

We Pray, We Care, We Achieve



St Matthew's

Roman Catholic High School
Voluntary Academy

WELCOME

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

At St Matthew's we are on a journey to Catholic Excellence.



Mrs H Murden
Headteacher

Welcome to St Matthew's RC High School.

I have had the privilege of leading St Matthew's as Headteacher since September 2018. Since then we have been working together on a journey towards Catholic excellence.

The core business of St Matthew's is teaching, learning and achievement. Our core purpose is our Catholic ethos. We strive to ensure each young person receives the highest standard of education, that ensures they are ready for life beyond school when this comes. We believe each young person should be the best version of themselves, and we will work together to ensure this happens.

My vision is clear. I expect the highest standards, in order to achieve the best for our young people. I am a parent and therefore know how precious every child is. I am committed to working in partnership with parents and know that by working together we will ensure that every child enjoys school, is happy and has the opportunity to thrive and achieve their best.

I look forward to continuing this journey and working together to be of service to our school community.

OUR MISSION

We pray as a community with Christ and with the teachings of the Gospel at our centre, shown in the things we do and in the ways we worship together.

We care for everyone in our school community, respecting them as individuals created by God and recognising and celebrating talents and successes. We see caring for others in the world outside of our school as part of our Christian responsibility.

We achieve the best we can in all aspects of school life by learning in lessons, succeeding in examinations and committing to extra-curricular activities.





CHILD CENTRED

Leaders continue to have clear, high expectations of all who work in the school. As a result, improvements in the school are clear to see.
OFSTED, February 2021

CHRIST CENTRED

TEACHING & LEARNING



CURRICULUM

The curriculum at St Matthew's RC High School aims to support the highest level of achievement of all pupils.

A wide range of subjects are available enabling us to offer pupils a highly personalised curriculum matched to each child's talents.

Pupils benefit from small class sizes within core subjects. A strong work ethic is encouraged and nurtured, developing a love of learning in our pupils.



// **Expectations are high, pupils are challenged and there is an improved use of questioning within the classroom.**
OFSTED, February 2021

OUR ACHIEVEMENTS


At St Matthew's we are keen to build on the work started by families and our partner primary schools, ensuring that our students are consistently challenged to achieve the very highest standards, both academically and as caring members of our community.

St Matthew's has a strong and longstanding reputation for supporting others in our local community and beyond.

Each year, the pupils of St Matthew's support various charities by organising and taking part in a variety of events, contributing significant financial donations.

Pupils show compassion and empathy for others less fortunate than themselves, and have a strong moral purpose in asking staff to support them in improving the lives of others.





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SUCCESS

FACILITIES

St Matthew's is located within extensive grounds and provides a bright, modern facility within an environment that supports teaching and learning across all subject areas with specialist facilities available to support pupils' learning.

Computer facilities have been incorporated into the school design enabling all teaching areas to benefit from the latest IT products, utilising both Microsoft and Apple technologies. Pupils are able to benefit from specialist facilities which include: industry standard science laboratories, IT facilities, music and drama suites with an integrated recording studio, art facilities which include media, photography and ceramics provisions together with a technology suite supporting food technology and resistant materials.

A dedicated sports hall supports a range of activities and incorporates a fully fitted fitness suite.



I want to thank you for everything that you have done to help me... I really appreciate you and all your help to make sure that I am safe and succeed.

Class of 2021





ACHIEVEMENT



PASTORAL

CARE AND WELFARE OF PUPILS



At St Matthew's, we are steadfast in our mission to keep all of our pupils safe and happy, every day they come to our school. We take our safeguarding responsibilities very seriously, and work together with families and other professionals to ensure that all pupils feel safe and protected.

We support students academically and pastorally, enabling them to take all opportunities available to achieve positive outcomes at the end of their time with us. We develop students' social, moral and cultural skills, supporting their successes during their time in our school community and in the years beyond.



Our effective pastoral systems provide relentless care and support for all pupils throughout their five years at St Matthew's, guiding them to become ambitious, resilient, mature and respectful young people. We equip our pupils with all the skills needed to make a positive contribution to British society, valuing democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and having mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.



PASTORAL CARE IS OUTSTANDING, A
STRENGTH, AND THE SCHOOL'S MISSION
STATEMENT IDENTIFIES "CARE" AS ONE OF
THE CORE VALUES.



SALFORD DIOCESE



A young boy with dark hair, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and dark tie, is holding a lit candle. He is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. In the background, there is a golden cross on a stand and two more lit candles. The scene is set in a room with light-colored walls and a window with blue curtains.

RESPECT

COMMUNITY

INFORMATION

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

St Matthew's is part of the Emmaus Catholic Academy Trust (CAT) which is one of three CATs within the Diocese of Salford. The Emmaus CAT serves the Roman Catholic schools within Manchester, Oldham, Stockport, Trafford and Tameside. The Emmaus CAT will enable our school to continue its journey in a truly collaborative environment with like-minded schools where children are nurtured in such a way that they are able to fully contribute positively to society and acquire a true sense of responsibility.

By joining the CAT we are able to share collaborative strategies on school improvement, curriculum, staff development, initial teacher training and resource planning. Working together, we will continue on our journey to Catholic excellence.



ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

We encourage pupils to be involved in a range of enrichment activities. These play an important part of pupils' development in a range of skills whilst enhancing their confidence and developing their self-esteem.

Students are offered a range of activities outside of lesson time, including art, dance, drama, music, science club and sports. In addition, students are able to attend homework clubs after school.

The curriculum is enriched by a range of educational trips which are made available to all pupils, regardless of their financial circumstances, in line with the school's charging and remissions policy.

AT THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY

We are a Catholic school and our mission statement, we pray, we care, we achieve is at the heart of all that we do, both in school and in the community that we serve.

Our Christmas Hamper Appeals for local families, Shoe Box Appeals for children overseas, and other key events throughout the year, enable our students to fully live out our mission statement.

All these activities demonstrate the warmth and generosity of our students, and this is regularly commented on by everyone involved.



The Diocese of Salford, the local authority and we have continued their close partnership in support. Those involved know the school well. Leaders from the Diocese are making their own contribution to the work of the school in partnership. This includes working on Teaching and Learning provision and the curriculum.

OSFTED February 2020





and a local teaching school
support of the school. Those
St Matthew's are now
of other schools in the
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