



CONTACT

No. 1427 – Friday 18th May 2018



Dear Parents and Pupils,

Examinations have started in earnest this week and I would ask that you continue to hold all our students in your prayers at this time of industry and hard work. Lessons for Year 11 and 13 are continuing, so that we can provide support and guidance and ensure students are making the most of their time for revision. Study leave is available on written request and granted after half term to those Year 11 students who have completed all their assignments and are on track with their revision programme. I also ask for the support of all our students during this time of public examinations, by being respectfully quiet around the corridors, especially as they too are preparing for their own end of year exams. We hold you all in our thoughts and prayers at this time.

Building Works – Next week we will see the work on our new building to the rear of the school finally begin. You are able to follow progress of the work by clicking on the link below to the camera that overlooks the site. http://www.siteeyelive.com/monitor/davis_st_thomas/camputerc158.jpg

The internal refurbishments to areas of the school are also beginning with room changes over the next few weeks and I thank staff and students in anticipation for their patience and co-operation during this time.

Year 13 Valedictory Mass – A reminder that the Year 13 Leavers' Mass will take place in the Assembly Hall at 09:10am on Thursday 24th May. The Mass represents, for most, the end of a seven-year relationship between the school and the families. I do hope that you will be able to join us at this celebration. A reminder that there is no parking on the school site.

Primary School Visits – Our round of Year 5 primary school visits to prepare the boys for open evening continues next week. This week, Mr Harding and Mrs Saunders and some of our pupils visited Our Lady of Ransom and St Helen's primary schools. These visits are a great opportunity for parents to ask questions about St Thomas More High School. Please see time and date of visits to Catholic feeder schools, below. More details about visits to some of our other local and further afield schools to follow.

School	Date	Time
St George's	Monday 4 th June	3.30pm
St Teresa's	Monday 18 th June	3.30pm
St Joseph's	Tuesday 19 th June	3.30pm
Sacred Heart	Wednesday 20 th June	3.30pm
Holy Family	Tuesday 21 st June	3.30pm
OLOL	Monday 25 th June	3pm

Weekly Prayer

Lord God, you are very near to me every day.

Help me to tell others about your love

*and to put your love into practice by helping others,
especially those in great need.*

Help me to do this by linking up with those who are trying to do the same.

AMEN

Weekly Mass - This Thursday's celebration of Mass was offered for all those students who will soon be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in their parishes. We were pleased to welcome Father Graham Smith who celebrated Mass and our Confirmandi who led us in prayer and proclaimed the readings. Each student was given a blessed prayer card and joined staff for a shared lunch afterwards in the Headteacher's Garden. Please continue to keep our students in prayer as they prepare for this important step in their lives of faith.



Praying a Decade of the Rosary during May – Tuesdays and Thursdays 1.15 p.m. - A reminder that all students and staff are welcome to join us on Tuesday's and Thursday's at 1.15 p.m. outside Mrs. Ackred's office, by the statue of Our Lady, to pray a decade of the Rosary. Thank you to all students and staff who have supported this so far. Mrs Maxfield Chaplaincy Co-ordinator.

Bay of Naples 2019 - The Geography and Geology Department are running a trip to the Bay of Naples, Italy in Easter 2019 for students currently studying Geography/Geology in Years 9-12. The Bay of Naples is one of the most popular destinations for Geography and Geology school trips, as well as one of Italy's most popular tourist destinations, and is renowned for its stunning coastal landscapes, food and culture, and of course its tectonic hazards. During the trip, students will participate in some once in a lifetimes experiences, including trekking up Mount Vesuvius, visiting Pompeii and making pizza in the region it was invented in. However, places are limited to 30 students. If you would like to register your son/daughter's interest in the trip, please refer to the letter sent out by email and complete the reply slip by Thursday 24th May. Alternatively, hard copies of the letter can be collected from Miss Main in G1. Miss Main.



Friends of St Thomas More - World Cup fever has hit STM, we don't want our football fans to miss the games, so you can see our exciting plans for the World Cup at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/FOSTMHS/> Come and join our page to keep up to date with how they can watch the 4pm games. Sarah Burns, Friends of St Thomas More Chair

English Department News – Y7/Y8 English Booster Class in RE4, 3.30pm-4.30pm every Monday
 English Drop-In Surgery in BS3, every Monday and Tuesday breaktime
 Y7 Read For Good Readathon starts on Monday. Please make sure that your sons in Year Seven have set their targets and filled up their sponsor cards! If any pupils need replacements please see Mr Robinson or Mrs Kadwill for new sponsorship cards
 Mrs Kadwill and Mr Robinson



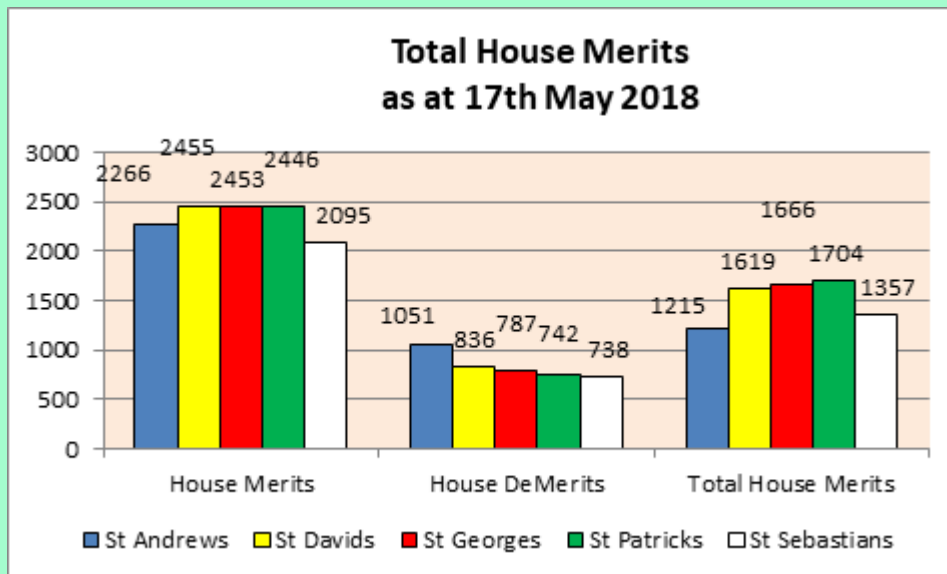
Spanish Club - All KS3 pupils welcome!
 Wednesday 13.40-14.05 Spanish Club Mrs Terry and Mrs Foster
 Spanish Club will have fun videos. Come and

enjoy Spanish more!
 ¡Hasta luego! Also, would you like to practise your Spanish in a friendly and relaxed way? Come & join Señora Terry and Mari-Carmen in MFL2 first half of lunch on Wednesday.

Practise your Spanish – Writing and Speaking skills
 Years 9, 10 & 11
 Do you need help with some grammatical structures?
 Come & join Señora Williams in MFL1 after school on Monday.
 ¡Nos vemos!



House News!



SPORTS NEWS

81
CM
FUT



Alfie Williams

80 PAC	85 DRI
88 SHO	57 DEF
75 PAS	80 PHY

PE Students of the Week - We have two winners to report on this week. Afam Ijeh of Year 10 is one of our most talented sportsmen and could have won the award numerous times before. He is recognised this week for his fantastic achievements in the first round of the National Athletics competition, where his 300m and triple jump made him our highest points scorer. Alfie Williams is an all-round superstar who also competed in the athletics and did very well but also filled in at the last minute to make his cricketing debut in our match this week against KEGS. Alfie is also one of the hardest working PE GCSE students in Year 9. Well done to both!

91
CB
FUT



Afam Ijeh

94 PAC	77 DRI
81 SHO	76 DEF
84 PAS	82 PHY

U14 Cricket v KEGS - A tough opposition and tough conditions did for the U14 cricket team this week. Already missing a couple of players due to their club match and with star player Mahendra carrying an injury, we hoped to bowl first but lost the toss and were put in to bat. A bright start was followed by some poor shots leading to a flurry of wickets that halted any momentum we had. When Mahendra had to retire following a heavy fall after clashing with a team mate, it was always going to be a struggle to post a competitive score. Johnson batted very well to score 20 not out with Williams doing well on his debut to face a few balls at the end. Chasing just 74, KEGS were one down after the first ball, with Dalley taking a good catch off the bowling of Patel. There were a few more opportunities to take wickets before KEGS managed to chase down their target with a few overs to spare.

Year 7 Athletics @ Woodlands -On Tuesday, around 20 of our year 7s travelled to Woodlands School for their first athletics meet, putting into practice some of the hard work they have put in during recent athletics lessons and extra-

curricular clubs. There was some stand out performances; Fortune A winning the 100m and 3rd in high jump, Sam A winning the 200m, Fraser L-M throwing a PB in javelin and William E running an excellent 800m time to name a few. Well done to every boy involved. Borough finals are at the beginning of June so keep training and improving your PBs!

Athletics Clubs – Garons and BSV - On this note, if any boys across all year groups are interested in joining an athletics club outside of school, the PE department has links with Southend & Basildon Athletics Clubs.

Please speak to Mr Binstead if you wish to join up throughout the summer and stay active now the football and rugby seasons are finished!

SPORTS FIXTURES

DATE	FIXTURE	TIME
21/05/2018	Year 10 House Football	3:30-5:00pm
22/05/2018	Year 7 Cricket v Shoebury Year 8 House Football Year 7/8/9/10 Tennis vs Westcliff @ WLTC	4pm 3:30-5:00pm 4pm
23/05/2018	Year 12 House Football	2:30 - 4:30pm
24/05/2018	No fixtures	
25/05/2018	No fixtures	

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. The Sports Hall will be out of use from 14th May due to Public Exams