



CONTACT

No. 1434 – Friday 13th July 2018



Dear Parents and Pupils,

Open Evening - What a wonderful evening we had yesterday welcoming Year 5 children and their families to our school to show them round and provide them with the opportunity to meet and talk with our students and staff as they make their choice for their secondary schooling. The positive comments and praise for students was overwhelming and as always, our Tommy More boys made us proud of all that our Catholic school provides in educating our young men and women. My very grateful thanks to all many students who returned in the evening to help in curriculum areas or act as impressive tour guides and to staff for their enthusiasm and welcome to our visitors. Just one of the many positive comments we have received is below;

'.....My son had a taster day this week from St George's in Shoeburyness and he hasn't stopped talking about your school since! He said on the way home "Mum I cannot wait to go there because it feels like HOME". Thank you and your staff and the pupils they did an amazing job in showing us round and one particular lad in food tech was showing us how to make a pizza bagel. He was so confident and friendly but he really captured my heart when he started talking about the fundraising he does for Southend Hospital! Well, I was bowled over by his compassion and care for the children in the hospital. My son said he would help him when he goes to your school, that boy could teach any adult a thing or two.

All I can say is you're definitely doing something right because you're producing helpful, kind, friendly young gentleman and I would be proud to say my boys go to Tommy More.....'

Highlight of the Week

I was delighted to receive an email this week informing me that former student, Niall Swanwick, graduated from the University of St Andrews last week with a Masters in Chemistry. Niall attended St Thomas More 2006-2013 and intends to follow a career in organic synthesis and drug discovery. Mr and Mrs Swanwick wrote, *'.....Niall's interest in Chemistry was sparked by the enthusiasm of your teaching staff, especially Mrs Hardiman'.*



I also received an email from the Chairman of the Westcliff Lawn Tennis Club who wrote, *'.....We would just like to compliment and thank those tennis ambassadors who came to the club on Monday to help the club host around fifty students from West Leigh Junior School, they were brilliant. All were very good with the youngsters, umpiring matches and helping in general. Again, they were a credit to your school. Please pass on our thanks and gratitude for all their hard work and sensitive handling of the younger students and many thanks to you and the school for letting them come to support such an inspiring and worthwhile day.'*

School Uniform Shop – A reminder to parents that the School Uniform Shop will be held at the school from 10am – 12:00 on Saturday 14th July.

Year 5 Day - Tuesday 10th July - We were joined on Tuesday by 180 eager Yr5 boys from our Deanery Catholic feeder schools along with their teachers and support staff. They enjoyed a range of activities including Tennis, Basketball, designing Earthquake proof buildings in Geography, cake decorating and Frisbee making in Technology as well as gaining their Bunsen burner licence in Science and using that to carry out flame tests. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and left with a box of goodies and many happy memories. We saw many of these students again on

Thursday for our Open evening. Thanks to all the teachers and support staff who prepared all of the sessions and to our family of Catholic primary schools for supporting the day so well.

Year 6 Days – Thursday and Friday, 5th and 6th July - Last Thursday and Friday we welcomed our new Yr7 intake for a 2 day induction. They had a pastoral day on Thursday, which was a chance to get to know their new form tutor and start to make friends with other boys in their form group for next year. In the evening we welcomed the boys back again with their families for an informative meeting with the chance to buy



school uniform and talk to the Friends of St Thomas More (FOSTM) as well as try out food from Caterlink and speak to representatives from Arriva about transport issues. Friday had more of an academic focus with lessons in Maths, English, Science, Spanish, Music and Technology. The boys have been great and it was been a real pleasure getting to know them. We are all looking forward to welcoming them back in September.

Weekly Prayer

Dear Jesus,

don't let me take your teachings and miracles for granted.

I know you are with me every day, good times and bad.

I want to know you personally as my friend and brother, as well as my Lord and Saviour.

I welcome you into my life right here and right now.

AMEN



Sports Day – Our sports day takes place on Tuesday 17th July. Please can parents ensure that their sons/daughters have sun cream and extra water in anticipation of hot weather. Please also ensure that your son/daughter has some cash with them if they would like to purchase an ice-cream from the ice-cream van that will be on site all day.

Cleaning staff required to work Monday to Friday 3.30pm to 5.30pm and 6.30pm. Rate of Pay is £8.50. Experience of cleaning a school is not essential. For further information please contact Mrs Newman on 01702 606763 or email recruitment@st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk.

#waistcoatwednesday -

The staff at St Thomas More threw their waistcoats on in support of style icon and all round good bloke, Gareth Southgate. Unfortunately, the boys failed to reach the final last night but we all remain proud of what they achieved. It's coming home...just not this weekend.



YEAR 12 Business Studies DROP IN SESSIONS – Tuesdays after school.

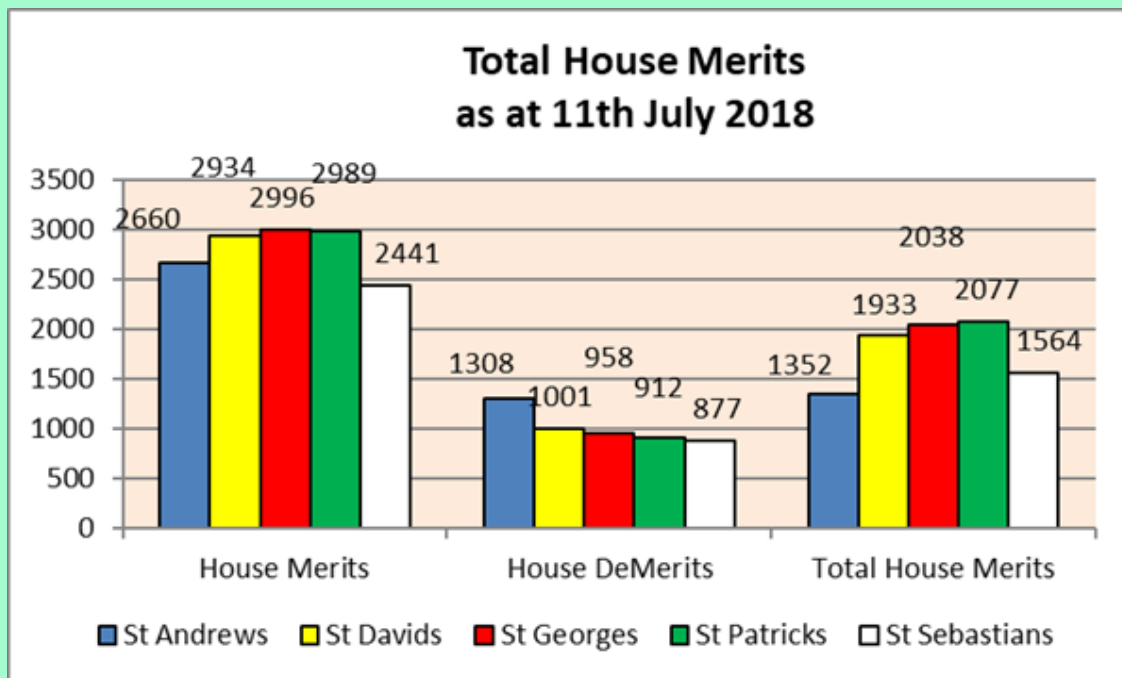
- Please ensure that you attend if you need a quiet place to study, want to go over any topics which you find difficult or to go over some exam technique, with Mrs Lindsay in BS1 3.30 – 4.30.

YEAR 10 Business Studies GCSE Intervention – Mondays after school - If you have been invited to attend a session after school with Mrs Lindsay then please ensure you attend promptly at 3.30 -4.30 in BS1.

KS3 English - There will be no English KS3 – Y7 and Y8 – Booster Session for students on Monday 9 July due to the Y7 Big Bike Ride. We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause. Mr Robinson and Mrs Kadwill



House News!



EXTRA CURRICULAR SPORTS TIMETABLE

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8.00 - 8.30am	PE DEPARTMENT MEETING	Hurdles Training - All years (CB) Sprints - All years (SB/EK)	GCSE/A Level catch-up (TR6) Run-Bike-Run (SB/CB)	Long/Triple Jump - All years (JB/CB)	Athletics Throws - Year 7 & 8 (CB) Sprints & Middle Distance - All years (SB)
1.40 - 2.20pm	Long/Triple Jump - All years (CB/TH) Hurdles - All years - 800/1500m (SB) Year 7 NBA Basketball Training (GL)	High Jump - All years (CB) Long/Triple Jump - All years (SB)	Sprints & Hurdles - All years (EK/TW/TH)	Indoor Cricket - Year 7 & 8 (EK)	Racket Sports (NS) Middle Distance - All Years - 800/1500m (JB)
3.30 - 5.00pm	Run-Bike-Run (SB/MG) Athletics Throws - All years (CB/MT)	Cricket Training - Year 7 & 8 (EK/CB) Middle Distance - All years - 800/1500m (JB)	Athletics Throws - All years (GL/CB) Year 7 & 8 Southend FC Football on Astro	High Jump - All years (CB/TH) Cricket Training - Year 9 & 10 (MT/TW/JM)	Badminton Club - All years (JM/SG)

Please note – After-school clubs are subject to change depending on fixtures and staff meetings.