



# St Thomas More Catholic School Parents' Newsletter

9 November 2018

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

<b>Monday, 12 November - Friday, 16 November 2018</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Parliament Week</li><li>Anti-Bullying Week</li></ul>
<b>Tuesday, 13 November 2018</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Sixth Form Open Evening 17:00-18:30</li></ul>
<b>Wednesday, 14 November 2018</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Sixth Form Peer Mentoring Assembly</li><li>Sixth Form Essay Writing Workshop (11:30-13:30)</li></ul>
<b>Thursday, 15 November 2018</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Year 11 Q&amp;A with David Lammy MP (16:15)</li><li>Worlds by Women Project (16:30-18:30)</li><li>Years 11 to 13 Drama Trip to see An Eye for an Ear (18:00-21:00)</li></ul>
<b>Friday, 16 November 2018</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>School Referendum (13:30-14:10)</li></ul>

## INTRODUCTION

Yesterday we held our Academic Review Day. Thank you to the large number of parents who were able to attend. We ask that parents help and mentor their children to achieve the set targets. If you were unable to attend and would like to meet to discuss your child's targets, please contact their Head of Year via [parents@stthomasmoreschool.org.uk](mailto:parents@stthomasmoreschool.org.uk).

Today was our Remembrance Service. As always, it was an extremely moving and solemn service. This year it marks the 100th Anniversary of the end of World War I. Our Choir sang the National Anthem beautifully.

Next Tuesday, we will be holding our Sixth Form Open Evening. All of our Year 11 pupils will be involved from the end of Period 6 (4.10pm). External pupils are invited to attend from 5pm. If you are aware of friends or family who would be interested in finding out about our Sixth Form offer for next year, please let them know.



## SPORT

### Football

The Sixth Form football team played against Bishop Douglas and secured a 4-2 win against their sister school. The goals on the day came from Peter, Able, and Jeremiah, who scored twice.

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### Rugby

After winning the Regional competition, the Year 8 boys' rugby team qualified for the National Cup along with 8 other schools from around the country. On Monday, the squad took a trip to Colchester to play their first group fixture. Unfortunately, the boys lost to the opposing school 6 tries to 2. The team have also been awarded the points against the East London Science School as they were unable to play the fixture before the deadline.

### Basketball

The Year 9 boys' basketball team played two Haringey League fixtures this week and came out victorious on both occasions. The temerity of the boys was extremely high as they are yet to lose a game. They beat Heartlands 62-5 on Monday evening and vanquished Alexandra Park School 76-12 on Thursday. The team are currently on top of the table with maximum points.

The Year 7 boys' basketball team played their first game against Woodside on Tuesday evening. Jayzye and Darren drove towards the basket on several occasions, while Henry and Ibuchie made a number of free throws to ensure the team secured a vast number of points. The final score was 25-14 to St Thomas More School.



## YOUTH CLUB: THIS GIRL CAN!

The St Thomas More Netball Teams have started the season off incredibly well! Pupils who would like to join the teams can attend training in the sports hall on:

- Monday, 07:30, for Years 9, 10 and 11.
- Tuesday, 15:10-16:30, for Years 7 and 8.

Please speak to Miss Christodoulou if you have any questions about clubs.

## ACADEMIC REVIEW DAY

Yesterday saw our annual Academic Review Day take place for all students at St Thomas More. As always, it was a huge success with pupils leaving their appointments with clear, stretching targets that will help drive their progress this year. We ask students to reflect carefully on today's discussion to ensure each target is met in a meaningful way.

As always, we ask for your support with this at home. Please recap the targets with your child and encourage them to go above and beyond what was said. We look forward to their review in the Summer Term.

## REFLECTION FROM THE RE DEPARTMENT

**Week Beginning November 4th 2018**

**Gospel Reading: (Mark 12:28-34)**

The Two Great Commandments

The scribes were very religious and carefully obeyed every commandment of the Jewish Law, spending much of their time studying the scriptures. The ranking of the commandments was regularly debated among the teachers of the Law. One day, a scribe came to Jesus to ask him which commandment was the most important.

Jesus explained that to love God and to love thy neighbour are the two most important commandments, but he also explained an important connection between the two. Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbour. Jesus was not the only Jewish religious teacher to connect these two commandments, as both were central elements of the religious tradition that Jesus learned from his Jewish community.

Who is our neighbour? Jesus did not only mean the person living next door, or people that you know! Every person we meet is our 'neighbour', and Jesus expects us to treat them in the same way we would like to be treated ourselves.

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

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, you know each one of us and generously pour your love into our lives. Teach us not to be selfish or greedy, but to return your love and share it willingly with everyone we meet.

Amen.

## Thought for the Week

"In the confrontation between the stream and the rock, the stream always wins – not through strength but by perseverance. Never give up, for that is just the place and time that the tide will turn."

## UK PARLIAMENT WEEK

UK Parliament Week is from Monday, 12 November to Friday, 16 November, and there will be plenty going on to mark the occasion. On Thursday, David Lammy, Member of Parliament for Tottenham, will be visiting to do a Q&A with our Year 11 pupils. No doubt our pupils will ensure he is fully challenged! On Friday, all students in the school will have the opportunity to take part in a whole school referendum on the question "Should the voting age in England be lowered to 16?", the results of which will be shared with our local Member of Parliament, Catherine

## COFFEE AND COMPUTERS

Having teamed up with the organisation "Coffee and Computers", we are proud to announce a new volunteering project, where our pupils will be providing technical support to members of the community in need of assistance. The pupils have very much enjoyed their training, and are excited to start making a difference! If you or someone you know could do with a helping hand in using technology, be it a new smartphone or doing something new on the computer, please come to one of our sessions and our trained volunteers will be delighted to help. Upcoming sessions are Wednesday, 14 November, 16:15-17:15 and Wednesday, 5 December, 16:15-17:15, at St Thomas More School. Just come to the Reception and you will be directed to the right room.



## Words of the Week

Monday – Corroborate – Verb: Confirm or give support to (a statement, theory, or finding).

Tuesday – Enunciate – Verb: Say or pronounce clearly. Express (a preposition, theory etc.) in clear and definite terms.

Wednesday – Succinct – Adjective: Briefly and clearly expressed especially of something written or spoken).

Thursday – Verbose – Adjective: Using or expressed in more words than are needed.

Friday – Pacify – Adjective: Quell the anger, agitation or excitement of. Bring peace to (a country or warring factions).