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PARENT NEWSLETTER

27.11.2026



Welcome from Mr Rosen, Head of School

"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:16)

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has provided us with wonderful examples of our pupils and community living out our vision for every child to Succeed, Thrive and Make a Difference.

Last Friday, our school community raised an incredible £400 for Red Wednesday, supporting charities that work to help those in need. I am very grateful to our pupils, families and staff for their generosity. Acts such as these remind us that making a difference is not simply something we talk about at St Thomas More; it is something we encourage our young people to put into practice.

We also enjoyed a fantastic Musical Evening, where our GCSE Music students had the opportunity to perform and showcase their talents. It was a wonderful celebration of the confidence, commitment and creativity of our pupils, and another reminder that success at St Thomas More extends far beyond examination results.

We also received some very encouraging news this week. Initial data from Haringey indicates that the number of parents selecting St Thomas More as their first-preference school has increased compared with previous years. This is a tremendous vote of confidence from families in our local community and beyond.

I believe this reflects the growing reputation of St Thomas More as a school where children receive an excellent education, achieve exceptional outcomes and benefit from a rich range of opportunities and experiences. Most importantly, it reflects what we want for every young person who walks through our doors: the opportunity to succeed academically, thrive personally and spiritually, and develop the confidence and character to make a difference in the world around them.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for being such an important part of our school

Upcoming dates

30.11.2026
Year 11 careers guidance interviews continue
Year 11 results morning
A Level Politics conference
Year 13 parents' evening

2.12.2026
Year 8 (select students) Highgate Chrysalis Axiom Maths Circle
Year 10 Cohort 1 LVN online mentoring
School Council meeting

4.12.2026
Year 13 BTEC Media BFI trip
Year 12 (select students) Barristers Chambers trip

Attendance

In the case that your child cannot attend school, please call 020 8888 7122, and choose Option 1.

Safeguarding

Our school safeguarding team is Ms Warriner, Designated Safeguarding Lead; Ms Bona, Mrs Mouis, Mr Wood and Mr Rosen. Any concerns can be notified to parents@stthomasmoreschool.org.uk, marked FAO Safeguarding Team.

Instagram

You can follow us on Instagram @st_thomas_more_n22 to see what has been going on in and around the school each day and we now also have a dedicated Sixth Form Instagram page @stmsixthform, featuring daily posts on events, opportunities, and Sixth Form life.

PTA

The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is raising vital funds to support and expand our after-school clubs!

Can you help? 🍦
We are planning regular ice cream sales to fund these clubs and urgently need a working chest /ice cream freezer. If you or a local business can donate one, please get in touch!

Join our team! 🤝
We are always looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help us organise and run exciting PTA events. Every hour you can spare makes a huge difference to the students.

✉️ Contact: parents@stthomasmoreschool.org.uk

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Headteacher's Award



Congratulations to this week's winners of the Headteacher's CREST Awards, they are; Saskya Serrano Torres (7KL2): Caleb Tegah and Daniel Hernandez-Montoya (both 8KL2) and Sandy Marfoh and Franciel Mukundi (both 9KL2), for Effort, for completing the Lexia programme. Congratulation also to Chantelle Mahlangu (13KL1), for Service, for being an exemplary prefect who consistently goes above and beyond in every task, including her support during Black History Month activities.

Idiom of the week

Jump the gun

Meaning:

To act too soon, before the right time or before you have all the information.

Example:

Don't **jump the gun** and start writing before you have read the whole question.

Words of the week

Monday – Recompense (Noun): A present given to someone to thank them for helping you, or payment given to someone because of slight problems or because of the loss of or damage to their property.

Tuesday – Sceptical (Adjective): Doubting that someone is true or useful.

Wednesday – Prohibitively (Adverb): In a way that is too expensive or too much.

Thursday – Dovetailing (Noun & Verb): Slotting together neatly or harmoniously.

Cultural Capital: In a specific architectural context, a dovetail joint is one where two parts interlock seamlessly. (Did you know that the bird we call a dove is merely a white pigeon?).



Friday – Deluge (Noun): A very large amount of rain or water.

Thought of the week

'The Lord has done this for me,' she said. 'In these days He has shown His favour...'
(Luke 1:25)

Your Heavenly Father is a good, Father. He has plans for your good and plans to bless you. In the most unlikely time, He will show you His favour and kindness. You will also rejoice, because He has been good to you.

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Ilford Boy

On Tuesday evening, Drama students from Years 10 and 12 were generously invited by Gershwyn Eustache Jnr, a former pupil of St Thomas More, to see him in his starring role in Ilford Boy at the Donmar Warehouse.

The experience was particularly meaningful for our Year 12 students, who had met Gershwyn last year when he delivered a Performing Arts masterclass at the school as part of our Future Pathways event.

Before the performance, students were treated to a private Q&A session with Gershwyn, giving them the opportunity to ask about his career, his journey into acting and the process of becoming a professional actor. He also shared insights into the themes of the play and their personal significance to him.

A huge thank you to Gershwyn for providing our students with such a wonderful and inspiring opportunity. We are incredibly grateful for his generosity and look forward to welcoming him back to St Thomas More again soon!





Partnership with Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford



We are delighted to continue our growing partnership with Lady Margaret Hall (LMH), University of Oxford, providing our pupils with exciting opportunities to explore higher education and broaden their aspirations. This week, a group of Year 10 pupils began the LMH Wayfinder Programme, designed to help young people explore future educational pathways, build confidence and raise aspirations. Throughout the year, pupils will take part in a series of visits to Oxford, online sessions focused on higher education and future choices, and a celebration event at the university. Some pupils may also have the opportunity to receive one-to-one mentoring from a current Oxford undergraduate. As well as learning more about university life, pupils have already enjoyed spending time at LMH and meeting one of the college's most famous residents, the library cat, Isambard Kitty Brunel.



We Mean Business Workshop



Following the success of the first session, we were delighted to welcome AFK Charity back to school for a second We Mean Business workshop. Students thoroughly enjoyed developing their own business ideas, working collaboratively and thinking creatively about products, branding and entrepreneurship. The workshop provided another fantastic opportunity for students to build their confidence, communication and problem-solving skills while exploring the world of business in a fun and engaging way.

Thank you once again to AFK Charity for their continued support and for delivering such inspiring workshops. We look forward to working with the team again in the future!

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Anti-bullying week

I would like to take a moment to congratulate Franciszek Stalka (7MC1) for his fantastic contribution to Anti-Bullying Week and winning this week's poster competition.

Franciszek has shown great initiative and creativity by producing an anti-bullying booklet/poster to help raise awareness of the importance of kindness, respect and standing up against bullying.

Haringey Shed



Haringey Shed are delighted to invite you to Beyond The Mic: Shed Jam 2026.

This event is completely planned, curated & produced by their Youth Forum.

- Tuesday 1st December
- 7pm- 9pm
- Ground Floor, Haringey Irish Centre, N17 8DX

Youth Forum are their youth voice, their young decision makers and they have been working incredibly hard to produce a night full of music, singing, and dancing.

Tickets are free and can be booked here.

Jack Petchey Speak Out Assembly



This week Year 10 students took part in the Jack Petchey Speak Out Assembly Final. All of the speakers showed great courage and delivered passionate speeches about topics that were both pertinent and personal, delivering their performances to a captive audience of their peers.

It was a challenging decision for the judges but congratulations to our runner up Alessandro Ruggerio and our winner Jessica Court. Both will now go on to represent the school in the Haringey Regional Final at Alexandra Park School on the 3rd February 2027!

Machinal



On Friday, our A Level Drama students enjoyed an enriching visit to the Royal Central School of Speech and Drama. They watched a performance of Machinal, a play that is particularly significant as it forms part of the focus of their written examination.



Following the performance, students were treated to a private tour, exploring the school's facilities and gaining an insight into the opportunities available to aspiring performers. They also had the chance to meet and chat with current students, hearing first-hand about their experiences of studying at one of the UK's leading drama schools.

Alejandrina Hernandez Rosario (12BK2) reflected on the visit, saying: "It was very inspiring visiting a drama school to learn about the courses on offer and see the work of the current students. It has inspired me to want to learn more about careers and the other courses on offer at drama schools." The visit provided a valuable opportunity for students to deepen their understanding of Machinal while inspiring them to explore their future pathways in drama and the performing arts.

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GOSPEL

Week Beginning 29th November 2026:
First Sunday of Advent Year B:

Be Ready to Welcome Jesus:
First Reading: Isaiah 64:1–9: A prayer crying out for God to rend the heavens and come down, acknowledging human frailty and asking the Lord - the potter - to shape and renew his people.

Psalm: A plea for God to shine forth, restore his people, and save them.

Second Reading: Thanksgiving for grace and spiritual gifts as believers await the revealing of Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Mark 13:24–37: Jesus urges his disciples to "keep awake" and stay watchful, as no one knows the exact hour of the master's return.

TO READ MRS HENRY'S FULL GOSPEL REFLECTION, PLEASE CLICK HERE

CATHOLIC CALENDAR

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Psalm week 1
30.11.2026	**Saint Andrew, Apostle** *Feast*
1.12.2026	Tuesday of the 1st week of Advent
2.12.2026	Wednesday of the 1st week of Advent
3.12.2026	Saint Francis Xavier, Priest
4.12.2026	Friday of the 1st week of Advent or Saint John Damascene, Priest, Doctor
5.12.2026	Saturday of the 1st week of Advent

PRAYER

Dear God, on this first Sunday as we light the advent wreath, turn our hearts and minds toward your son, Jesus Christ. Fill us with hope as we remember His coming and await His return. As we light the candle of hope, we recall your faithfulness. You are a God who fulfils all promises and our hope is in your alone. Strengthen us today to live while serving you and loving others because of all that Jesus has done for us. Amen.

MOTIVATIONAL QUOTE

Advent reminds us that even in the waiting, God is at work preparing something wonderful.

If you never know failure, you will never know success. So, push harder than yesterday if you want a different tomorrow.

Timetables

Year 11	SATURDAY 28.11.2026
09:30 – 11:30	Media Studies GCSE* - Ms Dag (NF4) Health and Social Care* – Ms Pitfield (MS7) and Ms Andreas (MF5) Art and Design – Ms Sorrentino (MF4)
11:35 – 13:35	Media Studies GCSE* - Ms Dag (NF4) Health and Social Care* – Ms Pitfield (MS7) and Ms Andreas (MF5) Art and Design – Ms Sorrentino (MF4) (*select students)

Years 12 & 13	SATURDAY 28.11.2026
09:30 – 11:30	Year 12 BTEC Info Tech - Mr Ghoudelbourk (MF1) Year 12 BTEC Sport – Mr Rosen (DG1) Year 13 Economics A Level – Mr Tissot (DG1) Year 13 BTEC Sport – Mr Rosen (MG1) Year 13 Media BTEC (Opt B and C) - Ms Dag (NF4) Year 13 Health and Social Care BTEC – Ms Hanson (MF2) Year 13 Art and Design – Ms Sorrentino (MF4)
11:35 – 13:35	Year 12 BTEC Info Tech - Mr Ghoudelbourk (MF1) Year 12 Health and Social Care BTEC – Ms Hanson (MF2) Year 13 Media BTEC (Opt B and C) - Ms Dag (NF4) Year 13 Art and Design – Ms Sorrentino (MF4)

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE ENTRANCE GATES WILL BE CLOSED AT 09:35;
THERE WILL BE NO ENTRY AFTER THIS TIME.

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ENRICHMENT TIMETABLE

Clubs 2026–27

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before school 7:30 – 8:30	**Year 11 Football** · Mr Omojudi · *Astroturf*	**Athletics** · Mr Omojudi · *Sports Hall*	**Y7/8 Boys Basketball** · Mr Ameh · *Sports Hall* **Y7 Boys Football** · Mr Omojudi, Mr Melrose · *Astroturf*	**Athletics** · Mr Omojudi · *Sports Hall*	**Y7/8 Boys Basketball** · Mr Ameh · *Sports Hall* **Table Tennis (All years)** · Mr Turner · *Dance Studio* **Year 11 Football** · Mr Omojudi · *Astroturf* **GCSE Music Ensemble** · 08:00 – 08:40 · Mrs Green · *NG3* **Sixth Form Croissants and Conversations** · 08:15 – 08:45 · Ms Marques · *NF4*
Lunchtime	**A Moment for Jesus** · 13:50 start · *School Chapel* **Digital Club** · Ms Marques · *NF4* **Games Club (Years 7–11)** · Curriculum Support Dept · *NG7* **Prime Time** · Dr Enu, Mr Asante · *GF7* **Fashion Club** · Mrs Alban · *MS4* **Art Club (All years)** · Ms Sorrentino · *MF4* **Year 7 & 8 Band** · Mrs Green · *NG3* **Chess Club (All years)** · Ms Binfield-Gonzales · *EF6*	**A Moment for Jesus** · 13:50 start · *School Chapel* **Digital Club** · Ms Marques · *NF4* **Games Club (Years 7–11)** · Curriculum Support Dept · *NG7* **Prime Time** · Mr Ssemakula, Mr Gaete · *GF7* **Cultural Explorers** · Ms Carrillo-Figueroa · *MS4* **Translation Bee** · Ms Muheim · *MS2* **Art Club (All years)** · Ms Sorrentino · *MF4*	**A Moment for Jesus** · 13:50 start · *School Chapel* **Volleyball** · Mr Oteng & Ms Marinou · *Small Gym* **IntoFilm** · Ms Patseva · *NF4* **Games Club (Years 7–11)** · Curriculum Support Dept · *NG7* **Prime Time** · Mr Powell, Mr Calibasi · *GF7* **Art Club (Years 10–13)** · Ms Sorrentino · *MF4* **Health and Sociology in the News** · Ms Hanson · *MS7*	**A Moment for Jesus** · 13:50 start · *School Chapel* **Volleyball** · Mr Oteng & Ms Marinou · *Small Gym* **Digital Club** · Ms Marques · *NF4* **Business Club (Years 7–9)** · Ms Malaj · *SG3* **Games Club (Years 7–11)** · Curriculum Support Dept · *NG7* **Prime Time** · Mr Bevan · *GF7* **Gifted & Talented Maths (Years 7 & 8)** · Mrs Sowa, Mr Fernando · *GF11* **Rock Band** · Mr Collard · *NG3* **Art Club (All years)** · Ms Sorrentino · *MF4* **Language Leaders** · Ms Muheim · *MS2* **Sixth Form Bible Study** · Mrs Henry · *EG3*	**A Moment for Jesus** · 13:50 start · *School Chapel* **Digital Club** · Ms Marques · *NF4* **Games Club (Years 7–11)** · Curriculum Support Dept · *NG7* **Prime Time** · Mrs Sowa · *GF7* **Dance Club (Years 9–10 girls)** · Haringey Competition · Mr Omojudi · *Dance Studio* **KS3 Book Club** · Ms Birch · *MG3* **Art Club (Years 10–13)** · Ms Sorrentino · *MF4*
After school 15:15 – 16:15	**Netball** · Mrs Carter & Ms Birch · *Netball courts* **Y8 Boys Football** · Mr Turner · *Astroturf* **Y10 Boys Football** · Mr Nwokeji · *Astroturf* **Curriculum Support Homework Club** · until 16:30 · *NG7* **Sign Language Club (Year 12)** · Ms Pitfield · *MS7* **PREP (Years 7–13)** · until 19:00 · *See library board for rooms*	**Trampolining (All years)** · Ms Marinou · *Small Gym* **Badminton** · Miss Clifford · *Sports Hall* **Y9 Boys Football** · Mr Hadjisavva · *Astroturf* **Rugby (All years)** · Mr Baker · *Astroturf* **Curriculum Support Homework Club** · until 16:30 · *NG7* **PREP (Years 7–13)** · until 19:00 · *See library board for rooms*	**Indoor Athletics (All years)** · Mrs Carter · *Sports Hall* **Debate Mate (Years 7–9)** · Mr Frederick, Ms Isaacs · *MS4/MS5* **Curriculum Support Homework Club** · until 16:30 · *NG7* **PREP (Years 7–13)** · until 19:00 · *See library board for rooms* **Latin American Dance (Years 7–9)** · Ms Carrillo-Figueroa, Mrs Alban · *Dance Studio* **Science Club (Years 7–8)** · Ms Healy · *MG8*	**KS3 Drama Club (Years 7–9)** YOUTH CLUB · Mrs Stretton & Mrs Rosen · *NF1/2* **Debate Mate (Year 10)** · Mr Frederick, Ms Isaacs · *MS1/MS5* **Y7/8 Girls Football** YOUTH CLUB · Miss Clifford · *Astroturf* **Trampolining (All years)** YOUTH CLUB · Ms Marinou · *Small Gym* **Boys Football** YOUTH CLUB · Mr Nwokeji · *Astroturf* **Mixed Basketball (All years)** YOUTH CLUB · Mr Oteng · *Courts* **Fitness** YOUTH CLUB · Mr Nwokeji · *Fitness Suite* **Juggling** YOUTH CLUB · Ms Phillips · *Dance Studio* **Curriculum Support Homework Club** · until 16:30 · *NG7* **PREP (Years 7–13)** · until 19:00 · *See library board for rooms*	**Sixth Form Football** · Mr Omojudi, Mr Barnes · *Astroturf* **School Choir** · *Glendale Hall* **PREP (Years 7–13)** · *See library board for rooms*
Late session 16:15 – 17:15	**Sixth Form Football** · Mr Omojudi · *Astroturf* **PREP (Years 7–13)** · until 19:00 · *See library board for rooms*	**PREP (Years 7–13)** · until 19:00 · *See library board for rooms*	**PREP (Years 7–13)** · until 19:00 · *See library board for rooms*	**PREP (Years 7–13)** · until 19:00 · *See library board for rooms*	**KS4 Book Club** · Dr Jones · *GF5*



Conway House

Haringey's new children's short breaks home

We are delighted to share that **Conway House**, Haringey's new children's short breaks home, is now officially **Ofsted registered** and preparing to open its doors.

Our team is looking forward to meeting children, young people and their families over the coming weeks as we begin introductions and transition planning. We are excited to work alongside families and professionals to provide positive, enjoyable and meaningful short break experiences.

Open Door Days

We are pleased to invite you to visit Conway House, **29A Flat 5 Coombes Croft, Conway Road, London N15 3BB,** during one of our upcoming Open-Door Days:

- **Wednesday 25th November**
- **Wednesday 2nd December**
- **Thursday 3rd December**
- **Tuesday 8th December**

10am – 16:30 each day

Come and meet the team!

Come and explore our new home, and find out more about the short breaks service we will be providing.



Catherine of Aragon – Cultural Competition

Calling all KS3 students!

The **MFL** and **History** departments invite you to take part in a cultural competition organised by the **Spanish Education Office in the UK**.

Explore the fascinating life of Catherine of Aragon, the first wife of Henry VIII, and discover the historical connections between Spain and England.

Get creative! You could produce:

- A poster or piece of artwork
- A story or poem
- A comic strip
- A short film or documentary



If you need support with Spanish, please speak to your Spanish teacher.

Deadline: Wednesday 6 January 2027

Submit your work to either the History or MFL Department.

Bring history to life and showcase your creativity!

Haringey Giving Week

2nd – 9th Dec

Haringey Giving

You have the power to transform lives!

Many people experiencing inequality and disadvantage in our vibrant borough are unable to release their potential and live fulfilled lives.

Make twice the difference

Your support enables people to move forward and overcome challenges. The funds you raise or give will be matched by our partners, while funds last!

Get involved

Donate

Make a real difference and release local potential

GIVE HERE

Help raise funds

It's free and takes minutes. Have fun and rise to the challenge!

GET STARTED

Be a partner

Give back locally in a way that suits your business needs.

GET IN TOUCH

Spread the word

Follow **@HaringeyGiving** and share posts **#HaringeyGivingWeek**

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Thank you for helping create a more equal Haringey – you're amazing! #HereForHaringey

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