



# Thomas's Academy

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We have invested in a new online learning platform for pupils in Years' 1 – 6 to replace Maths Whizz. The new programme includes maths and spelling activities. Pupils will soon have an individual username and password to access their learning area. We hope you enjoy this new learning tool.

## Uniform

We are very proud of our uniform at Thomas's Academy. We feel that, in lots of cases, pupils behave in a more positive and collaborative way when they are in uniform. It is our uniform policy that pupils from Year 1 are in full Thomas's Academy school uniform at all times. We are a little more relaxed in the Early Years where children are still learning to dress themselves. This policy also includes PE kit. In particular, we would like pupils to be wearing the **school uniform coat** available at Sogans. We thank you for your support.

## Breakfast



We are now serving a free toasted bagel to pupils between 8.30am and 8.40am thanks to a new Hammersmith and Fulham initiative. Thank-you to Marilyn our head chef for her bagel and Mr

Franks and the monitors for serving.

## Electronic Devices (including Smart Watches)

Please ensure that pupils do not come to school with expensive equipment, as we want to avoid these items getting lost. Pupils should not have the facility to contact their parents directly through a device such a smart watch whilst at school. Mobile phones, for those pupils in Years' 5 and 6 who need them, should be stored in the school office through the day.

## February 2020

5<sup>th</sup>: Y6 to Shakespeare's Globe

7<sup>th</sup>: Y1 Outdoor Learning

7<sup>th</sup>: Young Singers to Wembley

10<sup>th</sup>: Y3,4 to Saatchi Gallery

13<sup>th</sup>: International Food Day

14<sup>th</sup>: Mayor's Cup Match

14<sup>th</sup>: Mayan Workshop for Y5/6

17<sup>th</sup>: Half-term

24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>: Humanism focus days

28<sup>th</sup>: Y6 Mental Health Workshop

## March 2020

2<sup>nd</sup>: Daffodil House to wear yellow

2<sup>nd</sup>: Y4 Art buddies

5<sup>th</sup>: World Book Day

6<sup>th</sup>: Y2 Outdoor Learning

9<sup>th</sup>: Science Week

10<sup>th</sup>: Y2 Outdoor Learning

17<sup>th</sup>: Shamrock House to wear green

24<sup>th</sup>: Y2 Outdoor Learning

26<sup>th</sup>: Year 4 Football Tournament

27<sup>th</sup>: Mayor's Cup Match

27<sup>th</sup>: Y6 parents' drop-in (Education Mental Health)

31<sup>st</sup>: Y2 Outdoor Learning

Thomas's Academy places the safeguarding of children's welfare as our very highest priority. If you have any concerns about a child's safety or welfare, inside or outside school, please contact one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads or call us on the number above.

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## Education Mental Health Practitioner

We are pleased to announce that we have an Education Mental Health Practitioner, Ellen, joining us at Thomas's Academy for one day per week to support children to understand their feelings and emotions through whole-class workshops. In addition, Ellen, who works for Hammersmith and Fulham Mind, will work with parents and carers of children with mild to moderate anxiety or challenging behaviour. To begin with, Ellen will do a series of workshops with Y6 about emotional resilience. Parents of Y6 pupils are invited for a drop-in session at 9am on 27<sup>th</sup> February.

## World Book Day

World Book Day takes place on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020**. World Book Day celebrates the joy and value of books and reading, especially for children. With this in mind, we hope to make it a special event in our school calendar. Children will have the opportunity to dress as their favourite character, and exciting reading activities will run throughout the day. More details coming soon!

## Piano Lessons

We are now able to offer piano lessons to pupils. If you are interested, please let our office know as there are a few spots available. £16 for 30 minute 1:1 lesson during the school day.

## Steve McQueen Year 3 exhibition

This is an exhibition held in the Duveen Galleries at **Tate Britain** from 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019 to 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020. It is displaying 1,500 Year 3 class photographs taken from different schools across the country in 2018. Unfortunately, we were unable to secure a class booking for this event but families are welcome to visit free on weekends and during the holidays. The Thomas's Academy photo (current Y4 class) is located in **Section 2**. The exhibition spans 24 sections that are marked clockwise from the entrance.

For more information, go to:

<https://www.tate.org.uk/whats-on/tate-britain/exhibition/steve-mcqueen-year-3>

## Kidzania for Best Attenders

As we have done for the last two years, we intend to take children with the **best attendance and punctuality** to Kidzania. The criteria for selection includes that a child has no unauthorized absences and that their attendance is at least 97%. This is open to all children from reception to year 6. Well done to all the pupils with 100% attendance so far.



## Aktiva Camps After-School and Holiday Care

If you would like after-school care, please contact Aktiva. The staff from Aktiva collect pupils directly from their classrooms at the end of the day, they then have a range of activities to choose from as well as an evening snack before they are collected. Further information can be found on the Aktiva website: [www.aktivacamps.com](http://www.aktivacamps.com)



## Breakfast Club



For £3 a day, pupils from Nursery to Y6 may attend breakfast club in the school hall from 8am. It is run by staff at Thomas's Academy. **Please sign up at the office if you would like your child to come along as places must be booked and paid in advance.**

## Playground

We are working towards improving our playgrounds with lots of money raised for improvements already. Please note that **it is not safe to scoot and cycle in the playground** before and after school as these are busy times and toddlers are sometimes enjoying the space also.

## Change in personal details

Please remember to let the office know if you change any details such as your address or phone number. We are increasingly using e-mail as a form of communication so please let the office know your email address if you haven't already. Please also make sure that you let your child's teacher or

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the office know if somebody different will be collecting your child.

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