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## 01 | Headteacher Article

### Looking Forward

Of all the weeks in the school year, this is the one that involves the most looking forward. It is after all the week which has the New Year 7s' Parents evening and on the Friday of this week we should have been welcoming all of next year's Year 7s into school for an induction day. It is also the week we hold an induction day for the new staff who will be joining us in September. Of course, in the current climate none of these events are going ahead as normal. They are all going ahead though, but in slightly different and more online ways, and I particularly recommend you all to look at the video that we have produced with the New Year 7s in mind and you can find it on the school website under the Year 6 to 7 transition link.

It is appropriate then that the government chose to produce their guidance on schools reopening to all students in September this week. Documents leaked earlier this week seemed to suggest some outlandish and quite frankly, unworkable plans but by the time the Secretary of State for education spoke today it was a more balanced and reasonable plan that we can work with in the best interests of our pupils.

Please be reassured we shall do all in our power to keep everyone in our community safe but I am very pleased that we can look forward to schooling getting under way in September. Schooling and education are the most important things for our young people as we look forward to their futures and especially now in a country that will need young people of education and wisdom to help rebuild a country that has been rocked by recent events.

Too much looking forward is not always a good thing though and our Christian faith teaches us to live in the moment. That too is important and I hope you are enjoying good health, the sunshine and the gleeful anticipation of a summer holiday but we can now smile inwardly and know that we have many things to look forward to also.

All best wishes

Mr Walters

Headteacher



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## 02 | Other School News

# THOMAS MORE Newsletter

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## Benjamin Banneker

The Science Department at Thomas More has been showing solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement. We have asked pupils to complete a project where they research and write about a famous black scientist. So far Leah-J'Nae Johnson has completed the best project. I have included this piece of work below; I hope it inspires some more excellent work from others. Well-done Leah!

Mr Hawkins (Head of Department)



## Thomas More Virtual Sports Day Monday 6th July 2020

Whilst it is disappointing that we cannot have Sports Day at Croydon Arena this year, the PE department are excited to host a virtual sports day event this year. Students should participate in at least one event of their choice but are encouraged to participate in as many as possible.

### The events are:

- SPRINT – 10 x 5m shuttle runs
- DISTANCE – 5-minute run on the spot
- JUMP – Standing long jump
- THROW – Target throw
- HURDLES – Speed bounce

More information about each event will be sent to you via email and on SIMS inTouch.

You will be able to submit your results to an online form. The link to the online form will be e-mailed to you on the day and will also be on the Thomas More website and Social media channels.

Why not record the event you do and tag us from your social media accounts.



Instagram: [@tmcspurley](#)

Also, you can use the hashtags [#tmcs](#) [#tmcspurley](#) [#virtualsportsday](#)

For each event you participate in, you will contribute towards the overall score for your house. Additional points will be allocated for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in an event which will be split by year group with a separate competition for boys and girls.

The winning house will be announced in the next school newsletter. There will also be medals for exceptional performances that will be presented upon returning to school. Good luck!

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## 03 | Other School News

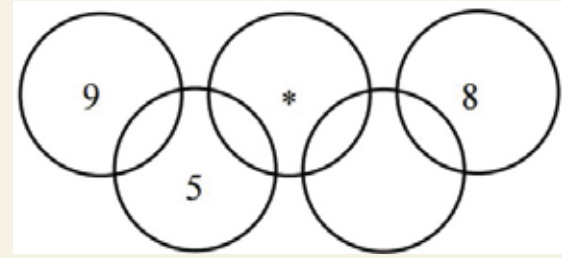
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## Maths Challenge



Seb has been challenged to place the numbers 1 to 9 inclusive in the nine regions formed by the Olympic rings so that there is exactly one number in each region and the sum of the numbers in each ring is 11. The diagram shows part of his solution. What number goes in the region marked \* ?



- This week the Maths Challenge is taken from a UKMC Past Paper

**"Well done to the 20 pupils across Years 7 and 8 who qualified for the UK Maths Challenge and took part online on Wednesday 1st July."**

Answer at the bottom of the newsletter

## Sixth Form

### Head boy and Head Girl TMCS Sixth Form

'Believe and Achieve'

Applications for Head boy, Head Girl and Prefects are well under way - interviews to take place this week and the successful candidates will be announced shortly.



## Linguist of the week

Well done on your hard work. Chocolate on your return to school!

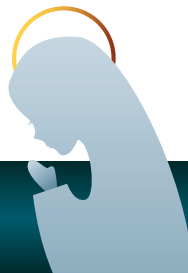
**French:** Aiyana Lemonius - Year 7

**Spanish:** Elijah Gonzalez - Year 9



## Spirituality Corner

# LAY CHAPLAIN



## Saint Thomas More

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June was the Feast day of Thomas More, the patron saint of our school. He was an English lawyer, social philosopher, author, statesman, and noted renaissance humanist, who stood for justice all his life. He was martyred for the faith, and for the rights of conscience. Thomas More went to his death for the freedom of religion, and for the rights of the individual against those of the state.

**Thomas More stood for justice, let us pray for justice in our world:**

O Lord, open my eyes that I may see the needs of others.

Open my ears that I may hear their cries;

Open my heart so that I feel their anguish.

Let me not be afraid to defend the weak, nor afraid to defend the poor.

Show me where love and hope and faith are needed, and use me to bring them to those places.

Open my eyes and my ears, that I may be able to do some work of peace for thee.

Amen.

**Answer: 6**

