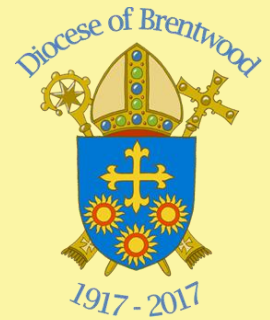


# CONTACT

No. 1452 – Friday 18th January 2019



Dear Parents and Pupils,

**Year 11 Parents' Evening** – On Thursday, we were delighted to welcome our Year 11 parents and their sons into school for the Parents' Evening. It was a pleasure to inform our parents of their sons' hard work and progress and to further discuss with them the importance of revision in preparation for the fast approaching public examinations. Thank you to parents and carers for supporting the hard working staff at this school by encouraging their sons to prepare thoroughly for all their subjects. Should you not have been able to attend and wish to receive feedback from your son's teachers, please do not hesitate to contact us via email [office@st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk)

**Year 7 Parents' Evening** – On 24<sup>th</sup> January we are holding our Year 7 Parents' Evening. This week you would have been sent a letter inviting you to attend. Your son would have received an appointment sheet allowing him to book appointments with each of his teachers. The evening provides a valuable opportunity to discuss your son's progress in his subjects and to address any concerns that you may have. We look forward to seeing you then. Mr Hardiman, Director of Learning i/c Pupil Achievement.

## *Weekly Prayer*

*Thank you God*

*for calling me to be your son or daughter and sister or brother of Jesus.*

*You are a wonderful God and you have a great plan for me and my life.*

*Help me to stick by you always.*

*AMEN*

**Weekly Mass** – Students from St. Sebastian's House gathered together in the Chapel to celebrate their Mass at lunchtime along with members of staff. 60 students turned up to represent their House from Year 7 – Year 13. We were pleased to welcome Father Jeff Woolnough. My thanks to all the students who led us in prayer, served at Mass, proclaimed the readings and supported their House.

**Year 8 Retreat** - A letter has been emailed to all parents/carers about the Year 8 Retreat. A reminder that payment is due for this retreat by Friday 8th February 2019. All students are expected to attend. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

**Chapel Timetable** - This is under review at the moment – details to follow in the next few weeks. All students are welcome to come to join staff for Morning Prayer at 11.15 a.m. for five minutes daily, or to use the Chapel for quiet prayer, reflection or to pop in and have a chat towards the end of morning break or at lunchtimes.

Mrs. Maxfield , Chaplaincy Co-ordinator.

**Work Experience Information Evening** - A reminder for Parents/Carers and Students in years 10 & 12 of the evening on **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 6pm.** Information will be given about the Work Experience process and what is involved to secure a placement. Please make every effort to attend

**Immunisations** - Year 9 immunisations for Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio and Meningitis will be taking place on the 28<sup>th</sup> January.

**Attendance** – if your child is off school unwell please can you ensure that you call the school on a daily basis so registers can be updated. Unless we have a medical note with a specific length of time off sick we do require daily contact. You can leave a message on the absence line or via the school gateway.

**Summer Exam Timetable** - The provisional summer exam timetable for Year 11 and 13 has been updated on our website. The JCQ Contingency Day has been announced as the 26th June. Should there be a national disruption, exams will be moved to this date, or any date before it. Students are legally required to be available to be in school until the 30th June; for BTEC students until the 5th July. We strongly advise that students remain available up to and including these dates.

**Donation required - Empty gift baskets/hampers** - Now the festive season is well and truly behind us you may well be sorting through some of the gifts you received. If you have empty hampers or gift baskets in a variety of sizes and designs we would like them. They are very useful when putting together raffle prizes. Just drop them into reception at school. Also if you have unwanted non-perishable gifts such as toiletries, please donate these as well for the attention of the FOSTM.

**Call for Poster/Banner making skills** – do any parents have skills at making/printing posters of large banners. If you own or work for a company that does this we would love to hear from you. Please make contact with Tracey Burke, Secretary for the FOSTM at [fostm@st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk](mailto:fostm@st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk)

**Friends of St Thomas More** – follow us on Facebook ([FOSTM Facebook page](#)), fundraise through [Easyfundraising](#)

**Library Book Request** – We are still looking for books for our Library, we are particularly looking for books that are more recent, maybe a Christmas present that you have already read? Mrs Courtney, Librarian.



### **VILLAGE GREEN YOUTH FORUM 2019 - Get involved in the Music Industry, Production & Festivals**

Metal are creating a Youth Forum that will explore and implement festival planning.

They are looking for young people aged between 12 & 18 to:

- be a part of the festival process
- work in various festival roles
- contribute to the promotion of the Festival via digital/social platforms
- contribute ideas regarding the festival, its development and design
- form a production team

Application Deadline: [Tuesday 29 January 2019](#) For more information see Mrs Griffiths/Ms Wilkes

## **CAREERS**

**Date for your Diary** - WHSB are hosting another Careers in Engineering evening on **Wednesday 13th February** between 7-9pm. They will have a number of professional, local Engineers and experts in their fields, who are speaking about their career pathways within this increasingly sought after industry sector.

The event is open to all year groups. Tickets are free but do need to be booked via TicketSource on the WHSB website in advance.

**Apprenticeship Opportunities** - The New Year brings new Apprenticeship opportunities. Here are just a few of the new applications now open. They cover a wide range of careers, from Insurance and Finance to Engineering and Digital IT. Watch the free live broadcasts on 'allaboutstem' to gain an insight into what is it like to be an Apprentice, invaluable tips on how to get through the application process and listen to current Apprentices speak about their experiences.

<http://uk.gsk.com/en-gb/careers/apprenticeships/>

<https://mailchi.mp/allaboutschooleavers/dstl-apprenticeships-unique-careers?e=f6b06477a8>

<https://www.allaboutstem.co.uk/2019/01/latest-apprenticeship-information-free-live-broadcasts-3/>

<https://www.lloyds.com/careers/apprentices>

<https://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/all>

MAYER • BROWN

Mayer Brown, one of the world's leading global law firms, will be hosting another Law Open Day on Thursday 21st February, 11am - 4pm. aimed at Year 13 students it aims to help explain the different routes you can take within a career in law at a top city law firm. Students invited to attend will be given a breakdown of what is involved, given exposure to the working environment and the

opportunity to speak to current trainees and apprentices on their Solicitor Apprenticeship Programme to find out about their experiences. The legal apprenticeship is a great alternative for those wishing to pursue a career in the legal profession, without going to University. By the end of the programme, participants will have the same level of qualification as trainee solicitors who has qualified through the traditional route. For more information visit:

<https://www.allaboutschooleavers.co.uk/jobs/job/3048947/mayer-brown-school-leaver-law-open-day-21st-february>

## 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

# STEM CLUBS

ALL STUDENTS WELCOME



- problem solving
- creativity
- critical analysis
- teamwork
- independent thinking
- initiative
- communication
- digital literacy.

STEM CLUB	Teacher	When	Where	STEM CLUB	Teacher	When	Where
Astronomy	A. Pierce	Thursday 3.45 - 4.45	Lab 2	Guardians	S. Jones	Tuesday 3.45 - 4.45	Lab 6
Programmers	J. Marshall	Tuesday 1.30 - 2.30	CR5	Pathology	J. Dibbens & E. Jones	Tuesday 3.45 - 4.45	Lab 5
Creative	A. Ackred	Thursday 1.30 - 2.30	LAB 9	<b>GREAT NEW CLUBS FOR 2019</b>			

## SPORTS NEWS

**PE Student of the Week** - Our first winner this term is Andrew McFaweya of Year 7 for helping to score the recent Year 9 basketball match. This was Andrew's first time assisting us with the scoring and he did a great job! Andrew was also one of the first boys to collect the new KS3 PE booklet and he took the opportunity to write a match report in the booklet during the game

**KS3 PE Booklets** - The new KS3 PE booklets are ready for boys in Year 7 & 8 to collect. The purpose of the booklet is to show boys that there is more to PE than actual physical activity!

There are 12 different activities for them to do – boys can choose what order you do these in. They should aim to do just one task a week. When they have completed it, they need to hand it in to any member of the PE department, wait a day or two then go and get it back.

The booklet is available for all boys across Years 7 & 8, not just top sets or those that may be thinking about studying PE as a GCSE or as a BTEC. However, if a boy is thinking about opting for PE then this is an ideal opportunity to get a head start.

As an extra incentive we will be giving out merits for those students that complete tasks – you may even make it on the coveted 'PE Student of the Week' noticeboard!

**Year 8 Rugby v SHSB** - First game of the new year proved a tough test for our year 8 squad. A slow start saw us go 2 scores down in the matter of minutes, the Christmas break perhaps showing signs of fatigue as we had only had 2 training sessions since being back to school. Some phenomenal defensive efforts from Johnny, Sam K and Philip N kept us in contention for a lot of the second half. Credit to our boys too, we had plenty of chances to get ourselves on the board but didn't quite have the raw athleticism to overcome Southend's defensive line deep in their own half. Excellent handling and offloads between forwards and backs alike, we finally thought we had scored in the corner but a last ditch tackle from the SHSB winger kept us scoreless at the end of the match. Regardless of what the score line showed, this was a great performance from the STM squad who showed some real character throughout. Training continues on Monday and Wednesdays after-school during this term. **Mr Binstead**



# SPORTS FIXTURES

DATE	FIXTURE	TIME
21/01/2019	Year 10 House Futsal Year 8 Basketball v Cecil (AWAY) Year 9 Essex Cup football v Ockendon Academy (HOME)	3:30 – 5pm 4:00pm 2:00pm
22/01/2019	Year 11 Basketball v Southend High (HOME) Year 10 Basketball v Eastwood (AWAY)	4:00pm 4:00pm
23/01/2019	Year 9 Basketball v Southend (HOME) 1st XI Football v Southend (HOME)	4:00pm 2:15pm
24/01/2019	Year 10 Basketball v Southend (AWAY) Year 11 House Futsal	4:00pm 3:30 – 5pm
25/01/2019	Year 7 Basketball v Southend (AWAY)	4:00pm

## PE Extra-curricular Timetable Spring 2018

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>8.00 - 8.30am</b>	PE DEPARTMENT MEETING	Year 9-11 Handball (SB/CB)	All Years Fitness (CB/SB) Year 7 Futsal (NS)	Year 10 Futsal (EK/SB) GCSE PE Revision (CR8 - CB)	Year 7 & 8 Basketball (CB)
<b>1.40 - 2.20pm</b>	Year 7 & 8 Cricket - Sports Hall (SB/EK) GCSE PE Revision (CR8 - CB)	Sport Scholars Fitness (CB) Year 7, 8 & 9 Table Tennis (SB)	Year 9 Basketball (GL)	Year 7 & 8 Basketball (SB/CB)	Sport Scholar Meeting (CR8 - CB) Racquet Sports (NS)
<b>3.30 - 5.00pm</b>	Year 7 & 8 Rugby (CB) Year 10 & 11 Basketball (GL)	Year 9 Basketball (GL) Year 7 A & Year 8 A Team Football Training (MH/NS/EK/CB)	Year 9 & 10 Football - Week 1 (TW/GD/GW) Year 7 & 8 Rugby (CB) Year 7, 8 & 10 Southend Football - Astro	Athletics Training (CB) Hurdles & Track - Week 1 Throws/Jumps - Week 2	Badminton Club (Week 1 - Years 10 & 11) (Week 2 - Years 7, 8 & 9) (SG/JM)

## YEAR 11 REVISION TIMETABLE

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
AM	<b>Computer Science</b> - 8.00-8.45am (CR5)	<b>KS5 Spanish</b> - 3.30-4.30 (MFL1) <b>TECH</b> - 8.00-8.30am (TEC3) <b>Computer Science</b> - 8.00-8.45am (CR5)	<b>RE (Judaism &amp; The Themes)</b> - 8.00-8.30 <b>Maths</b> - 8.30-9.05 (sets 2&3)	<b>English</b> - All levels 8.00-8.30am (E5) <b>GCSE/BTEC PE</b> - 8.00-8.30 (CR8) <b>KS4 Spanish</b> - 3.30-4.30 (MFL1)	<b>English</b> - All levels 8.00-8.30am (E1)
LUNCH	<b>English</b> - "Aiming for a level 5" 1.30-2.00pm (E3) <b>Chemistry</b> 1.35-2.05pm (LAB3) GCSE PE – 1:45 – 2:15 (CR8)	<b>Media</b> - Drop in 2.00-2.30pm (CR7) <b>Science</b> - Drop in 1.35-2.10pm (LAB 8)	<b>D&amp;T</b> 1.35-2.20pm (CR8) <b>Biology for Triple Science students</b> - 1.40-2.20pm (LA7) <b>English</b> 2.00-2.25pm (MS1) <b>Maths</b> Set 1 drop in 1:35 – 2:05 (M4)	<b>Science</b> - Drop in 1.35-2.10pm (LAB 8) <b>Geography</b> – 1:45 – 2:30 (G1)	<b>English</b> - Poetry Revision 1.30-2.00pm (TR7) <b>Maths</b> - 'Study club for all' 1.35-2.00pm (M1)
AFTER-SCHOOL	<b>English</b> - All levels 3.30-4.30pm (E5) <b>English</b> - Drop in 3.30-4.30pm (E4) <b>D&amp;T</b> 3.30-4.30 (TEC1 & TEC2) <b>ICT</b> coursework 3.30-4.30pm (CR3) <b>Maths</b> - Foundation 3.30-4.30pm (LAB7) <i>Week 1 only</i> <b>Maths</b> - Set 1 3.30-5.00pm (M2) <b>RE (Catholic Christianity)</b> - 3.30-4.15 (RE3)	<b>English</b> - Drop in 3.30-4.30pm (BS3) <b>English</b> - Levels 5-9 3.30-4.30pm (MS1) <b>Business Studies</b> 3.30-4.30pm (BS1) <b>Business Studies BTEC</b> 3.30-4.30pm (BS2) <b>Food Prep</b> 3.30-4.30pm (Food tech) <b>Maths</b> - Set 3 3.30-5.00pm (M1) <b>Maths</b> - Higher Tier 3.30-4.30pm (M6) <b>Media</b> – 3:30 – 4:30 (E5) <b>D &amp; T</b> - 3:30 – 4:30 (TEC1 & TEC2)	<b>English</b> - All levels 3.30-4.30pm (E6) <b>ICT</b> coursework 3.30-4.30pm (CR3) <b>Food Prep</b> 3.30-4.30pm (Food tech) <b>Maths</b> - Set 2 & 4 3.30-4.30pm (M5) <b>D &amp; T</b> 3:30 – 4:30 (TEC1 & TEC2)	<b>Business Studies</b> 3.30-4.30pm (BS1) <b>Science</b> 3.30-4.40pm (LAB6) <b>Maths</b> - Set 3 3.30-5.00pm (M1) <b>Spanish</b> 3.30-4.30pm (MFL1)	

**Week Beginning: 21<sup>st</sup> January**

**Music Rehearsal and Practise Room timetable**

<b>Time</b>	<b><u>Monday</u></b>	<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	<b><u>Friday</u></b>
<b>Break</b>	OPEN FOR ALL	OPEN FOR ALL	OPEN FOR ALL	Closed	OPEN FOR ALL
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Half Lunch</b>	Year 8 Priority	<i>Lit Choir</i>	Year 8 Priority	<i>Variety Show</i>	Year 8 Priority
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Half Lunch</b>	Closed	Closed	Year 8 priority	<i>Variety Show</i>	Year 8 Priority
<b>After School</b>		Music Academy	Music Academy		

**Upcoming Dates: 31<sup>st</sup> January - Year 8 Performance Evening, 15<sup>th</sup> February - House Music, 26<sup>th</sup> February – Year 11 Recording Day, 1<sup>st</sup> March – Variety Show**