



# Headteacher Article

Today, Friday 19th March marks the end of our in school testing of pupils and staff. It has been a very successful enterprise and I must congratulate the pupils and students who have conducted themselves very well from the very beginning.

This has been an historic event to be a part of and I am sure some of our pupils will be telling their future relatives that when their school reopened they were tested as part of a national effort to get education back up and running. There is no doubt about it, we are living through a period which future pupils will study.

At the point of writing I am happy to report that we have had no positive tests. In one way, we might not be surprised about this as everyone is coming out of a period of lockdown with greatly reduced human interactions. Also, the rate of transmission is falling rapidly and I heard, just the other day, from the Director of Public Health for Croydon that the numbers in our local authority are also very low at the moment.

However, we have all been living through this pandemic to know that we cannot nor should we celebrate the end too early. We have seen peaks and falls before and none of us should be surprised to see them again. It may be that more testing will be rolled out in schools in the future but for the moment we are coming to the end of this round of testing.

You now have your home test kits and I hope these will continue to give many of you a greater sense of security. As ever take care and stay safe.





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# School News & Notices

## Inclusion Department

### Kooth

**“Whether you're feeling sad, anxious, or finding life hard, know that you are not alone.”**

We build a service that puts diversity and inclusion at its heart - ensuring that we remove barriers to great mental health services for all people regardless of race, age, gender, sexuality or socioeconomic situation.

<https://www.koothplc.com/>

### BBC Headroom

Over the half term the BBC have created a website and resource centred on mental health. The resources can be used by teachers and parents, and include mindful tips, podcasts for music or advice, videos and documentaries, motivational activities, and signposting for support and help.



[Google – Search “BBC Headroom”](#)



## To Care. To Learn. To Achieve

### TMI Other School News

## Computer Science & IT Rewards for Engagement

Well done to the following pupils and students in Computer Science & IT. During our last department meeting we discussed a set of pupils and students that worked exceptionally well over the lockdown period. Thank you very much for your hard work and engagement.

# Amazing!

Hilda K	7
Joshua H	7
Kevin S	7
Faith B-S	8
Shannon C	8
Clayton K	8
Aiyana L	8
Sharon C	8
Elijah G	9
Oliwia B	9
Estefania V	10
Jahid H	10
Joshua M	11
Ramanvibishan J	11
Evlyn J	11
Gowtham B	12
Karolina K	13

## March is women's history month

as part of our tutor time programme pupils will have an opportunity to reflect on the achievements of a number of significant female historical figures including:

- Noor Inayat Khan – Secret agent during WW2
- Marie Curie – Scientist
- Katherine Johnson – Mathematician (NASA)
- Mary Anning – Palaeontologist



### Extracts of pupil biographies about significant female historical figures

#### Emmeline Pankhurst and the Suffragettes by Sharon C Year 8

Emmeline Pankhurst and the Suffragettes are still inspiring today, for many women in every country who want to make a change to the way they are living.

This was a women's revolution, marching for the right to vote. The leader of the group was Emmeline Pankhurst, who saw herself as a militant general leading her troops into political battle. She was born in 1858 in Victoria, Manchester. Emmeline was just a teenager when she decided to support the cause for, votes for woman, also known as suffrage.

In the time Emmeline was growing up, woman were very much second-class citizens in Britain. They had a lot of legal disadvantages for example when a woman got married, she had to give all her property and her earnings to her husband.

On the 10th of October 1903, Emmeline set up her female only militant division of the suffrage movement, the woman's social and political union, or the WSPU.

Finally, the Suffrage fight was won in 1918, for woman over thirty with property. 10 years later, Parliament agreed equal voting rights for men and woman, aged over 21.

As a woman, I congratulate Emmeline Pankhurst for fighting for the rights of woman, to vote.

#### Wangari Maathai by Taylah M-A Year 8

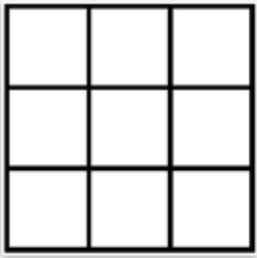
Wangari Maathai was the first African Woman to earn the Nobel Peace Prize. She was born in Nyeri, Kenya on 1st April 1940. Wangari Maathai was also the first female scholar to graduate from East or Central Africa after taking a doctorate in biology. She became a professor in Kenya.

In 1977 Wangari Maathai started the Green belt movement where she campaigned against deforestation that was threatening the agricultural population. This movement helped other African countries and contributed to the planting of over 30 million trees.

In 2004 Wangari Maathai was awarded a Nobel Peace Prize for her contribution to sustainable development, democracy and peace. Sadly she died seven years later on 25th September 2011 in Nairobi, Kenya.

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## MAGIC SQUARES



**CHALLENGE 8**

CAN YOU PUT THE DIGITS 1 TO 9 IN THE SQUARE SO THAT EVERY ROW, COLUMN AND DIAGONAL ADD UP TO 15?

Problem from Substantive Maths 2004

Adobe Spark



## Maths Challenge

Why not try this challenge? Send your answers to Miss Lawrance.

# Goodluck!

Take a look at this graphic. We think it encompasses the ethos, values and qualities we should all aspire to have at Thomas More. The emphasis is on **MORE**, and recognising we are not the complete package. In order to be the best versions of ourselves, we must develop and work on these areas everyday.

## Spirituality Corner LAY CHAPLAIN

### Online Lenten Retreat (Week 4)

Follow Me: Walking in the footsteps of Jesus through the season of Lent  
Archdiocese of Southwark retreat for Lent introduced by Archbishop John Wilson and led by the Spirituality Commission

WEEK 4: 'GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD' [JOHN 3:14-21]

Discerning: God's love is shown in the gift of the Lord Jesus to the world. What gets in the way of my trusting God's invitation to me? How does this connect with my image of God? How is God active for me within these difficulties? Introduction to the Examen.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1pujTm-T2ZA>

