



## TMCS NOTICES



**Stay Alert. To Stay Safe**  
Protect the NHS and save lives

## 01 | Headteacher Article

I am sure we have all known for a long time how wonderful technology is and what a difference it can make to our lives. Very few of us go through the day without referring to or relying on our mobile phone or our laptop or even our televisions. In these times of COVID19 we have come to rely on technology in all sorts of ways.

It has opened up ways of staying in touch with people. So many more people must be aware of Zoom than they were at the start of 2020. Technology has also made it possible to keep ourselves occupied as we have been trapped in our houses. Television schedules have been redesigned to allow for the times we live in, for example reshowing historic football matches to replace the fact that until this week the football season was suspended.

Of course, in the school context, it has also allowed us to supply our pupils and students with work and keep them focused on their learning. However, like all the examples above this goes some way towards plugging a gap, in this case caused by the government shutting schools, but it is not perfect. So just as Zoom is a good way of staying in touch with people, it does not substitute for the hug between children and grandparents and just as watching old matches on the television is fun it is not as thrilling as a new match or an international tournament unfolding before your eyes. In a similar way, the work we have been setting online is good, but it is not and cannot be the full experience of school.

That said, we are beginning to deal in the real thing this week as we welcome back Year 10 and 12s in socially distanced ways and in smaller numbers. We now look forward to a day when the school resounds with the sound of all pupils and students and we can be the real deal for everyone as soon as possible. Until then take care and stay safe.

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## 02 | Other School News

### Contacting our local MP

Graham Booker has been very proactive with his stance on how grades will be standardised by exam boards, as he feels it is unfair that he and other sixth forms around the UK will be judged based on the work and results of pupils before them.

Graham has already written to his local MP who has raised his concerns with the Chief Regulator at Ofqual!

In addition, Graham has written to the PM and is in the process of starting a petition!!!

### Linguist of the week

The following pupils have been awarded linguist of the Week. Well done on your hard work and dedication to your language studies. A chocolate treat will be waiting for you when we return to school!

**French: Upasana Chatterjee** - Year 9

**Spanish: Samuel Rovai** - Year 9

## Physical Education News

### School Games Mark – Recognition Award

The PE department are pleased to have been awarded the School Games Recognition Award. The Recognition Award recognises sporting achievement across Autumn and Spring terms. Well done to all students who represented Thomas More in a sporting event this year.

*"Thomas More have been given this award for competing in a vast number of competitions in Autumn and Spring Term in which their team spirit was always captivating. Every member of their teams was always involved and showed amazing support to their teammates." - Croydon School Sports Partnership*



### Croydon Schools Virtual Athletics Competition Results

In May, Thomas More pupils participated in the Croydon Schools Virtual Athletics Competition as part of their online PE lessons. Thirteen Croydon Secondary schools took part in a range of Athletics events that were adapted for pupils to take part in at home. Well done to all students who took part. A special mention to the pupils listed below who placed in the top 3.

**Carter Grant** - 1st place in Year 7 Boys Spot the Runner

**Joshua Omosebi** - 2nd place in Year 7 Boys Shot Putt

**Joshua-Jeremiah Mwangi** - 3rd place in Year 9 Boys Lockdown Long Jump and Year 9 Boys Try at Home Triple Jump

### London Youth Games 2020 – 8th June – 4th July

Thomas More pupils are invited to represent Croydon in the London Youth Games virtual competition. Three weekly challenges will be released every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 9.00am on the London Youth Games website and social media channels. Participants will then have until Friday at 12.00pm to complete the challenges and submit their scores online via the website.

<https://www.londonyouthgames.org/virtual-games/>



### Falling Origami Papers Problem

Eight origami papers fell on the floor. Work out the order in which they landed.

*Answer at the bottom of the newsletter*

**"Almost 100 Year 7 and 8 pupils took place in the UK Maths Challenge Qualifier online, well done to all those who took part!"**



## Sixth Form

### Head boy and Head Girl TMCS Sixth Form

'Believe and Achieve'

Have you got what it takes?!

If you have good communication, strong leadership skills and want to be a part of decision making, now is your time to shine. If you want to have your voice heard, then why not apply for the position of Head Boy or Head Girl?

We also need senior perfects in the Sixth Form team to support and oversee various aspects of school life such as enrichment, spirituality, mental health and the house system.

The application process is imminent so don't delay! Apply today!

**Further details from Miss Yost.**



Spirituality Corner

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## The Feast day of Corpus Christi

The Feast day of Corpus Christi was celebrated in many of our churches and live streamed to the public on Sunday. The Feast of Corpus Christi falls on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday. It is a Catholic liturgical solemnity celebrating the Real Presence of the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ in the elements of the Eucharist.

Prayer: O God, give peace to Your world. Give strength to the hearts of men, and may the Eucharist heal our divisions and unify us in the love of Christ.

God commanded the skies above,  
and opened the doors of heaven;  
he rained down on them manna to eat,  
and gave them the grain of heaven.  
Mortals ate of the bread of angels;  
he sent them food in abundance.

*Psalm 78:23-25*



**Answer: Red, Orange, Light Blue, Dark Blue, Green, Purple, Pink, Yellow**

