



MORE HOUSE SCHOOL

## Newsletter

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2011

**Dear Parents,**

*I have just realised that this is the fifth time I have sat down to write the first Newsletter of a new Autumn Term since I joined the School back in January 2007. It is at such a time that it is possible to reflect that much has changed since that time, however the heart and soul of the place, and in particular the challenge of living up to the standards set by our Archetype, St Thomas More, remains the same. This year promises to be even busier, more demanding and even more rewarding than last year. Time for a deep breath!*

*Readers will be delighted to hear that Mrs Taylor has been delivered of a little boy, as yet unnamed, and thus known to the Staff as Tiny, Teeny Taylor. Mother and child are doing well. I am sure that you will also all be impressed to hear that Ms Eccles successfully completed her marathon charity bike ride from Land's End to John O'Groats.*

*New voices are to be heard in the School Office. Mrs McCarthy decided over the summer that she would not be returning from maternity leave and, sadly, Ms Hill was unable to stay with us as she had a Higher Education course starting. Mrs Barnwell is my new PA and the new voice you will hear on the telephone. Also over the summer Ms George, our Communications Assistant, was head-hunted by a City firm, so her chair is now being filled by Ms McDonald.*

### ***The New English Translation of the Roman Missal***

**T**here is much truth in the saying that we fear change, and many of us have been faced with changes which, if not substantial in the general scheme of things, are nonetheless very profound following the introduction of the New English Translation of the Roman Missal to parishes across English last Sunday. There is an ancient Latin saying: *Lex orandi, lex credendi*, which roughly translated means: the way we pray is the way we believe. In other words, the prayers we use, and in particular the prayers at Mass, should reflect accurately the truth we believe in. This is the principle underpinning the New Translation. It is precisely because we need more than what was regarded by some as a rough translation that this revision has taken place. The original Latin text was crafted not only to give praise to God but also to help the person saying the prayer to understand the mystery ~ in so far as one can understand a mystery. The hope for the New Translation is that it will add some gravitas and dignity to our celebrations and that it might cause us to pause and think more about the mystery of the Eucharist which we celebrate. No doubt there may be a few awkward and

clumsy moments during the early weeks but it is to be hoped that, in the fullness of time, this will all be absorbed into the rich Tradition of Catholic Worship.

**T**here is a very interesting and helpful video currently on the Diocesan website which examines these issues in slightly more detail and depth.

### *Our own Young Master*

**O**ver the summer one of our now Year 10s, Siobhan won one of the 21 places available on the *Saatchi Young Masters Initiative* which meant that she was able to spend much of her holidays working under the guidance of some top flight artists. The Young Masters Initiative, sponsored by the Saatchi Gallery in London, is a charitable programme designed to build self-confidence, self-esteem and self-mastery by empowering young people to trust their unique creativity and inspiration as they learn the life skills necessary to improve the quality of their lives. The programme launched August 2010. Twenty-one teens, 14 to 15 years of age, from ten different schools, discovered their unique talents and gifts as they created sculpture, studied the masters, interacted and supported each other and achieved an important personal life goal. Each student had a personal mentor coach to assist them in achieving their personal goal, which is an essential aspect of the programme. If you would like to see some of Siobhan's work on line, go to [www.youngmasters.org](http://www.youngmasters.org)

### *Paris in the springtime*

**Ms Eccles writes:**

*I hope everyone had a lovely restful summer. I just wanted to remind any Sixth Form History of Art, Art or Textiles students who wish to come on the Spring 2012 Paris Trip that permission slips and deposits need to come in as soon as possible. The last day for the return of these is set for Friday the 16th of September. Please come and find Miss Eccles if you need another copy of the letter. It will be a fantastic trip and a superb opportunity to get first hand experience of many of objects studied over the AS and A2 years. So don't leave it until the last minute, aspire to be like Édith Piaf (Non, Je ne regrette rien) and get those slips in!*

### *Going around the Houses*

**N**o Honours details this week as we are only just back into the swing of things. Good luck to Mr Heggarty as he steps into Mrs Blenkinsop's shoes as the new Head of Walsingham. Walsingham ended on something of a high last term, having pretty much swept the board through the year.

*In the weeks to come*

Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	3.30 ~ 4.30pm Senior Chamber Choir rehearsals 6.30pm ~ MHPA Committee Meeting Evening: The London Season's Queen Charlotte's Ball
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	All day: Year 8 Geography Field Trip 4 ~ 5.30pm ~ Vith Form Art Portfolio Club Year 7 & Year 8 Netball v FHS After School Sports Clubs start
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	More's Household <i>Food for thought</i> lunch 3.30 ~ 4.45pm: Tour Choir rehearsal
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	am: HPV Vaccinations talk to Year 8 4-6pm: Vith Form Art: Lfe Drawing class
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	

With best wishes for a peaceful weekend

*Robert Carlyle*

SPANISH EVENING  
TUESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER  
7.00PM



AN EVENING OF TRADITIONAL SPANISH FOOD, MUSIC, AN AUCTION, RAFFLE  
AND GREAT COMPANY

COST £15 PER PERSON  
REDUCED PRICE £10 FOR PUPILS IN YR7 AND YR8

DRINKS WILL BE ON SALE

PLEASE BRING FRIENDS AND FAMILY  
(THERE ARE LIMITED TICKETS SO PLEASE RESERVE NOW)

YOURS SINCERELY  
THE UPPER 6<sup>TH</sup>

LARISSA  
MUSIC CAPTAIN

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I WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE \_\_\_\_\_ £15 TICKETS AND \_\_\_\_\_ £10 TICKETS FOR THE SPANISH  
EVENING AND ENCLOSE A CHEQUE (PAYABLE TO MORE HOUSE SCHOOL)

PLEASE GIVE MY TICKETS TO \_\_\_\_\_ IN FORM

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