



CONTACT

No. 1429 – Friday 8th June 2018



Dear Parents and Pupils,

Student Leadership – As the result of a rigorous appointment process, I am pleased to announce that our school student leaders for 2018/19 are **Scarlett Reeves - Head Girl and Charlie Beresford - Head Boy**. Congratulations to them both. Congratulations are also due to the 18 members of Year 12 who have been appointed to the role of Captain. Following the retreat which takes place on Monday 11th – Tuesday 12th June details will be issued of particular roles, House Captain, Chaplaincy Captain and Sports Captain.

Students in Years 7-10 are currently in the process of holding nominations and hustings for those who have put themselves forward for positions of leadership within their Form groups. We will also be in a position to announce the school council representatives early next week. Thank you to those students who submitted their video manifesto.

Building Work, update - During the half term break Davis Construction and our own Site Team worked tirelessly to get our building projects on track. Internally we are reconfiguring rooms to build additional laboratories and in the summer to place a library right at the heart of the school off the Concourse. Tom Davis from Davis Construction spoke to students at assembly this week and enthused many to think about careers in the construction industry and associated careers like architecture; civil engineering and in the field of health and safety. If any student would like to take up his offer to make a formal site visit and find out more about career paths, students should register their interest with either Ms Corr or Mrs Napper so that this can be arranged.

Early Closure on St Thomas More Day 22nd June – This week, parents should have received a letter via email informing them of the arrangements for St Thomas More Day which this year we will celebrate on Friday 22nd June. Our Commissioning Assembly for our new student leaders will take place in the morning, followed by house activities and mini-sports (PE kits will be needed if your son/daughter is taking part in the mini-sports). **Our solemn Mass is to begin at 12:30pm and will finish at approximately 1:35pm, after this time, the students will be dismissed for an early finish.**

We hope for very warm and sunny weather, in which case could you please ensure your son/daughter has a hat and sun cream. Our students, as always, are ambassadors for the school and we therefore expect the highest standards of behaviour. Should, however, behaviour in school at any time on this day give us cause for concern, we reserve the right to withdraw them from activities.

Primary School Visits – Our round of Year 5 primary school visits to prepare the boys for open evening continues. 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.

School	Date	Time
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
LOL	Monday 25 th June	3:00pm

Warm Weather Reminder – Hopefully, this term, the weather should be hot and sunny. When the weather warms up students are allowed to remove their blazers in school. However, a reminder that Shirt Sleeve Order rules do apply, as set out below:

COMING TO SCHOOL, GOING HOME FROM SCHOOL AND FOR REGISTRATION:

- Blazers must be worn, i.e. full school-uniform must be worn.

IN SCHOOL:

- Students must wear blazers to registration.
- Students must wear blazers to assembly.
- For Mass and other occasions pupils will be informed in advance whether or not blazers are to be worn
- Sensible hats may be worn on the playground at Break and Lunchtime when the weather is sunny; students are encouraged to wear sun cream if outdoors for prolonged periods such as games lessons or sporting events. Hats may not be worn in the school building.

LEAVING SCHOOL:

- Blazers must be worn on the way home, i.e. full school-uniform must be worn.
- BLAZERS MUST THEREFORE BE TAKEN HOME EACH EVENING READY FOR THE MORNING.

Weekly Prayer

Lord God, you are really present in Holy Communion.

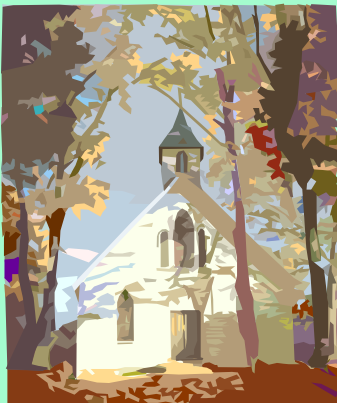
Help me to know, understand and appreciate this more.

*Help me to open my heart to your love, forgiveness and saving power
and to appreciate the way Holy Communion unites me with the universal Church.*

AMEN

Weekly Mass – Form 9P will gather together in the Chapel today to celebrate their Form Mass at lunchtime. We thank Father Basil Pearson, who celebrated this Mass with them. My thanks to all the students who led us in prayer and proclaimed the readings.

Our Lady of Lourdes & St Joseph Church Leigh-on-sea welcome you to their Flower



Festival on Saturday 16th June 11am – 5pm

Refreshments available in the Parish Centre 11.30 –

4.30 - Our School have been asked to take part in this

Festival by decorating the windowsill of the stained glass

window dedicated to St. Thomas More & St. John

Fisher. I have been into all the Year 7 Forms to ask

students to bring in a flower of their house colour. St.

Andrew's – Blue, St. David's – Yellow, St. George's –

Red, St. Patrick's – Green and St. Sebastian's –

White. Please don't go to any great expense but one

idea is for each student to give 30p each to their Form Tutor so that we can purchase

flowers on their behalf. Flowers need to be brought to the Chapel on the morning of

Thursday 14th June or Friday 15th June. If any parent/career would like to donate some greenery to intertwine with the flowers, I would be extremely grateful. Students are welcome to come and talk to me in the Chapel if they need any further information. Please check what their Form has decided to do – either monetary donation towards flowers or bringing in a flower themselves. I will put a picture of the display in Contact for 22 June 2018 so you can see how the display turned out. Thank you in advance for your support. Mrs Maxfield, Chaplaincy Co-ordinator.



Holyday of Obligation - The feast of St. Peter and St. Paul is on Friday 29th June. We know that many students will be attending Mass with their families but for those students who are unable to attend in their parishes, there will be Mass held in school during the lunch hour which is open to all. Could students please ask their Form Tutor to email Mrs Maxfield, if they wish to attend this Mass. Mrs Maxfield, Chaplaincy Co-ordinator.

Hay Fever – Our reception staff will not give hayfever medication to students. If your son or daughter suffers with hayfever, can you please ensure that they either take medication before coming in to school in the morning, or bring their medication in to school with them and leave it at reception for safekeeping.



Friends of St Thomas More - Last reminder! Don't miss the opening World Cup game traveling home from school on Thursday. Stay and watch with your friends. Entrance includes a drink, snacks on sale. £1 book in advance via Gateway or £1.50 on the door. Read more at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/FOSTMHS/>

Gold D of E Award - We were very pleased to hear the news this week that four of our former Sixth form students, John Raji, Alex Sinclair, John Earl-Sodhi and Anthony Adesanwo received their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award from Sophie, Countess of Wessex, at Buckingham Palace on Thursday 17th May 2018. All of the recipients also met and listened to a motivational speech by Team GB Hockey Gold medallist Christa Cullen. This award is the culmination of a number of years of hard work and dedication in completing the physical, skills, volunteering, residential and the gold expedition, which was undertaken in Snowdonia in July 2016. A big congratulations to all four of the students and I am sure they would



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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.

English Revision Sessions - The English team at St Thomas More are running extra sessions for all KS3 – Y7 and Y8 - students. Sessions take place in RE4 after school every Monday in RE4 and run until approximately 4.30pm. Please encourage your son to take advantage of this opportunity. The next session will be on Monday 11 June 2018.

We would also like to make you aware of the English Drop-In Surgery that runs in BS3 every Monday and Tuesday breaktime. If your son has any concerns or worries about anything to do with English they can just pop in and see a specialist English teacher who will gladly offer assistance. Mr Robinson and Mrs Kadwill.

Friends of St Thomas More – A reminded to parents that there is to be a meeting at the school on Tuesday 12th June at 6:30pm All welcome.

Science Assessments – Years 7, 8 and 9

20th June

Lesson 2: 7B end of year exam – 50mins each:

- 7b1 Mr Breen
- 7b2 Mr Marshall

Lesson 3: 7A and 8A end of year exams – 50mins each:

- 7a1 Mr Marshall 7a2 Mr Breen 7a3 Mrs Jones
- 8a1 Mrs Collard 8a2 Mr Jones 8a3 Mrs Summers

Lesson 4: 8B end of year exams – 50mins each

- 8b1 Mrs Jones 8b2 Mrs Collard

25th June

Lesson 1:

- 9 Triple Chem 2 C1 paper - 50mins each Mr Clunn
- 9s1 B1 paper – 50mins Miss Pierce
- 9s2 Miss Dibbens
- 9s3 Mr Jones
- 9s4a Mr Harding (Mr Katadi)
- 9s4b Mrs Collard

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- 9s1 C1 paper – 50mins Miss Pierce
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26th June

Lesson 3:

- 9 Triple Bio 1 B1 paper – 50mins each Mrs Jones

28th June

Lesson 1:

- 9 Triple Chem 1 C1 paper – 50mins each Mr Clunn
- 9 Triple Bio 2 B1 paper – 50mins each Mrs Collard



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!

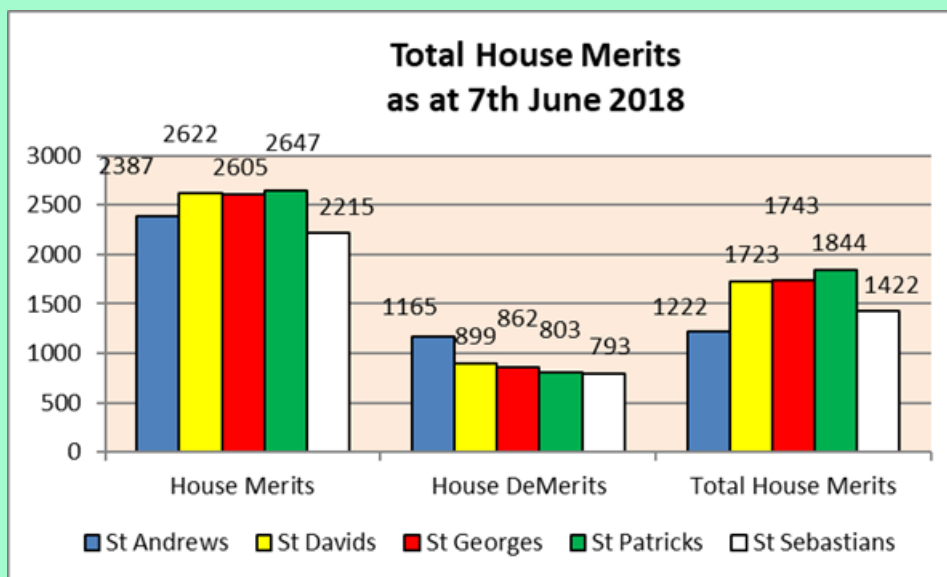
¡Hasta luego! Also, would you like to practise your Spanish in a friendly and relaxed way? Come & join

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!



SPORTS NEWS

Year 9 and 10 Tennis vs Southend – Lost 5-1 - A 5-1 loss may seem like a heavy defeat but our boys had some really tough opponents and ran them really close. Patrick Milner won our only rubber in the singles beating a very good Southend first seed 6-2. James Anderson couldn't quite find form losing his singles 6-1 as the second seed. Vinay Soares ran his opponent close losing 7-5, playing against a very good 3rd seeded player who was once nationally ranked. Dylan Whybrow filled in once again at number 4 losing 6-3 but putting up a good battle against another very steady Southend player. Milner and Anderson came close in the doubles losing 6-4, with Soares and Whybrow losing their doubles 6-1. A valiant effort by all our players. Mr Spillett

Rugby News - Some fantastic sporting news for both Calum McSweeney (7D) and Oliver Taylor (8S) this week. Calum recently trialed with over 100 other players and he has now progressed into the U13 West Ham Academy for next season. Along with some other boys at STM, Oliver trialed back in March for Essex and it has been confirmed he has been selected to play for the U14 Essex Rugby Squad. Congratulations to you both, thoroughly deserved selections.

FIXTURES

DATE	FIXTURE	TIME
11/06/2018	National Cup Round 2 Athletics @ Watford	08:30am
12/06/2018	Borough Athletics Heats @ Garons Year 7 & 8 Tennis v Brentwood @ WLTC	4:00pm 2:30pm
13/06/2018	Borough Hammer @ Eastwood	4:00pm
14/06/2018	Year 10 Cricket vs Southend (HOME) Relay practice	4:00pm 3:30pm
15/06/2018	Borough Athletics Finals @ Garons	08:30am

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