



# NEWSLETTER THOMAS MORE Catholic School

## 2020

"As the pilot of a vessel is tried in the storm; as the wrestler is tried in the ring, the soldier in the battle, and the hero in adversity; so is the Christian tried in temptation."  
St. Basil the Great

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## TMCS NOTICES

### Year 8 Options Evening

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2020  
6pm

## 01 | School News

### History Department – Castle Competition

Following the success of last year, the Year 7 pupils took part in 'The Castles Exhibition' that took place in Ms. Ramirez's room before the Christmas holidays. The castles this year were very detailed and you could see all the hard work and effort that the pupils put into their pieces, some of them were fantastic. The winners of the competition were:

**Markos Karagkiaouris (1st place) - Daniel Hamzepour (2nd place) - Dervania Preston (3rd place)**

Special mentions

**PJ Marshall - Biggest castle and Ebony Mann - for making the most delicious cake in the shape of a Castle.**

Congratulations to all pupils for your effort and dedication!

### Senior UK Mathematics Challenge

Congratulations to the Year 11 and Sixth Forms pupils who took part in this national competition. The Senior Mathematical Challenge is a 90-minute, multiple-choice competition aimed at pupils across the UK.

It encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems. A special mention to the following medallists:

**Jason Zablan Y13 (Silver), Marius Elgohary Y13 (Bronze) Graham Booker Y13 (Bronze), Uddhav Venkatesh Y12 (Silver) & Klaudius Ozog Y11 (Bronze)**



### School Attendance

By Tutor Group & Year Group (Weekly)

#### Best Tutor Group

Year 7	7ASU - 96.5%
Year 8	8ACA - 97.5%
Year 9	9ALA - 97.3%
Year 10	10NHU - 99.0% ★
Year 11	11SMA - 96.4%

#### By Year Group

Year 7	- 94.7%
Year 8	- 94.9% ★
Year 9	- 93.5%
Year 10	- 93.9%
Year 11	- 94.8%

Well done to 10NHU for a near perfect attendance. Well done to Year 8 with the best year group attendance.



### Achievement Points

By Pupil & Year Group

#### By Year Group

Year 7	Markos Karagkiaouris -109, Taylah McKenzie-Arday - 98
Year 8	Vivian Neytcheva - 114, Joseph Ntshoko - 105
Year 9	Julienne Mbala - 78, Sophia Munns - 78
Year 10	Elena Leka - 71, Sahana Ravishanker - 58
Year 11	Edward Yeboah - 55, Jeremiah Abbey - 55



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**02 | Other School News**

**Department's Tough Question**  
 Challenge from the presentation shown during form time.



**How many minutes in this decade?**

**Answer**

In a year: 60 minutes x 24 hours x 365 days = 525600  
 In a leap year (2020, 2024, 2028): 60 minutes x 24 hours x 366 days = 527040

**The Scholars Programme – Y7 and Y8 Apply Now!**

For the third year, we will be running The Scholars Programme at Thomas More for pupils in Years 7 and 8.

The programme is an opportunity for students to:

- Gain the knowledge, skills and ambition to help them secure places at top universities
- Work with a world class researcher (PhD student)
- Complete an essay marked by the researcher in university grading style
- Attend two trips to two different highly selective universities

To apply, pupils must submit a personal statement to Miss Lawrance by Friday 24th January, outlining:

- Your motivation for applying
- Your passion for your favourite subject area
- Why you think you would benefit and how you will demonstrate your commitment

**The Scholars Programme – Graduation**

A big congratulation to those pupils who completed the Scholars Programme last year. The pupils completed a 1500 word essay and were invited to a Graduation Ceremony at The London School of Economics.



**Well done to Joel Amoah, Rhianna Appleby-Currie, Angelina Buckley, Saulo Beltran Sartori, Hayden Cassar, Chyna Hay, Aaron Ononuju, Yanussan Pakeerathan, Simon Soyobo and Sneha Sudeesh.**



**Chinese New Year**

On the 23rd January, the Thomas More catering team will be preparing a special themed menu for the Chinese New Year.

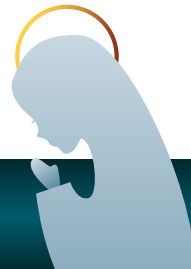
**Main Meals** - Spiced Pork Belly Ribs (Soya, Gluten), Sweet Chilli Chicken (Soya, Gluten), Beef Chow Mein (Soya, Gluten, Egg, Sesame) and Sweet and Sour Vegetables (Soya, Gluten, Egg, Sesame)

**Served With** - Jasmin Rice (-) Mini Spring Roll (Soya, Gluten, Celery) Prawn Crackers (Crustaceans, Egg)

**Desert** - Lychees Fruit Salad (-)



**Spirituality Corner**  
**LAY CHAPLAIN**



**Feast of the Epiphany**

On Sunday 5th January 2020  
 The Twelfth Night (Epiphany) marks a visit to the baby Jesus by three kings or wise men. The word 'Epiphany' comes from Greek and means to show, referring to revealing Jesus to the world.



**Prayer Club**

All are welcome on:  
 Wednesday lunchtime  
 Time: 1.15-1.45