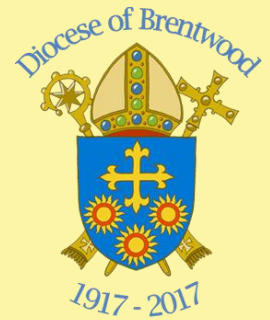


CONTACT

No. 1454 – Friday 1st February 2019



Dear Parents and Pupils,

During my assembly with Year 10 this week, we launched the Prefect application process which is now open on the VLE. We offered prayers both at assembly and our weekly mass for those students in Year 10 who will be crafting their letters of application and reflecting on their mission to live out our school motto of being 'God's Servant First'. We wish them all the best of luck and hold them in our prayers in the coming weeks. The deadline for applications is 11th February, after which all applicants will have a trial period of training after half term, before voting closes on 15th March.



During our enrichment assembly for Sixth Form on Tuesday, former student and entrepreneur, Archie Hoyi, came to speak about his business 'Student Vitals'. Archie gave a presentation explaining the concept behind his company 'Student Vitals' and its aim to produce cost effective student lifestyle packs for the University bedroom.

Archie's Power Point is available to view on the VLE by clicking [here](#) And includes details how you can contact him for more information, or alternatively direct on his website www.studentvitals.com. We wish Archie every success for the future!

Year 8 Options Information Evening Reminder - Just a reminder that our Year 8 Options Information Evening takes place on **THURSDAY 7th FEBRUARY**. A letter was sent out at the start of term outlining the format of this important evening and we hope to see all parents/carers and students there.

If you have not already done so, could you please confirm your attendance with the main office as soon as possible. We look forward to seeing all year 8 students and their families next week.



Twitter – Our new Twitter page is up and running, giving parents the opportunity to keep up to date with all the latest news and photos of events that take place daily in our school. Please follow us @stmwestcliff or click [here](#)

Weekly Prayer

Dear God,

*we are all part of your creation and you love us all,
regardless of our nationality, colour, race or religion.
You care especially for the poor and disadvantaged.*

Open my eyes to those who are in need.

Help me to know what I can do.

Amen

Weekly Mass – Students from Form 10S gathered together in the Chapel to celebrate their Mass at lunchtime along with members of staff. We were pleased to welcome Father Basil Pearson. My thanks to all the students who led us in prayer, served at Mass and proclaimed the readings.

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.

BCYS Summer Lourdes Pilgrimage – 20th – 27th July 2019 - The Brentwood Catholic Youth Service are travelling alongside the diocese, assisting the elderly and infirm on their annual pilgrimage. They also run a retreat, daily Masses and excursions for the young people, as well as experiencing the Lourdes Torchlight Procession and Blessed Sacrament Procession.

This pilgrimage is open to anyone currently in school Year 10 and above and the cost will be around £570 (tbc). Please be aware, that this event is always heavily oversubscribed and where a large number of applications are received from one school or parish, places will be allocated on a “first come, first served” basis.

For all information and the chance to apply please visit www.bcys.net/events or for any queries: email gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Southend Foodbank - Now that we are well into the New Year, the Foodbank urgently require the following items: tinned carrots; sponge puddings; cereal; porridge oats; long life juice and squash; packets of rice
Students can bring items along to the Chapel. Mrs Maxfield, Chaplaincy Co-ordinator.

KS3 English Booster Session - The KS3 English Booster Class **will not be running** on Tuesday 5 February 2019. The next session will be on Tuesday 12 February 2019. Apologies for any inconvenience that this may cause. Mr Robinson, Mrs Caten and Mrs Courtney

Year 8 Geography Trip to the Natural History Museum - Last week, you would have received a letter informing you of the upcoming Geography trip to the Natural History Museum. The trip is open to ALL Year 8 students, and especially those who are considering Geography as an Option for next year or are, as of yet, undecided. The cost of the trip is £13.50 which covers coach travel as entry into the Museum is free. If you would like your son to attend, please refer to the recent letter and make payment via School Gateway by next Friday, 8th February. Miss Main.



Word of the Week – Conclude - Monday saw the launch of the new improved Word of the Week with all students and staff being encouraged to use the word in as many of their lessons as possible. I will be sharing some of our favourite student examples in the coming weeks. Please do have a look at this week's word and support your child in using it at home. Mr Jenkins, Teaching and Learning Leader.

Lunchtime Clubs – Some of our Year 7 students keeping busy at STEM creative and Lego Technic Motor clubs during their lunch break.



Year 8 Music Performance Evening - Well done to all the year 8's that performed last night at the year 8 performance evening last night.



The music performed had been entirely rehearsed and sourced by the students themselves. 6 weeks ago they were set a task to produce a performance of a song of their choice as close to the original as possible. All of our performers showed great courage and produced brilliant performances of a wide range of pieces from Queen to 21 Pilots.

It was fantastic to see so many families enjoying our students making and performing music. Often in ways that parents had not seen before. The atmosphere from the audience was positive and encouraging which was a great role model for our students to see. Please follow us @stmwestcliff or click [here](#) for more photographs Mr Riches, Music Teacher.



For Parents/Carers of Boys in Year 8 - Letters will be going out next week with details of this year's National **Take Your Son to Work Day (TYSTWD) – Thursday 25th April 2019**. Now in its fourth year here at St Thomas More, TYSTWD gives your son the opportunity to shadow you or a friend/relative at a place of work. Further details of the day will be sent out via School Comms next week along with a consent form that will need to be completed and returned by Friday 15th March 2019.

Medical Insight Day - Southend Hospital are holding a Medical Insight day on Saturday 27th April 2019 for Students in yrs11, 12 & 13 who are looking to apply to medical school. As this is not designed as a school event, students interested must complete an Expression of Interest Form and return it via email to the Hospital. This can be found on the school website <https://www.st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk/index.php/curriculum/careers>



career ideas.

Year 10 Work Experience/KUDOS - All yr 10 forms have now had at their session on KUDOS and should be able to log in and search for ideas about Careers that may interest them based on their like and dislikes. This may help them to decide the area to choose when it comes to finding their Work Experience placement. Please encourage them to log in at home and browse the sections on Careers. They must complete their Profiles in order for KUDOS to match them with suitable



GCSE French Revision Sessions- Year 11




GCSE French revision sessions with Mr Anno that is on every Monday (week 1 and 2) and Wednesday (week 1)/Thursday (week 2) during lunchtime in BS1. Please encourage your son to attend as he is going through some valuable skill based material. Mrs Lindsay/Mr Anno.

Spanish Club






Practise your Spanish language in MFL1			
Club	Day	Time	Who for
Spanish Beginners	Monday	1.35-2.00	Y7-Y8
Spanish Grammar	Tuesday	1.35-2.00	Y9-11
Spanish Revision	Tuesday	3.30-4.30	Y13
Spanish Conversation	Wednesday	1.35-2.00	Y11-Y13
Spanish Revision	Wednesday	3.30-4.30	Y11
Spanish Grammar	Thursday	1.35-2.00	Y8-Y10
Spanish Revision	Thursday	3.30-4.30	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	GREAT NEW CLUBS FOR 2019			

Fundraise for our school with Village Green festival! - By using our unique ticketing link, each ticket you buy will generate £1 for our fundraising committee.

This offer ends with the Early Bird discount, which expires 31st May 2019.

Applicable to Adult / Teen tickets only, as Children go free!

The fundraising link is :

<https://www.skiddle.com/festivals/village-green/?skcampaign=stthomasmore>

Don't miss out on the tenth edition of Southend's best loved arts and music festival, celebrating home grown stars and international acts, with surprises and spectacles for every generation. If you'd like to get involved in the festival, or have any questions about this offer, please contact villagegreen@metalculture.com

or visit www.villagegreenfestival.com

SPORTS NEWS



PE Students of the Week

Two winners this week from Year 9 and Year 11. Efeose put in two man-of-the-match performances in Year 9 basketball this week to secure the team's place in the Borough final whilst Josh Ikem of Year 11 has impressed with his efforts and attitude to his GCSE PE lessons. Well done to both boys.



Y8 Basketball v SHSB - Moving into the final few games of the borough league season, the Y8 basketball squad took on a big challenge

against Southend High on Tuesday. A slow start from STM allowed Southend to dominate the first quarter, some sloppy passing and unforced errors from STM was very much the theme for the first 10 minutes causing us to be 7 baskets down straight away! A few substitutions in the 2nd quarter and with a bit of fight back saw us score a few baskets of our own but a well-drilled Southend team simply capitalised on every opportunity and they took a healthy lead into the half. Something needed to change for STM in the second half, and fortunately with some positive character, it did! Daniel O taking the game by the scruff and consistently driving to the basket meant he got himself 4 quick scores as well as drawing a few fouls against the opposition. Some hard work and tenacity in defence kept us with an arms distance but unfortunately the first half had taken too much of a toll on the score already. A solid performance in the end from Y8, hopefully we can start against Eastwood next week with how we finished this week! MVP – Daniel O.

Year 7 Basketball v Southend - A thrilling game ended in a very narrow defeat last Friday for this great bunch of boys. With the scores close all the way, it looked like we had done enough when we went a point up with six seconds left of the match. This is a long time in basketball and some naivety cost us as we gave away a shooting foul and missed a crucial rebound to allow Southend to sneak the win. The boys should be proud of their efforts knowing that they went toe-to-toe against a strong opposition.

Year 7 Junior NBA Basketball - On Monday we hosted Woodlands and Eastwood in the Junior NBA Basketball competition. A slow start against Eastwood let us down and although we rallied later on in the game, the gap was too big to close. We were then very complacent against Eastwood and again started poorly. The team missed too many layups and forgot about the basics, eventually going down 23-20. This year has been a great learning curve for the boys, many who are new to the sport of basketball. We are looking forward to next year and putting in some stronger performances.

SPORTS FIXTURES

DATE	FIXTURE	TIME
04/02/2019	Under 14 Essex Cup Basketball v Fitz (HOME)	4:00pm
05/02/2019	Year 11 Basketball v Cecil (HOME) Year 8 Basketball v Eastwood (AWAY)	4:00pm 4:00pm
06/02/2019	Year 7 Indoor Athletics (Lea Valley) 1st XI v Brentwood (HOME)	12:00pm 1:45pm
07/02/2019	Year 10 Basketball v Eastwood (AWAY)	4:00pm
08/02/2019	NO FIXTURES	

PE Extra-curricular Timetable Spring 2018

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

Week Beginning: 4th February

Rehearsal and Practise Room timetable

Time	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Break	OPEN FOR ALL	OPEN FOR ALL	OPEN FOR ALL	Closed	OPEN FOR ALL
1st Half Lunch	St Andrews House Music	<i>Lit Choir</i> & St David's House Music	St Georges House Music	St Patricks House Music & Variety Show	St Sebastian's House Music
2nd Half Lunch	St Andrews House Music	St David's House Music	St Georges House Music	St Patricks House Music & Variety Show	St Sebastian's House Music
After School		Music Academy Week 4	Music Academy Week 4		

Upcoming Dates: 15th February - House Music, 26th February – Year 11 Recording Day, 1st March – Variety Show