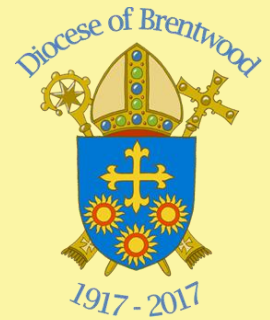


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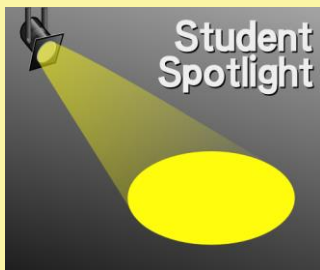


Dear Parents and Pupils,

6th Form Open Evening – An invitation to our own Year 11 students that we are holding our 6th Form Open Evening tonight between 6pm – 9pm. This is an opportunity to talk the Sixth Form students and staff about their programmes of study and life in our flourishing sixth form. We look forward to seeing many of our students here this evening and welcoming those from other schools looking for a sixth form place for next year.

Please remember that the school is closed tomorrow, Friday 23rd November 2018.

Caritas Ambassador – Year 7 and Year 8 - This initiative was launched to Year 7 & 8 in the Assembly on Tuesday 20th November 2018 which reflects our school theme of putting our faith into action, follows the launch last Sunday of the Caritas Diocese of Brentwood which is a new initiative to put Christ's love into action. Caritas shares the mission of the Catholic Church to serve the poor and promote charity and justice throughout the world. Any Year 7 or 8 student who is interested in finding out more, please come and see Mrs Maxfield in the Chapel or ask your Form Tutor to pass on your details to her via email. Please take time to look at the new website which is a great tool for people who want to be volunteers. www.caritasbrentwood.org



Musical Achievements - Congratulations to Year 9 student, Luke Bowden, who won the RL Richardson Memorial Prize for his piano performance at the Southend Music Festival 2018 last Friday. He also came second in the Piano Junior Classic (13 and under) class. Well done Luke!

Congratulations also to Elliot de Florinier 10D, for winning a Gold Medal for the Plucked Strings Category of the Southend Music Competition. Elliot set himself the target of learning 3 brand new grade 4 harp pieces in 3 months for his Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award Skill section. A well-deserved achievement for all his hard work."

Youth Awards - This weekend at the annual Youth Awards ceremony two of our Year 10 students, Paddy-Joe Blatch and Chiako Osman, jointly won the award for volunteer of the year. They were presented with the award by Stephen Gale from the Thorpe Bay Rotary Club after raising £570 for the young homeless people of Southend through Southend YMCA. They organised a sponsored sleepeazy and raised money through sponsorship for themselves and their friends by spending a night outside in cardboard boxes. They have also been involved in helping shape policy through the Southend YMCA youth board. Well done boys



Weekly Prayer

Dear Jesus,

*I have no fear of what might happen because you are always with me,
in each and every moment, only a prayer away.*

*Help me to see the signs of your presence around me: in your creation,
in the love of others and in your Church.*

AMEN

Weekly Mass – Form 10A gathered together in the Chapel to celebrate their Form Mass at lunchtime. We were pleased to welcome Father Jeff Woolnough. My thanks to the Altar Servers and all the students who led us in prayer and proclaimed the readings.

Southend Foodbank - Thank you to those students who have brought in washing-up liquid, washing powder, puddings and other items this week – these will be passed onto the Foodbank and will help those families in our community who are less fortunate. Food items and items mentioned previously, can still be brought to the Chapel office. I am planning to visit the Foodbank in the next week or so and will bring any other donations with me. All donations are gratefully received.



Christmas Dinner - We will offering a Christmas Dinner to all students on the 11th December. The cost of the dinner is £4.80 please see attached menu for details. If your Son/Daughter would like Christmas Dinner please make payment via the School Gateway before **30th November**, we are unable to accept cash or cheque payments. There is no charge to pupils who receive free school meals.

There will be a reduced break time service available to all students on the day, no other lunchtime alternatives will be available. If your son/daughter does not want a Christmas dinner please provide them with a packed lunch.

Roast Turkey

Pigs in Blankets

Brussel Sprouts or Peas and Carrots

Roast Potatoes, Stuffing

Gravy and Cranberry Sauce

Caramelised Onion, Cranberry and Brie Tartlets

Roast Potatoes

A Choice of Vegetables

Christmas Dessert with Custard Sauce

Drink

and a Christmas cracker

The cost of the meal will be £4.80. (via the School Gateway ONLY)

Also on this day, we are holding a Christmas Jumper Day for this year's chosen charities. A minimum donation of £1:50 per student, please. The usual non-uniform day rules apply: students are allowed to come to school in their ordinary clothes, rather than school uniform, provided they pay **at least £1:50** into the charity fund here at school. The money is to be paid via the School Gateway.

Y7/Y8 English Booster in E4 between 3.30pm and 4.15pm on Tuesday 27 November 2018. All Y7 and Y8 students are welcome to attend. Please see Mr Robinson or Mrs Caten for further details.

Quiz Every Thursday Lunch time (1:35-2:05) - Every Thursday there is a quiz held in H2, challenging student's general knowledge. Teams of 4 or 2 have been participating and the turnout has been excellent so far. All years are welcome and prizes will be given at the end of term! Current league standings:

Position	Thursday Quiz Autumn Season 1	Points Game 1	Points Game 2	Total
1	Honey Coated Bagy Bogers	16	15	31
2	Team Deafult	14	12	26
3	Awkward Watermelons	13	11	24
4	The Frosty Nation	10	9	19
5	HARE	15		15
6	Free V-Bucks		15	15
7	The Potterheads		14	14
8	Free Wifi	13		13
9	The Duo	12		12
10	Boi its Russia		10	10
11	Historians		8	8
12	Inquizitive		7	7

Year 7 and 8 Music Competition - Thank you to all those who entered, we had a lot of entries with some brilliant performances so judging these performances was not easy. Congratulations to our top 4 performers.

Student	Instrument	Place
Jonah Wright	Violin	1st
Dawid Wisniowski	Piano	2nd
George Sanders	Drummer	3rd
Charlie Treacher	Saxophone	4th

I look forward to hearing more outstanding performances in next terms competition. Mr Riches – Head of Music.

CAREERS



Form 8S joined me again on Wednesday to continue looking at KUDOS but unfortunately we were hit by a technical glitch and they were unable to complete their profiles. Therefore I have arranged an extra session and look forward seeing them along with Mr Tisi next Wednesday.

A Unique Opportunity for year 12 Students interested in Law - Giles Wilson solicitors and Trinity Chambers, barristers' chambers in Chelmsford are holding their annual Moot and Careers event. A moot is mock legal hearing in which a fake scenario is debated by two teams of two mooters. The winners receive the GW Annual Moot trophy and the opportunity for work experience at Giles Wilson and Trinity Chambers. They are holding a Careers event at their offices in Leigh on Sea on the 3rd December 2018, 5pm-6pm, to introduce the moot. For more information visit www.gileswilson.co.uk/moot

If you would like attend the event and meet the Solicitors and Trainees from Giles Wilson then please let me know and I can register your name. Mrs Griffiths Careers Coordinator.

New opportunities for Apprenticeships in Business and Finance

<https://careers.sjp.co.uk/vacancy/london-apprenticeship-programme-2019-370487.html> <https://www.kpmgcareers.co.uk/apprenticeships>

Spanish Club



Practise your Spanish speaking and writing skills with Señora Williams in MFL1

Club	Day	Time	Who for
Spanish Beginners	Monday	13:35-14:00	KS3 / Y7
Spanish Conversation	Tuesday	15:30-16:30	KS4 / Y9-Y11
Spanish Grammar Skills	Thursday	13:35-14:00	KS3-KS4/ Y8-Y11
Spanish Conversation	Thursday	15:30-16:30	KS4 /Y10-Y11

SPORTS NEWS

Now that the weather is getting colder, I want to remind parents and students that boys should be dressing appropriately for outdoor lessons. Boys can wear plain black bottoms and a plain black jumper/school jumper and also a plain black/school beanie hat (no other colours or styles). Simple black gloves can also be worn for football lessons but not rugby lessons. Items are available from the Pendle school shop (<https://st-thomas-more-high-school.footballkit.co.uk/kits/football-training-wear>) but there is no expectation that kit must be bought from here. Please feel free to contact me on sbass@st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk should you have any questions regarding this.

Year 8 Basketball v Shoebury (Friday 16th November) & v Chase (Tuesday 20th November)

A quick turnaround of fixtures for the year 8 basketball squad enabled the hard-working cohort to get plenty of game time within the space of a week. The game VS Shoebury was tightly contested, with both teams working incredibly hard in defence to minimise the opponents opportunities to score. Unfortunately, STM came up short by only 9 points but some fantastic performances from all players, in particular Kachi O marking Shoeburys best player for the majority of the game and doing a good job in stopping him where possible and Dylan S controlling the tempo of the game throughout to ensure the scores stayed tight. On Tuesday, a squad of 11 travelled down the road to Chase school with the intention of putting right the wrongs from Fridays game and ensuring STM came away with a W. Plenty of rotation was used throughout the match, all players getting significant minutes on the court and it is a credit to the hard work the boys have put in during training that the performance levels did not drop from the first minute. Harry W working tirelessly whilst on the court getting from baseline-baseline, Harvey C and Sam C doing some excellent work in defence to consistently intercept opposition passes and Sam A scoring points and winning rebounds throughout his game time saw STM come away with a big victory. A special mention to Rohan B as well scoring 22 points on the day! MVP Shoebury – Dylan S. MVP Chase – Daniel O.

Year 8 Football vs Chelmer Valley – Essex Cup Second Round – Lost 5-3

A long break from football due to the light in the evenings getting darker was interrupted by an early kick off against Chelmer Valley in the Essex cup. A tall and quite strong Chelmer side opened the scoring and double their lead to make it 2-0 despite early pressure from us with William Edwards narrowly missing to put us in the lead. We got the momentum back as James O'Brien finished calmly to reduce the lead to one with minutes left until half time. Unfortunately another

lapse in concentration allowed the visitors to finish the half 3-1 ahead. We took to the second half in the same whimsical manor we had played the first, showing an attacking threat but defending and keeping possession poorly. William Edwards converted a penalty to make it 3-2 after James O'Brien was taken down in the box. Shortly after, James O'Brien and Tommy Cooney had chance to level but couldn't hit the target. Chelmer kept creating too and eventually added another 2 goals with strong hold up play and finishing from their centre forward. Garren Phido added a consolation with 5 minutes to play but it was too little too late for us.

Mr Spillett



Year 7/8 and 9/10 Team Table Tennis – Essex Schools Competition

Year 7/8 Team – Harry Williams, Ethan Nunn, Ken Mercardo, John Craig Santiago

Year 9/10 Team – Josh Johnson, Lucas Stoleru, Sonny Pallett, Freddie Treacher

A really nice day out for the boys at the BATTs table tennis centre in Harlow. It was an experience that not a lot of pupils will get as playing in a specialist table tennis centre is quite rare. The year 7 and 8 competition ran as a round robin with the team with the most victories winning the regional completion and qualifying for the nationals. We won 1 of games, drew 1 and lost 2. The year 9 and 10 competition consisted 3 teams playing for the top of the table spot to

qualify for the nationals. We finished second in the county and took home the silver medals. The standard of table tennis was excellent and our boys did themselves proud. Well done to all involved, Mr Spillett

SPORT FIXTURES

DATE	FIXTURE	TIME
26/11/2018	Year 11 Basketball v Chase (AWAY)	4pm
27/11/2018	Year 10 Football v Belfairs (HOME) Year 8 Basketball v Eastwood (AWAY)	3:45pm 4pm
28/11/2018	Year 8 Rugby v Belfairs @ WRFC	4pm
29/11/2018	Year 7 Football v Chase (AWAY) Year 9 Rugby v Fitz (RHRC) Year 11 Football National Cup v Roding Valley	4pm 4pm 2pm
30/11/2018	Year 10/11 Badminton v SHSB (AWAY)	4pm

PE Extra-curricular Timetable Winter 2018

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8.00 - 8.30am	PE DEPARTMENT MEETING	Year 9 Futsal	All Years Cross Country Year 8 Football	Year 10 Futsal SNR Rugby	Year 7 & 8 Basketball
1.40 - 2.20pm	Year 7 Basketball Year 9 Rugby	Sport Scholars Fitness	Year 7 & 8 Rugby Year 9 Basketball	Year 8 Basketball	Sport Scholar Meeting Racquet Sports
3.30 - 5.00pm	Year 7 & 8 Rugby Year 10 & 11 Basketball Year 11 & VI Form Football Training	Year 9 Rugby Year 9 Basketball	Yr 10 Football - Week 1 SNR Rugby Year 7, 8 & 10 Southend Football - Astro	Year 7 & 8 Rugby Year 9 Football	Badminton Club (Wk 1 - Years 10 & 11) (Wk 2 - Years 7, 8 & 9)