



Christmas Fayre – Thank You

A massive thank you to everyone that came and supported our first Winter Fayre. It was a very successful occasion which was well-attended and proved very enjoyable. We raised **£870** on Friday, which is amazing. Please remember to buy raffle tickets so we can reach £1000 by Christmas.

Special thanks go to the Year 13 leaders who worked so hard on the day, and particularly in clearing up afterwards. Thank you too to the other students and staff who helped to ensure that this event was a success.



2ND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

Celebration Assemblies

As we are coming towards the end of term we will be starting our Celebration Assemblies next week, beginning with Sixth Form on Tuesday. This will be followed by the houses on their usual assembly days.

Year 11 Results Day

This is on Tuesday morning: students should go straight to the Atrium to collect their results. This is to give you experience of how it will be in August with the real results. We have brought it forward this year; your Parents Evening is on Tuesday 8 January at 4.30pm.

Reconciliation

On Monday next we have our Advent Reconciliation Services at the start of the day. During periods 2 and 3 priests will be available for the sacrament of reconciliation. Students who are not able to receive the sacrament but who would like to talk to a priest are welcome to do so. This year we will have four priests here so we hope that we will be able to accommodate all the students that morning.

House Cup Competition

As we head into the last full week of term, the current situation is:

Beverley	2300
Cambridge	2143
Westminster	2092
Rochester	1990



Carol Service

Our annual Carol Service with St Thomas More and Sacred Heart primary schools is next Thursday evening, 13 December, at 6pm. Please come and join us as we continue the countdown to Christmas. Refreshments and mince pies will be served afterwards.



Head Boy/Girl Elections

This week in assemblies students have heard from the eight candidates. Next Friday they will be able to vote for their preferred candidates so we will know the new Head Boy, Head Girl and their deputies by the end of term.

The candidates this year are:

Devshi Karavadra	Rimante Astrauskaite
Chiko Manuel	Vanesa Kandracova
Gamu Mararike	Nicole Portugal
Sami Mohammed	Amber Sultan

Thank you to these students for offering to serve the school in this way. Good luck next week!

Sean Hayes



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'A year of reading ... a lifetime of memories.'

Year 11 – The 5 Ps – Planning

On Tuesday, 11 December Year 11 will be receiving an envelope with their results from the recent PPEs as part of a Mock Results Day. The idea of this is to create a situation similar to **Thursday, 22 August** where they will be opening their public examination results for real. This is an important time as it gives all students a sense of the emotions they may feel that day. They will ask themselves questions, did I do enough revision? Am I on track? What more do I need to do to succeed? Is this good enough for my Post-16 option? From this moment they will need to start planning, with help from staff, what they need to do to be as successful as possible come the summer.

“A goal without a plan is just a wish” –
Antoine de Saint-Exupery

Short Story Competition

Opening sentence: *I remember the Christmas*

What genre will you choose?

Mystery Romance
Gothic Adventure
Sci-Fi FANTASY
Horror Comedy

when...

OPEN TO ALL YEARS
PRIZES TO BE WON!

DEADLINE: 13 December 3.30pm
HAND IN TO: Student Services
400-750 words
Make sure your name and form are on your story!



Maths Inspiration

On Tuesday, 14 of the best mathematicians the school has to offer, went on a trip to Cambridge University for an inspirational day with the goal of getting ideas on how maths could further their career prospects. There were three amazing talks on different fields within maths; engineering, finance and deep-theory. It would be a safe bet to say that our entire class loved the third speaker the most as the imagery that he created with relatively simple concepts blew all of our minds. We then spent a brief amount of time taking in the sights of central Cambridge before heading for home in the minibus, driven wonderfully by Miss White.

CCF

As we come to the end of the calendar year, we enter the period of promotions in cadets. This is a time where all cadets can apply to be put through the promotions process. This includes a written letter and an interview with the adult members of the CCF. Nearly a third of our large force have applied to be promoted this year and there are only a few places available, meaning only the best of the best will get there. Good luck to all of those that are currently preparing for their interviews next week. There will also be a small piece next week, about anyone looking to join the cadet force in the new year.



Student Leadership Team

Throughout the year we have tried our ultimate best in achieving the ideas that we aimed to complete. As a team, we can safely say that we didn't just talk the talk, but we walked the walk by successfully completing the majority of what we intended to achieve. For example; we gave the whole school the opportunity to make a list of food ideas that they wish to be implemented in the canteen, we promoted the effective and appropriate use of Office 365 and asked for the newsletter to be emailed to all students. We also brought in a new initiative of holding TED Talks sessions led by sixth formers who informed younger years about the different career paths there are in the world. Moreover we successfully; held two movie nights as an incentive for students, had a meeting with the school council of St Thomas More to build stronger bridges between the two schools and with the help of Mr Karia, the first Student Conference was hosted at our school. Finally, we are sure everyone will remember the Great Get Together where we fed over 400 students and promoted the unity and peace of the school community. This evidently had a positive outcome helping to build relationships between students. Overall, we would like to sincerely thank everyone who made our time in these roles a successful one from the school and house councils, heads of houses, Mr Karia, SLT and especially everyone who voted us into these roles. It has been a pleasure serving the school this year, thank you. "All for one and one for all, united we stand divided we fall."



Glenver, Vanessa, Mohammed, Yasoda

Shakespeare Schools Festival

What a stressful few months Year 10 Drama have had preparing to perform Othello at Shakespeare for Schools! We were greeted at the Key Theatre by the passionate directors of Shakespeare for Schools who welcomed us into their world of theatre and were particularly impressed by our interpretation of Othello. Following countless hours of rehearsals the entire ensemble gave it their all. Our Directors worked tirelessly to perfect the play. Daniel and Muhammad gave excellent performances and had to memorise lots of lines! Well done and thanks to everyone involved.

Elicia, Arzoo and Muhammad – Year 10

**Academic Tutoring Year 11:
10 December - 4 January**