



# MORE NEWS

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## HEADTEACHER'S BULLETIN

### YEAR 9 PARENTS EVENING

There was a good turn out for the evening last week. All students in Year 9 have now been issued with the 'Courses in Year 10 + 11 Booklet' and I am sure that parents will want to discuss these matters at the Year 9 Parents Evening this week.

### HALF-TERM

On behalf of the staff I wish all students and parents a restful half-term.

### JOINT STATEMENT

We are writing to assure parents/carers of our concern about incidents that occasionally occur outside school. Sometimes these incidents have led to conflict. As a caring school, we work very closely with both the Police and our neighbouring comprehensive, Moseley Park to ensure the safety of students.

I would stress that it is very important that if any student or parent is aware of a problem that might occur, they should contact the school to speak to a senior member of staff.

Our close working relationship with Moseley Park is underlined by the fact that we are both issuing this same statement.

Sean Flynn  
Headteacher

St Thomas More Catholic School

Lorraine McCarthy  
Headteacher

Moseley Park School

*Mr S Flynn*

### Being Great for God

We are invited this week to reflect upon the call to be great for God. The readings from Sunday were about three men (Isaiah, Paul and Peter) who all became great for God yet none of them had confidence in themselves to change anything for the better.

Reading: Luke 5 : 7-11

*Simon Peter ..... fell at the knees of Jesus and said,*

*"Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man.".....*

*Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid;  
from now on you will be catching men."*

*When they brought their boats to the shore,  
they left everything and followed him.*

#### **Prayer**

Father, we stand before you, offering ourselves to you.  
Change us Lord, from selfish, into selfless people.  
Help us to bring joy, peace and love to all our friends,  
So that they too might feel the love that you want to share  
with us all.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



#### SEN OPEN DAY

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February  
(10.00 am – 2.00 pm)

#### YEAR 9 PARENTS EVENING

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February  
(appointments from 5.30 pm)

#### HALF-TERM

School closes Friday  
12<sup>th</sup> February  
School opens Monday  
22<sup>nd</sup> February

## MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

We are holding a coffee morning to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support, on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February, morning break in the Assembly Hall. Please could you help us to make this a record-breaking event by donating cakes, biscuits and/or soft drinks for us to sell on the day. Please bring donations to Mrs Perks in F46 - every little helps as we want to raise more than last year's record of £530.



*Year 11 Young Apprenticeship Group*

## ATTENDANCE

The school is in the process of testing a new system in relation to further improving our level of student attendance. This involves making telephone calls to parents where a child has been marked absent during form time/first lesson, but no message received by the School Office. As a consequence, occasionally calls may be made to the parent/guardian in error – it is not our intention to cause alarm to parents, but at the same time our prime concern is to keep our students safe. I would ask you to bear with us over the next few weeks. It would be of help if you know your child is going to be absent that you let the School Office know before 8.30 am on 01902 365389 or 01902 368798 Ext 1001 (voicemail service is available).

In the process of this exercise we have also discovered that a number of contact numbers are incorrect – if you have changed any personal details, address/telephone number etc. again please contact the School Office ASAP on the above number.

*Mr M Hicks – Head of KS3*

## **MESSAGE FROM YOUR SCHOOLS OFFICER PC CHURM**

I have had complaints from residents in Wrenbury Drive regarding parents parking their vehicles at the end of the school day. The bulk of the complaints relate to the manner of driving and the speed of your vehicles when entering the drive and completing a turn in the area provided. Whilst I fully understand the problems of parking in the area could I urge you to take care when doing so in order to prevent a possible accident

**PC Churm**



## Ink Cartridge Recycling



Within the school we have just started to recycle empty ink cartridges, toners and old mobile phones, this helps the environment by making sure that these products don't end up going to landfill which will end up taking a long time to decompose and damage the environment.

The school is working in partnership with a company called The Recycling Factory to promote recycling of these products within school while at the same time raising money for the school.

### What can you do to help?

Well to help the school out we're asking staff, students and parents to send in their empty ink cartridges and toners and hand them into Mr Virgo to send off to be recycled. The school will receive £1 for every cartridge which can be reused. The school will accept any cartridges or toners to send off for recycling and even if they can't be reused then The Recycling Factory will make sure they are broken down and recycled.

As a school we can also recycle your old mobile phones, for every mobile phone which is recycled which can be reused the school will receive £10.

For any parents who would like their employers to get involved with the scheme, then please ask your son/daughter to ask Mr Virgo for a freepost envelope. With the freepost envelope you can send your empty cartridges back directly to The Recycling Factory while still raising funds for the school as long as you use the special envelope with the schools unique barcode attached.

Thank you in advance for your support on this important matter.

*Phillip Sumner (Year 13)*  
*Deputy Head Boy*

## INDIAN FEAST THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY



Come and join us for an Indian Feast  
On the menu we have:-

Onion Bahji / Vegetable Pakora

Assorted Popadums and Pickles

Lamb Rogan Josh

Chicken Garram Massala

Vegetable Balti

Chapatti / Naan Bread

Pilau Rice

Dessert - Indian Rice Pudding (Kheer)

*Mrs A Bullock - Catering Manager*

**S.E.N OPEN DAY (Years 8 & 9)**  
**WEDNESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**  
**(10:00 – 2:00 pm)**

The Learning Support Department would like to invite you to attend the S.E.N. Open Day on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February for years 8 & 9. If your child uses any of the Learning Support services, please feel free to come along to talk to members of the department, voice any questions or concerns you may have or just come and view the department itself.  
We look forward to seeing you.

**Mrs C White - SENCO**

**ST THOMAS MORE**

Year 7 have been learning about our school patron Saint Thomas More in their RE lessons. This poem is an excellent explanation of how Saint Thomas lived as 'God's Servant First'.

Congratulations to Ben for producing such a great piece of work!



The story of St Thomas More is one that is quite great.  
He was a friend of King Henry's and knew he was a mate.  
St Thomas More became a knight granted by the king.  
But Henry sought his help in every single thing.

Henry had a problem which needed to be done,  
His wife the Queen of England would not bare him a son,  
He needed to see her gone which was a great sin  
For his eye spotted another lady who was Anne Boleyn.

So Henry went to see the Pope to ask him for a divorce  
But the Pope said no and sent him on his horse.  
Henry started pleading and the Pope said "No more,  
God will never allow this, it is against the law".

Henry didn't like this and said "How dare you question me!  
I now bestow a new law, the act of supremacy".  
Henry divorced Catherine and married Anne Boleyn,  
As Catherine left for Spain she screamed what a selfish, selfish man.

Henry made another law which said an heir should  
Be known as King everywhere for this was truly good.  
The act of succession made certainly sure  
That the Pope was not the head of the Church ever anymore.

Then Henry forced the people to swear an oath to the king,  
Thomas More saw Henry and said what an awful thing.  
Then Thomas was sent to the tower  
While Henry was in the streets spreading his power.

Thomas More's family came to visit him and sat on his bed,  
The king spoke to the family and said "Change his mind, he is dead!"  
Thomas' wife brought him some food which was so kind,  
They tried and tried and tried but could not change his mind.

The day came where Thomas was to be dead.  
All the people saw was an axe chop off Thomas' head.  
King Henry had won which made him even worse.  
We now all must remember God's servant first.

**Ben Anisuddin 7DCO**

