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## CONTACT

*No. 1329 – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2015*

Dear Parents and Pupils,

**Remembrance Day Service – Cliffs Cenotaph** - On Sunday, Mr Mason and I, along with students Henry Ince, Jacob Cullen, Matthew Norris, Amob Dingis, Kieran Laking-Morris and Niamh Moggan attended the Remembrance Day Parade at the Cliffs Cenotaph. It was a privilege, as always, to lay a wreath on behalf of our school community.

**Remembrance Day Assembly Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2015** - On Wednesday we held a special in honour of Remembrance Day. We were delighted to welcome former Headteacher, Mr Keenan, former member of staff, Mr Vickers, and Governor, Mr Juniper to the service. My thanks to Mr Mason, the IT team and the sound boys for preparing the presentations and the readers who spoke so well during what was a very moving and thought provoking assembly.



**Year 10 Study Skills Evening** – On Wednesday we held our Year 10 study skills and information evening for our Year 10 students and their parents. We had a very large turn out and the feedback has been very positive. Thank you to the staff for their hard work, enthusiasm and commitment to our students.

**6<sup>th</sup> Form Open Evening** - A reminder that we are holding our 6<sup>th</sup> Form Open Evening next Thursday from 6pm – 9pm.

**INSET Day** – A reminder that the school is **CLOSED** on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November.



**SPOTLIGHT** - As mentioned in last week's edition of Contact, Year 9 pupil, Ewan Russell represented St Thomas More High School in the English Schools' Swimming Association regional diving trials at the weekend. Ewan came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Year 9 & 10 boys' category and has now qualified to represent St Thomas More at the London Aquatics Centre on 13<sup>th</sup> December. Well done Ewan!

Ewan, along with Year 8 pupils, Ethan King and Nathan Juniper, are competing at the Irish National Open Diving Championships in Dublin 12-15<sup>th</sup> November and the Luton Diving Challenge Invitational Competition 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> November. Good luck to all three of them.



### *Weekly Prayer*

*Lord God, let me know you in my heart  
and let my heart be filled with love for you and your people.*

*May I love the most vulnerable,  
and may I never put myself above them.*

*Amen.*

**Weekly Mass** - It was good to welcome Father Jeff Woolnough into school on Thursday for our weekly celebration of Mass. Thank you to Forms 12G and 13G who assisted in the preparation of the liturgy.

**Morning Prayer** - All are welcome to join others in prayer each day in the Chapel. At 11:15 we pray a decade of the Rosary followed by a short meditation upon scripture. Why not join us during this month of November to pray in particular for the faithful departed.

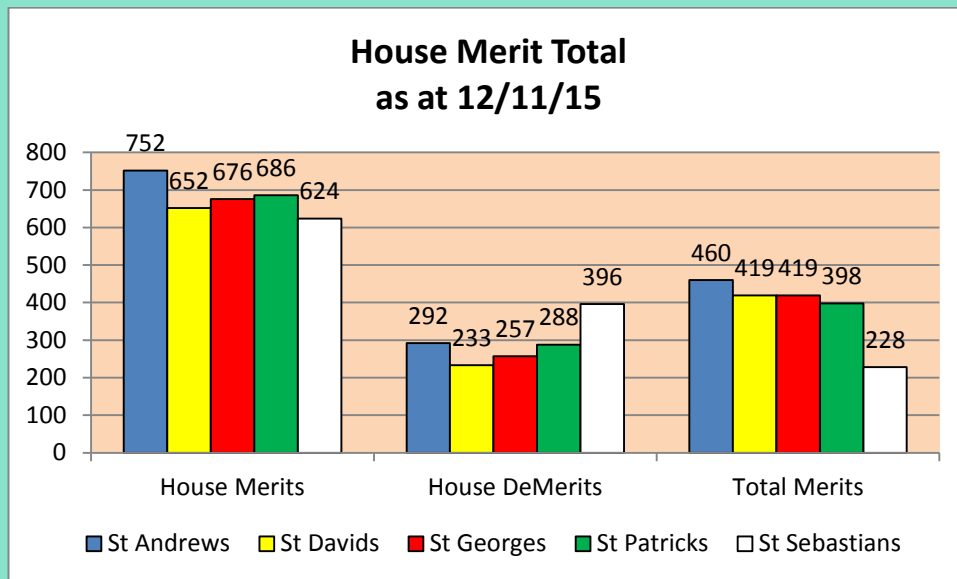
**Justice and Peace Assembly** - On Thursday 5 members of our Justice and Peace group led an assembly for Years 7-9 on the topic of Climate Change and care for our planet. In the course of the assembly they encouraged students to take part in a spoken poetry competition being run by CAFOD. At Monday's Justice and Peace meeting in RE4 at 1.35pm there will be an opportunity to find out more about Climate Change and to begin preparations for this spoken poetry competition. Everyone is welcome. Thank you to students who took part in the assembly: John Jenkins, Troy Jamieson, Jack Poole, Massimo Peluso and Daniel Mann.

**Advent Service** - Advanced warning that the Advent Service will be held for parents and friends of the school on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm. This annual event offers an opportunity for reflection and prayer in anticipation of the busy Christmas season. **Every member of Year 7 is required be present** and will be involved with their Form group in a musical presentation during the service. I am now recruiting students of all ages to take part in music, movement and reading. Any student who would like to get involved should make themselves known to Mrs Webb.

**Advent Service** - Any students, including 6<sup>th</sup> Form, who are interested in being involved with the Music for the Advent Service, please see Mr Riches.



# House News!



**Real Business Challenge – 10<sup>th</sup> November 2015** - On Tuesday of this week 150 year 9 boys took part in the Real Business Challenge. The RBC is designed to help students develop and demonstrate enterprise skills, and in particular to develop teamwork, problem-solving, creative thinking, leadership, financial capability, and business acumen. They had to work in teams to develop a healthy fruit juice drink and the standard was extremely high.

I had some sixth form mentors that helped out on the day including:

- Fran Keogh
- Anthony NG
- Kayleigh Rayson
- Bea Stone
- Harvey Green
- Tim Churcher
- Carl Renner
- Emma Thamba
- Blane Pearson
- Elise Prosser
- Kieran Laking-Morris

Their help was invaluable and made the day a success.

The winning team developed an exciting mango and pineapple drink called FruitBlast and will go forward to represent the school in the regional heats.

The team consisted of:

- Lewis Dye
- Matthew McCorley
- Ryan Hayes
- Bilal Hussain
- Jake White
- Rosh John
- Ruben Curtis

We keep our fingers crossed that they are successful in getting to the regional finals. Good luck and congratulations.

Mrs Lindsay



Mr Philpott, our minibus driver, has this week organised a mini Remembrance Day competition for those pupils that take the bus into school. We have been very impressed with the quality of the entries and congratulate all the boys who submitted them. Mr Philpott will be announcing the winner on the way to / from school next week.

- Archie Bagnall
- Harry Matheron
- Elijah Clancey
- Omatade Atobatele
- Harry & Jack Macal



### Year 10 science controlled assessment ISA -18<sup>th</sup>

**November 2015** - All pupils involved in this should make good use of the resources in section **13** of the “year 10 and 11 science” VLE page. Please make sure that your son has a good grasp of the language he has to learn. There are specific resources available for paper 1 and 2 so ensure he makes good use of them all.

**Year 11 science controlled assessment ISA - 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2015** - All pupils involved in this should make good use of the resources contained within the following sections of the “year 10 and 11 science” VLE page.

- Single science pupils - section 13
- Additional science pupils (11s1-11s4) - section 14
- Triple (separate science pupils) - section 15

Please make sure that your son has a good grasp of the language he has to learn. There are specific resources available for paper 1 and 2 so ensure he makes good use of them all.

Year 11 triple science pupils will have their Chemistry ISA on the 14<sup>th</sup> December and their Physics ISA on the 15<sup>th</sup> December. Mr S Clunn, Head of Science



**Spanish Club** is held on Wednesday at lunchtime with Mrs Terry in MFL2.. All KS3 and Year 10 students of Spanish are welcome for songs, videos, practice and support in Spanish. ¡Hasta entonces!



**Instrumental Lessons** - Payment for existing students receiving instrumental lessons is due by 15<sup>th</sup> December. If anyone is interested in starting lessons after Christmas please see Mr Riches as soon as possible for more information.

**National Cross Country News** - Please click on the following link for news on our National Cross County Success [National Cross County Success](#)

## SPORT FIXTURES

DATE	FIXTURE	TIME
16/11/2015	Year 7 Basketball v Shoebury (HOME)	4pm
17/11/2015	Year 7 Rugby v Shoebury (HOME) Year 7 Cricket Trials	3pm 3:30 – 5pm
18/11/2015	1st XI Football v Clacton (HOME) Year 8 & 9 Athletics @ Lee Valley	2pm 1pm
19/11/2015	No fixtures	
20/11/2015	INSET DAY	

All welcome to come along to our

# Christmas Craft and Vintage Fayre

Free Entry  
&  
Free Parking

On Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November 11am-3pm

St Thomas More High School

Kenilworth Gardens,

Westcliff-On-Sea, Essex SSO OBW

80 stalls offering handmade crafts and  
unique Christmas gifts including;  
jewellery, toiletries, tree decorations,  
vintage clothing, chutneys and jams and  
many more.....

Traditional vintage tea room plus other  
refreshments and a seated café area.

Singing and live music by St Thomas  
More boys!

