



# St Thomas More Catholic School Parents' Newsletter

01 March 2019

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### Monday, 4 March to Friday, 8 March 2019

- National Careers Week

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- National Citizen Service Assembly for Year 12 (08:50-09:10)
- AS Spanish Mock Speaking Exams (09:10-11:10)
- UCL Workshop with Year 8 (12:30-13:30)
- Donmar Warehouse Writing Wrongs with Year 10 (15:15-17:15)

### Tuesday, 5 March 2019

- Year 10 French Workshop (09:10-10:10)
- AS Spanish Speaking Exams (09:10-11:10)
- Production of Macbeth to Year 11 (14:15-16:15)

### Wednesday, 6 March 2019

- Ash Wednesday
- Ash Wednesday Mass for Years 9 and 12
- Ash Wednesday Mass for Year 11
- Ash Wednesday Mass for Years 8 and 13
- Ash Wednesday Mass for Year 10
- Ash Wednesday Mass for Year 7

### Thursday, 7 March 2019

- AS English Literature Conference Trip
- World Book Day

### Friday, 8 March 2019

- Year 9 IntoUniversity 'Business in FOCUS' trip
- A Level Spanish Mock Speaking Exams (14:10-16:10)

## INTRODUCTION

Today our Year 8 pupils are off to the Globe Theatre, which will be a great experience. We hope the weather holds out as they have standing tickets.

The first set of mock examinations are only a week away. A full timetable has been issued to Sixth Formers and pupils in Years 10 and 11. The timetable is also available on our website. We ask all parents to help your children, and us, by ensuring that they are revising hard and attending all available extra study sessions after school and on Saturdays.

A reminder to all parents that 'Prep' is still available to all pupils from Monday to Thursday, 3.10pm to 4.10pm. 'Prep' enables pupils to complete homework and undertake additional study within the school, with supervision and support from staff.

Our A Level geographers left today for a full study weekend in Norfolk. We wish them well.

## SPORT: BOYS' FOOTBALL

### Year 8

Rennie, Xavi, Romeo, Jayshaun and Isaac showed that they were on top form this week with an impressive 5-0 win against Harris Academy. After a frustrating first half, the team began to set the pace, with Romeo Rojas taking control in the early minutes of the second half. By the end of the 80 minutes, St Thomas More had comfortably vanquished their opposition, maintaining their position at the top of the Haringey League. A commendable performance from Samuel Nwabuko saw him make several crucial saves for the team in the early stages of the game.

### Year 9

Watford Academy player Tobi Adeyamo scored five goals this week, helping to lead the Year 9 boys' football team to a 12-6 win against Harris Academy. The victory means the team have won 7 games of 7 and remain top of the Haringey League. Other scorers on the day were Allan (who scored twice), Romeo, Ronnie, Isaiah and Raymond.



### Year 10

Shaydon scored from outside the box to assist the Year 10 boys' team to a 4-1 win against Harris Academy on Thursday. Other scorers on the day were Kaquan (who scored twice) and Marlon. The Year 10 boys' football team also remain top of the Haringey League.



Victor and Desange at Leicester University

### THE ACCESS PROJECT UNIVERSITY TRIPS

The Access Project (TAP) programme, now in its second year at St Thomas More School, helps pupils gain access to top universities through in school provision and one to one academic tuition.

During half-term, Year 10 TAP pupils took a day trip to the University of Leicester, a government top third and Times Higher Education top research university. The pupils completed a workshop about course selection and attended taster lectures on film studies and earth sciences. The movie clips and quirky science experiments were met with enthusiasm and curiosity! They also had a campus tour and a Q&A with current undergraduate students about the transition from school to university. Both Leicester and Access Project staff noted the engagement and positive attitude of St Thomas More pupils.

Yr 11 TAP pupils attended a student experience day at Goldsmiths, University of London, also in half-term. Here, pupils got to know other young people on the TAP programme and participated in a useful Q&A with staff and students about university life. They also received a tour of Goldsmiths' lively campus and student accommodation. A highlight of the day was a taster lecture from the computing department on online privacy & advertising, where the pupils' knowledge came to the fore.

### Thought for the Week

"Do not worry about the closed doors behind you. New doors will open if you keep moving forward."

### REFLECTION FROM THE RE DEPARTMENT Week Beginning February 24th 2019 Gospel Reading: (Luke 6:27-38)

Love Your Enemies

Today's gospel reading is a continuation of the teaching that began in last Sunday's gospel. We continue to hear Jesus' Sermon on the Plain. Recall that in Luke's Gospel, Jesus addresses his teaching to his disciples. This is in contrast to the parallel found in Matthew's Gospel, the Sermon on the Mount, in which Jesus addresses his words to both the disciples and to the crowds.

These words from Jesus' teaching are familiar to us. They constitute the crux and the challenge of what it means to be a disciple: Love your enemies, turn the other cheek, give to those who ask, do unto others, lend without expecting repayment, judge not lest you be judged.

In both Gospels, Jesus' words challenge those who would follow him to be more like God. God loves us beyond our expectations, beyond anything we can imagine. In response to God's love, we are to love as God loves, beyond expectations and with a depth beyond imagining. (<https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/sunday-connection>)

Prayer:

Jesus, model of prayer, lead us into silence and prayer.  
Jesus, model of compassion, give us merciful hearts.  
Jesus, model of meekness and mildness, make us gentle and humble of heart.  
Jesus, model of proclaiming God's kingdom, transform us so that we can extend your kingdom.  
Amen

### Words of the Week

Monday – Infamy – Noun: The state of being well known for some bad quality or deed.

Tuesday – Falter – Verb: Lose strength or momentum; speak hesitantly; move unsteadily.

Wednesday – Relinquish – Verb: Voluntarily cease to keep or claim; give up.

Thursday – Clandestine – Adjective: Kept secret or done secretly, especially to conceal an illicit or improper purpose.

Friday – Rhetoric – Noun: The art of effective or persuasive speaking or writing, especially the exploitation of figures of speech.