

Thomas More artefacts in US

More than 50 artefacts from the collections of Stonyhurst College depicting the life and legacy of St Thomas More have travelled 5,800 miles to Washington DC in the USA.

They are the subject of a major new exhibition which has just opened there, featuring artefacts from the collections of Stonyhurst College.

The exhibition tells the story of St Thomas More's life and tremendously important legacy through an amazing series of objects, dating from the 12th to the 21st centuries.

The college's rich collections of English Catholic historical artefacts are among the most important to be found anywhere in the world.

The collection dates the first acquisition from 1609, making it the oldest museum collection in the English speaking world.

Many of the beautiful and extraordinary objects in this exhibition were smuggled out of England in the 17th century to the college, which began its existence in northern France in 1593.

The exhibition features medieval embroideries and illuminated manuscripts, including pieces which belonged to Henry VII, Katherine of Aragon and Elizabeth of York, Henry VIII's mother.

It displays two gold crucifixes owned by St Thomas More, and his hat, embroidered by one of his daughters.

The college's rare First Folio of Shakespeare is also on display – the first time

the work has left Britain. Shakespeare's play *Richard III* is based heavily on St Thomas More's biography of Richard. The exhibition is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst, and runs until 31st March 2017.

On their return, these objects, and many others, will be displayed in a new museum currently being planned and installed at Stonyhurst.



Two of the artefacts from Stonyhurst which will appear in the American exhibition, the Morton Skull, above, and a chasuble dating from the reign of Henry VII



Rowan catches the Theatretrain

A young singer from St Benedict Catholic Voluntary Academy was chosen to perform solo in front of hundreds of people at London's Royal Albert Hall.

Rowan Hunter-Woods, 12, above, auditioned for the opportunity to perform at the prestigious venue with the drama company Theatretrain. He was chosen and performed a rap on stage as part of a show called *How to Make a Hero*.

Rowan, a former pupil at St George's Catholic Voluntary Academy, in Littleover, said: "I was so happy to be chosen, I was really excited to do it and I had been practising about four times a week. I go to Theatretrain every Saturday.

"I was nervous and I performed in front of hundreds of people. I've only ever done local shows before, nowhere like the Royal Albert Hall which is a really famous venue.

"It went well and when it was over I just thought I want to do this all over again. I like performing arts and I'd love to be an actor. My sister Niamh is also at Theatretrain and she was on stage too, she did really well. I've never had much confidence but I did lots of practice. I do like rapping but I think I prefer singing. It was a good day out."

Kevin Gritton, head of St Benedict CVA, in Duffield Road, Derby, congratulated Rowan on his performance.

He said: "It must have been very nerve-racking for Rowan to perform a solo at the Royal Albert Hall but by all accounts he did a fantastic job and he should be very proud."

Dedication always has the right ring, boxer Jonas tells pupils

Commitment and effort in PE and school sport were celebrated at the annual Sports Award Assembly at St Paul's Catholic High School in Wythenshawe.

The assembly for all year groups was an inspiring event, with teachers, students and a special guest joining together to commemorate the sporting success of the students during the last year.

The guest speaker was Olympic boxer Natasha Jonas, who presented the sports awards and celebrated the commitment, effort and contributions from the students in PE & School Sport.

Natasha Jonas, centre right, made history by becoming the first ever woman to box for Great Britain after it was decided that female amateur boxing would be involved in the Olympics for the first time.

Natasha has gone on to win a silver medal at the European Championships, and represent England at the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games. She is acting as a mentor for the school and is working alongside the students.

Rising from her childhood in a deprived area to become an elite athlete, Natasha hopes that her story illustrates to young people the importance of having a goal – and that, with a lot of dedication, you can achieve anything in life.

"The Sports Assembly is an opportunity to reward those students who worked extremely hard at the various sports offered by the school during the past year," explained Ms Laura Wild, Head of PE at St Paul's. "The assembly was a great suc-



cess. It was extremely interesting to listen to Natasha, who did a wonderful job of motivating the students."

Mr Tony Billings, executive headteacher at St Paul's, said: "It is very impressive to see how the students get whole-heartedly involved with PE and sport and as a

result, this has been a good year for sporting success at St Paul's.

"Our students have put so much energy and enthusiasm into their sports and have been able to reap the rewards of those efforts and have seen their success reflected in the trophies they've won."



Boys talk their way into success

Pupils have enjoyed success at a national language competition with over 1,000 entrants

Four boys at Cranmore School, Surrey, left, took part in a regional semi-final of this year's Junior Language Challenge, run by Eurotalk.

To reach the semi-finals they had already learned Romanian and Korean in preparation for this round.

After a tense session James is through to the next round with one month to learn Swahili for the national final this month!

Saint Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Academies Trust

We are seeking to recruit a Business Director for the Saint Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Academies Trust

The role is a permanent full time post for 52 weeks per year with a salary of £42,474 - £46,977 (Point 48 – 53)

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(It is not a prerequisite that you are of the Catholic faith)*

This is an exciting new role which will play a vital part in ensuring the success of our Multi Academy Trust which was formed in April 2016.

The MAT consists of Thomas Becket Catholic Secondary School; St Mary's Catholic Primary School, St Gregory's Catholic Primary School and The Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School.

The core purpose of the role will be to strategically manage and lead the business innovation, financial, premises, personnel and administrative aspects of the academies' in order that the Headteachers and other senior leaders can focus on teaching and learning and raising standards.

The post holder will be responsible for co-ordinating the financial and business support of the administrative staff within each academy. The Business Director will also be responsible for the line management of designated support staff at Thomas Becket.

It is expected that the successful candidate will have a good skill set regarding finance, facilities and human resources and will play a significant role in meeting the needs of each academy and of the company as a whole.

You should be educated to degree level or equivalent. A Business Management qualification or other relevant qualification relevant to the role is desirable. You should have Middle or Senior Management Team experience along with delivering on multiple projects and change management projects. Extensive experience of managing and motivating staff is essential. You should be sympathetic to the aims and objectives of the Catholic Church and Catholic Education with the ability to relate to its members and their work.

All staff to uphold the core values and Catholic ethos of the Trust. All appointments are subject to an enhanced DBS clearance and satisfactory references as part of our Safer Recruitment Policy.

Further details and a Recruitment Pack are available from Mrs Jan Hayes, Senior Manager: Admin & HR at janh@thomasbecket.org.uk, or HR@northamptondiocese.com. Application forms can also be obtained from the Thomas Becket Catholic School website at www.thomasbecket.org.uk, the CES website at <http://www.catholiceducation.org.uk/employment-documents/application-forms/item/1000042-application-forms> and the Diocese website at www.northamptondiocese.org.

Closing date: Friday 4th November 2016
Anticipated Interview date: Week commencing Monday 14th November 2016

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