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HEADTEACHER'S BULLETIN

YEAR 9 AIM HIGHER EVENT (10th Nov - 7 - 8.30 pm)

This event is organized to encourage students and parents/carers to consider the options available to students ages 16, 18 and beyond.

The event is designed specifically for parents/carers as it will follow on from workshops which students will have attended.

YEAR 11 ENGLISH GCSE

Good luck to students sitting the exam on Monday 9th November (Paper 1) at 8.40 am and Monday 12th November (Paper 2) at 8.40 am.

PARENTS OPEN FORUM

This meeting takes place on Tuesday 17th November. In order to allow as many parents as possible to come to the meeting it is repeated during the day at Goals Soccer Centre 9.30 am or 5.00 pm in the School Library. All parents are welcome to come to this informal meeting. This is a chance to raise issues/ideas/thoughts with me about the school. This group meets four times a year.

Mr S Flynn

Prayer

Remembering

Thought : 'Sunset is the promise of the dawn to come' (Thoreau)

John 6:v 51: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

Prayer

Grant to us all, Lord, a strong confidence that you are Lord of the living. That nothing you have made is forgotten in your sight and in your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer Intention : For all who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



TUESDAY 10TH NOVEMBER

Evening Event – Year 9
Aim Higher
(7.00 – 8.30 pm)

WEDNESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

Remembrance Day –
2 minutes silence at
11.00 am

OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD

Congratulations to the **498** students who received an "Outstanding Student award last half term.

YEAR 7- 95, YEAR 8 - 95, YEAR 9- 97, YEAR10 -72, YEAR11-79, YEAR 12- 30, YEAR13 - 30

The following students all received **3** Awards:

Emma Cree 7ATH, Alex Nyari 7ATH, Ellie Taylor 7ATH, Rosie Harris 7NVO, Samuel Hickman 8AHE, Eva McAndrew 8AYA, Hannah Wildman 8AYA, James Jennings 8EPI, Millie Taylor 8GBO, Ruby Lewis 8HTH, Kirandeep Shoker 8HTH, Michaela Jenkins 8RGR, Michelle Carpenter 9ASE, Shannondeep Gill 9ASE, Abigail Hickman 9ASE, Navneet Kaur 9ASE, Bonnie Ryder 9ASE, Lauren Clark 9DGI, Chanette Laing 9DGI, Lauren Edwards 9LHA, Nikita Bhandal 9SBL, Maddison Green 9SST, Callum Lerigo 9SST, Jay Woffindin 10AMO, Karishma Devi 10AMO, Skye Owen 10 KBA, Gemma Beckett 10KMO, Callum Paddock 10KMO, Natalie Morris 10 RVA, Sarah Collier 11SMC, Reebekah Gamston 11KFI, Natasha Harvey 11AHA

The following students all received **4** Awards:

Trishna Patel 8HTH, Matthew Johnson 8SBO, Sharrifa Mason 8SKU, Alexia Maynard 9TJO, Gemma Worley 9TJO, Jessica Bains 11DFL

The following student both received received **5** Awards:

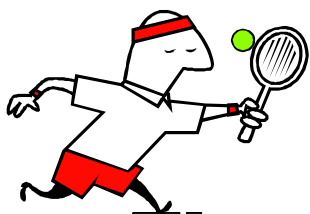
Gurpreet Singh 7JCA, Simeran Mann 9PDU

Special congratulations to Laura Avery 7SMI who received **6** Awards.

Miss A Purshouse – Head of Pastoral Care



**St Thomas More would like to wish all
Year 11 students good luck with their
GCSE English exams this week.
We look forward to your fantastic
results in January!**



More Sport!

What's Happening in the PE department Autumn Term 2009



GCSE REVISION

The GCSE Dance Visit

The GCSE Dance girls visited the Theatre seven in Shrewsbury to watch a performance by the Rambert Dance Company. The performance was watched by Amber Harris, Gemma Southall, Grace Bradshaw, Amy Smart and Briony Gough (all year 11). Whilst there, the girls attended a pre dance lecture about the dance company. They were also lucky enough to personally meet the artistic director Mark Baldwin who chatted to them and signed autographs.

Take a look at the dance board in the PE corridor to see pictures and read more information.

The PE department have had a great start to the academic year. There have been plenty of success for the school football teams as well as for individual pupils.

The year 8 football team has had a winning streak over the last few weeks. They have won all of their games and have scored a whopping 63 goals.

Are you prepared for lessons?

As it is now the winter, it is time for the tracksuit bottoms to come out of the wardrobe! Don't forget, they must be plain navy blue or black. You also need to bring your shorts to every lesson.

Don't forget your correct trainers. Plimsoles are not allowed for PE lessons as they do not provide enough grip and do not support your ankles.

Key Stage 3 Enrichment

Year 7 will be learning muscles of the body this term. Year 8 will be looking at sports injuries and year 9 will be learning about the cardiovascular system. If you want any information on these topics, ask your PE teacher or look at the enrichment boards in the PE corridor.

With only 7 months until the GCSE exams it is important that all students are revising their work. Revision classes are already held on Friday's after school and an extra date will be organised in the near future. Revision guides are available in the PE office and there are plenty of useful web sites such as BBC BITESIZE.

What's On?

Why not come and join in with activities after school? On Tuesday's, Wednesday's and Thursday's the PE department offer table tennis, volleyball, trampolining, badminton and gym club plus **extra table tennis on Mondays**. These are a great way to improve your fitness and also to learn more about these sports. On Wednesday's have a go at Boxercise and on Thursdays you can have a go on the dance mats. There are also football clubs (girls Thursday's) and boys clubs are on most nights (see your PE teacher).

Do you ride your bike to school? If the answer is yes, that's great! It means that you are getting more exercise and helping to save the planet at the same time. However, remember it is important that you wear a helmet. Think of your safety. It is also getting dark earlier at night so remember to wear reflective clothing and use your bike lights. **BE SAFE NOT SORRY!**



THE PLRS CHALLENGE!
Can you and your team make read enough books to fill the chart? Every time you finish a book, you receive a sticker for the poster. Complete the chart as fast as you can, and your team might win a Premier League prize!

THE 2008 BOOKS

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PREMIER LEAGUE READING STARS

The reading group have completed the 'Premier League Reading Stars' competition. With the help of parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles they have worked as a team and collectively read 100 books during October 2009. They will be entered into the quarterly draw to win a top prize, including Premier League Reading Stars selected books, or tickets to a Premier League match! Well Done!

READING STARS

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| Naomi Jones 9SST | Paige Falconer 9DGI |
| Ruby Lewis 8HTH | Bethanie Falconer 7DAR |
| Natalie Benson 9HWR | Mitchell Bird 8SBO |
| Rebecca Marshall 9DGI | Melissa Keyworth 8AHE |
| Emily Dace 9DGI | Abbie Onions 9LHA |
| Robyn Waldron 9DGI | Abigail Hickman 9ASE |
| | Chanette Laing 9DGI |

Mrs Simcox - Librarian

Study skills and literacy day: for year 7 students and their parents/carers.



St. Thomas More School has been lucky enough to have been offered funding for the international literacy and study skills specialist Neil Mackay to work with a limited number of year 7 students and a parent or carer for a one day training event.

This is a wonderful opportunity which it is unlikely that we will be able to repeat in future years.

Parents and students will be given training alongside each other. Students will be taught how to improve study skills, spelling and writing skills and how to learn for tests and examinations. Parents will be taught how to help their own children to improve these skills.

This 'Literacy and Study Skills' day is to take place on Saturday 21st November from 9.00 am until 2.00 pm.

As there are only 30 places available applications will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

If more than 30 families do want to take advantage of this the places will be allocated to the first 30 applications received.

Successful families will be informed and will receive further details before the day.

Mrs C White

