medal position - we wish the team every success.

YEAR 7 INTOUNIVERSITY WORKSHOP

In this week's IntoUniversity workshop, 'Approaches to Homework', pupils examined their different approaches to homework and independent study. They considered

how they find information and what support is available to them. The workshop looked at how to avoid plagiarism and gave top tips for paraphrasing. Pupils ended the session by setting personal targets on how to improve their approach to independent study.



YEAR 8 GEOGRAPHY TRIP TO CENTRAL LONDON

Year 8 pupils were terrific on this week's geography fieldwork trip into central London. We had sore feet, but happy smiles after completing a mammoth walk from the entertainment hub of Leicester Square, through the streets and cooking smells of China Town, to the lions and jugglers at Trafalgar Square, the horse guards and machine toting police on Whitehall and the pelicans in St James' Park. We finished with a final field sketch outside Buckingham Palace. We saw that the flag was up and thought maybe the Queen was watching us do good geography on the mall. With the guidance of PC Robinson, our school police officer, we investigated urban safety and infrastructure: how are Londoners and tourists kept safe, and how do we navigate safety and crime in a busy metropolitan area? We looked at potential crime and safety hot spots, target hardening, and other measures to make our city welcoming and safe. 8DX1 were a credit to the school and spotted many of the features which make our city so great.

REFLECTION FROM THE RE DEPARTMENT

Week Beginning March 17th 2019 Gospel Reading: (Matthew 17:1-10)

Jesus shines like the sun

Peter, James and John went with Jesus to pray on a mountain top. The disciples witnessed what we call 'the transfiguration', where Jesus' face became radiant and his clothes dazzling white. Along with Jesus stood Moses and Elijah. The disciples had no idea what was happening and Peter, in his ignorance, suggested that they erect three tents to commemorate the event. As though to correct Peter's misunderstanding, a voice came from the cloud naming Jesus as his son and telling the disciples to listen to him. There was not to be confusion about Moses or Elijah being equal to Jesus nor should Peter have tried to assume control of a holy happening, but rather listen to this holy one.

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

Prayer:

When we struggle with our own weaknesses,
Change our hearts, O God!
When we resist the call to conversion,
Change our hearts, O God!
When we become bitter and judgmental,
Change our hearts, O God!
Fill us with the light of your love and faith.
Make us shine in the darkness and touch the lives of others
with the light of your goodness.
Amen

Thought for the Week

"The only thing that stands between you and your dream is the will to try and the belief that it is actually possible. Good things happen when you don't give up."



PRIMARY SCHOOL SINGING

St Thomas More Catholic School Choir hosted a singing afternoon this week. Nearly 100 pupils from five primary schools across the Borough came together to sing their hearts out and have lots of fun!



Words of the Week

Monday – Dupe – Verb: deceive; delude; trick.

Tuesday – Paraphernalia – Noun: miscellaneous articles, especially the equipment needed for a particular activity.

Wednesday – Acuity – Noun: sharpness or keenness of thought, vision, or hearing.

Thursday – Compendium – Noun: A collection of concise but detailed information about a particular subject; a collection of things, especially one systematically gathered.

Friday – Invidious – Adjective: likely to arouse or incur resentment or anger in others.