



# St Thomas More Catholic School

## Parents' Newsletter

29 March 2019

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

#### Monday, 1 April 2019

- GCSE Music Composition NEA Day
- A2 Business Tutor 2 U Grade Booster Workshop
- Year 9 Parents' Evening (17:00-19:00)

#### Tuesday, 2 April 2019

- Careers Guidance Interviews
- AS and A Level Art Exams (09:10-16:10)
- Theatre Visit to 'Top Girls' for Years 11-13 (19:30-21:30)

#### Wednesday, 3 April 2019

- Final CAFOD Young Leaders Training Day
- Non-Uniform Day
- AS and A Level Art Exams (09:10-16:10)

#### Thursday, 4 April 2019

- Year 13 Psychology 'Grade Booster' workshop in Stratford
- AS and A Level Art Exams (09:10-16:10)

#### Friday, 5 April 2019

- Final day of Spring Term - School ends at 12:30
- AS and A Level Art Exams (09:10-16:10)
- Easter Service (10:30-11:30)

### INTRODUCTION

Many of you will have seen some of our Year 8 pupils on the BBC London News on Tuesday following their visit to the Globe Theatre last week. As always, it is reported that our pupils were excellent. All Year 10 pupils visited the Globe this week.

Next week, there are a number of events taking place. On Monday, we have the Year 9 Parents' Evening. Parents will have the opportunity to collect the report and discuss their child's progress with the teacher. It is important for us to see as many parents as possible. The evening starts at 5 pm and finishes at 7 pm. Pupils should accompany their parents and be in full school uniform.

On Wednesday, we will have our Lenten non-uniform day raising money for our charities, which will include the new charity we are supporting in India, 'YES-J'. Father Bala, who runs the charity, visited the school recently. YES-J are looking to build a new Youth Centre with our support. We ask for donations of at least £1, which will be collected at the school gate.

On Thursday and Friday, we will have our Lenten Services. On Thursday afternoon, we will have our service for Year 11 pupils and Sixth Form students. On Friday, all year groups will have a normal Period 1 and 2. There will be a short break, then Years 7 to 10 will have their Lenten Service. Year 11 pupils and Sixth Form will be dismissed

at about 11.20 am for the Easter break. The rest of the school will leave at approximately 12.30 pm.

There will be a full programme of extra sessions during the Easter break. Timetables will be issued next week. This will be the last newsletter this term, as the Spring edition of the Glendalian will be given to pupils next week.

We wish you all a very happy and holy Easter.

### LOST PROPERTY

We currently have a large amount of lost property. Please check that your child has all of their personal belongings and clothing items. If not, please get them to have a look in lost property, or pop into school yourself. Any remaining items will be donated to charity on the last day of term.

### NUMBER DAY COMPETITIONS

On Tuesday, in celebration of National Number Day, we ran maths competitions at break and lunchtime. Congratulations to the two winners: Daniel Ogunya in 7BK1 and Tewoh-Joy Pessima in 12BK1.

### SPORT

#### Girls' Rugby

Last week the Under 15 girls' rugby team competed in the London Youth Games representing Haringey. The tournament consisted of fantastic teams from across London and showcased fantastic rugby. They performed with skill and determination and missed out on the top pool by just one try in a very close game. The girls are now set to join a new League to compete against schools outside of Haringey and also have an upcoming away game in against the Royal Latin School. Good luck girls!



## Osee Ofono: Judo Champion

Osee, in Year 7, represented St Thomas More in the London Central Judo competition and finished in first position. Well done Osee!



## REFLECTION FROM THE RE DEPARTMENT

**Week Beginning March 24th 2019**

### Gospel Reading: (Luke 13:1-9)

God gives us another chance

Now into the third week of the Season of Lent, our Sunday Gospel prepares us to hear Lent's call to conversion and repentance. Today's reading is found in the chapters of Luke's Gospel that describe Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. During this journey, Jesus teaches and heals. He must also respond to those who question and challenge his authority and actions. There is no parallel in Mark's or Matthew's Gospels for today's reading from Luke. While Mark and Matthew describe an incident in which Jesus curses the fig tree, today's reading makes the barren fig tree the subject of a parable.

Throughout his journey to Jerusalem, Jesus has been teaching about the Kingdom of God. In this parable, we find an image of God's patience and hopefulness as he prepares his Kingdom. God calls us to repent, and it is within his power to punish us for our failure to turn from our sinfulness. And yet God is merciful. He delays punishment and tends to us so that we may yet bear the fruit he desires from us.

This, then, is our reason for hope: Not only does God refuse to abandon us, he chooses to attend to us even when we show no evidence of his efforts. Next week's Gospel will give an even clearer picture of the kind of mercy that God shows to us.

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

### Prayer:

When we look into the wondering eyes of a child,  
Help us to set their hearts ablaze.

When we reach out to the homeless,  
Help us to set their hearts ablaze.

When we walk with those caught in poverty,  
Help us to set their hearts ablaze.

When we listen to the fading voice of the aged,  
Help us to set their hearts ablaze.

Amen

## Thought for the Week

"Life will knock you down a few times. It will show you things that you may never want to see. You may experience sadness and failures. However, one thing is for sure; you must always get up and try again!"

## Athletics: London Youth Games Ultimate Final

After doing extremely well in the regional competition, St Thomas More had high expectations for the London Youth Games' grand final. Our domination of our borough meant that all four of our teams were representing Haringey. The Year 8 girls displayed a fantastic performance to take home silver medals, while the Year 7 boys also excelled, taking home the bronze. The most memorable performance was the 4x2 relay, where the boys finished comfortably in first position. The Year 8 boys just missed out on a medal, finishing in fifth place, and the Year 7 girls finished seventh. These are exceptional results given that they are out of the 33 boroughs in London!



## Words of the Week

Monday – Contagious – Adjective: (of a disease) spread from one person or organism to another by direct contact. (Of an emotion, feeling or attitude) likely to spread to and affect others.

Tuesday – Ostentatious – Adjective: characterised by pretentious or showy displays; designed to impress.

Wednesday – Demonstrable – Adjective: clearly apparent or capable of being logically proved.

Thursday – Contemporaneous – Adjective: existing at or occurring in the same period.

Friday – Mellifluous – Adjective: (of a sound) pleasingly smooth and musical to hear.