



# St Thomas More Catholic School Parents' Newsletter

## 16 November 2018

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

<b>Monday, 19 November 2018</b>
• A2 English Lit Hamlet Lectures
<b>Tuesday, 20 November 2018</b>
• Sixth Form Open Evening 17:00-18:30
• Apprenticeship Workshop (Sixth Form) (09:10-10:10)
<b>Wednesday, 21 November 2018</b>
• Lecture and Production of Macbeth (Year 11 English Class) (18:00-21:00)
<b>Thursday, 22 November 2018</b>
• Worlds by Women Project (16:30-18:30)
<b>Friday, 23 November 2018</b>
• Year 11 BTEC Music Trip to Royal Albert Hall (10:00-14:00)

### INTRODUCTION

On Tuesday this week, we held our Sixth Form Open Evening for prospective students for September 2019. All of our Year 11 pupils attended the evening and had the opportunity to discuss subjects with our current Sixth Form students and teachers.

Interviews will begin next week, so applications should be completed and submitted as soon as possible. Application forms should be returned to Student Services. Along with our Year 11s, we also welcomed about 70 pupils from other schools considering a place in our Sixth Form for next year.

Last night, we welcomed David Lammy MP for a question and answer session with our Year 11 pupils. The pupils asked some very interesting questions, putting Mr Lammy on the spot about a range of topics including Brexit, lowering the voting age and reducing gang and knife crime. As always, our Year 11 pupils were a real credit to the school.

Next week the weather is due to get colder. Please remember outside coats, hats and scarves should be plain black or navy. Your support with this is appreciated.



### SPORT: JUDO

Simone Cioara Mantino in 9BK1 represented St Thomas More in the London Regional School's Judo Championship. Simone obtained the silver medal required to qualify for the National School's Championship, which he will take part in next year. This is Simone's third medal of the term, having already taken one gold and one silver! A big well done to him and we wish him well in the National competition.

### SPORT: FOOTBALL AND NETBALL

The Year 7 boys' football team are now second in the Haringey League after beating Highgate Wood 6-0. Isaac diminished his opposition's confidence by scoring hat-trick.

The Year 8 boys' football team beat Heathland 2-1 in the second round of the Middlesex Cup. Goals from Xavi and Rennie enabled the team to progress to the next stage.

The Years 7, 9 and 10 girls' netball teams all played against Heartlands High School this week. The Year 7 team played exceptionally as always, coming away with a 10-1 victory.

The Year 10 team had an incredibly close match, featuring an impressive comeback from our girls. Unfortunately, they lost 10-7, but the team played fantastically throughout, and gave the spectators an exciting afternoon! The Year 9 girls also played incredibly well, but unfortunately lost 13-6.

### YEAR 11 Q&A WITH DAVID LAMMY MP

Despite it being a monumentally big day in Parliament, David Lammy, MP for Tottenham, came to St Thomas More this Thursday to host a Q&A with our Year 11 pupils. The pupils asked challenging questions about a wide range of issues, from Brexit to knife crime, healthcare to housing. Mr Lammy gave responses that were thought-provoking, frank and very honest, and the event left our students with a thirst to find out more.

Zeliha Diken said of the event: "The evening gave me a better understanding of politics, and how it impacts Tottenham. It was interesting to learn about the views of the Labour Party in general, and David Lammy specifically, and how they would deal with things if they were in power. It was a great experience that I will remember. I am so glad that I went along."

In preparation for today's school referendum on lowering the voting age, Nel asked Mr Lammy for his thoughts on the matter. He was a strong advocate for it, and pointed out the many other decisions we allow 16 year olds to make as reasons to support a change in the law.



## YOUTH CLUB: SCIENCE CLUB

Science Club provides a fun and friendly space for pupils to engage in hands-on experiments and explore a range of fascinating topics. This term, our budding scientists have made lava lamps, used Virtual Reality, built balloon rockets, created pH potions, and much more. Last week, they made fluffy slime! In the coming weeks, activities will include growing crystals, building models of the solar system and using microscopes. Please speak to Miss Christodoulou if you have any questions about Youth Club.



## REFLECTION FROM THE RE DEPARTMENT

**Week Beginning November 11th 2018**

**Gospel Reading: (Mark 12:41-44)**

The Generous Woman

Today's Gospel story teaches us that it is not how much we give to others that is important, but how we give it and what is in our hearts at that moment.

Jesus observes that those who are rich contribute large sums to the treasury. Those with less means make smaller contributions. A similar situation exists in most of our parishes as well. Jesus calls attention, however, to a poor widow who makes the smallest of contributions—two coins of little value. Jesus upholds the poor widow's offering for his disciples' consideration, commending her because her small offering was an act of profound generosity, giving from her livelihood rather than her surplus.

To give from our livelihood is not only an act of generosity, it is also an act of trust in God. We can only give from our need if we trust that God will provide for us. Jesus himself demonstrates the ultimate act of generosity and trust in God as he gives his life for us on the cross.

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

Prayer:

Dear Lord, teach us how to share and never be greedy, because everything that we have comes from you. Happy are the poor, because they will see the Kingdom of God. Amen.

## Thought for the Week

"The secret to health of both mind and body is to not mourn for the past, worry about the future, or anticipate troubles, but to live in the present moment wisely and earnestly."

## RECYCLING ART COMPETITION

Pupils had great fun taking part in this week's recycling competition - the school is now filled with their highly creative pieces of art!



## HARINGEY DANCE COMPETITION

On Wednesday, 12 December, our KS3 pupils will be performing in the Haringey Dance Competition at Heartlands High School. The pupils have been working hard with Miss Kumar to develop their own choreographed dance, which tells a heart-wrenching story of the battle between angels and demons, darkness and light. The routine comprises two pieces of music - 'Birds Set Free' by Sia and 'Swan Lake', and fuses contemporary style with ballet. The pupils have been learning how to portray a range of emotions through dance, and the resulting piece is both expressive and emotive. The performers are skilled and articulate; however, you will have to wait for the performance to find out whether the angels or demons come out on top...

Good Luck St Thomas More School Dancers!



## Words of the Week

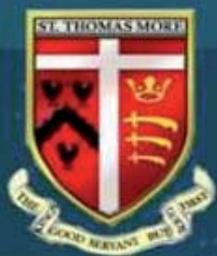
Monday – Aghast – Adjective: Filled with horror or shock.

Tuesday – Egregious – Adjective: Outstandingly bad, shocking.

Wednesday – Imponderable – Adjective: Difficult or impossible to estimate or assess. Noun: A factor that is difficult or impossible to estimate or assess.

Thursday – Culminate – Verb: Reach a climax or point of highest development.

Friday – Magnanimous – Adjective: Generous or forgiving, especially towards a rival or less powerful person. Unselfish.



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*