



NEWSLETTER THOMAS MORE Catholic School

2019

"Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth."
Psalm 46:10-11

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TMCS NOTICES

Senior Citizens Christmas Party

Friday 6th Dec 2019

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Year 7 Parents' Evening

A big thank you to all of the parents that attended the Year 7 parents' evening. Starting secondary school can sometimes be a daunting transition, but we feel that the Year 7 pupils have settled into the school very well. We hope you enjoyed the conversations and discussions regarding progress and targets with all the subject teachers.



Mr N Walters (Headteacher)

Design Ventura 2019

During PSHCE day some of Thomas More's students participated in a Design Ventura and enterprise workshop hosted by the Design Museum. Good luck to Evlyn Jenard Stephen in year 10 representing the school in the Design Ventura 2019 competition.



Photography by: Richard Heald, Design Museum



School Attendance

By Tutor Group & Year Group

Best Tutor Group

Year 7	7CFO - 95.7%
Year 8	8MRA - 99.1% ★
Year 9	9VBU - 95.0%
Year 10	10CPR - 96.9%
Year 11	11SMA - 97.9%

By Year Group

Year 7	- 95.3% ★
Year 8	- 92.6%
Year 9	- 91.5%
Year 10	- 94.0%
Year 11	- 94.4%

Well done to 8MRA for a near perfect attendance. Well done to Year 7 with the best year group attendance.



Achievement Points

By Pupil & Year Group

By Year Group

Year 7	Taylah McKenzie-Arday - 66, George Taylor - 56
Year 8	★ Vivian Neytcheva - 83, Haddia Abass - 79
Year 9	Sophia Munns - 62, Julienne Mbala - 57
Year 10	Elena Leka - 52, Sahana Ravishanker - 43
Year 11	Edward Yeboah - 51, Jeremiah Abbey - 48



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



In which of the four examples is the shaded area greatest?



What reasoning has got you to your answer?

The areas were all the same!

With n circles the area is $n(\pi r^2/n)$ which can again be simplified to πr^2 . Therefore the answer is that the shaded area is the same in each picture.



Tips for reading with children of any age

Set aside some time

Find somewhere quiet without any distractions - turn off the TV/radio/computer/mobile phone.

Ask your child to choose a book

Sharing books they have chosen shows you care what they think and that their opinion matters. This means they are more likely to engage with the book.

Sit close together

Encourage your child to hold the book themselves and/or turn the pages. Read the first few pages to your child to help get them interested in the story, then get them to read a page. If they are struggling, take it in turns until their confidence increases. This ensures they keep the flow of the story so they don't get bored because they are finding the reading difficult.

Point to the pictures

If there are illustrations, relate them to something your child knows. Ask them to describe the characters or situation or what will happen next. Encourage them to tell you the story by looking at the pictures.

Encourage your child to talk about the book

Talking about the characters and their dilemmas helps children understand relationships and is an excellent way for you to get to know each other or discuss difficult issues. Give your child plenty of time to respond. Ask them what will happen next, how a character might be feeling or how the book makes them feel.

And lastly, above all - make it fun!

It doesn't matter how you read with a child, as long as you both enjoy the time together. Don't be afraid to use funny voices - children love this!

Spirituality Corner

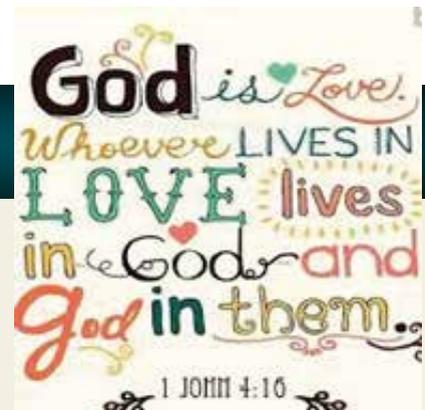
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Prayer for the week

God our Father, please help us all to treat each other fairly as we would like to be treated, so we can start to reflect a little bit of God's kingdom here on earth. God of heaven and earth, in this life and the next you are with us. Thank you for protecting us and guiding us as we journey towards you.

Amen.



Prayer Club

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