



ST. MATTHEW'S
ROMAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
Voluntary Academy

27 May 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach the end of another successful half term at St Matthew's, it is important that we share with you information which has been delivered to all students this week via assemblies.

After the half term break we will continue to work hard on insisting on high standards across the school. We are doing this for the same reason as always, to ensure that the climate for learning in all of our classrooms is the best it possibly can be, leading to successful lessons which ultimately will lead to successful students.

Our three expectations of all students have not changed. They are reminded of these on a daily basis:

- **Respect your own learning**
- **Respect the learning of others**
- **Respect anything an adult reasonably asks you to do**

In order to ensure students meet these expectations, we ask that they attend school everyday, arrive on time, in full school uniform, with mobile devices out of sight.

The vast majority of our students continue to meet these expectations, and we remain very proud of them. Our brand new 'Reward Shop' has been open for business at lunchtime over the past few weeks, and it has proved very popular with students. This half term has also seen the opening of our Literacy Reward vending machine in the Library, a wonderful new addition to our school, and all students know how they can earn tokens to access prizes from the machine.

Unfortunately, there are a small minority of students who do not meet our expectations. When we return to school on 6th June, there will be a slight change to our consequence system. **All our detentions (both 30 minutes and 1-hour detentions) will move to being 'same day', starting at 3pm.** Parents/carers will be informed by text message if their child has been placed in detention. All research indicates that same day detentions have the most positive impact on student behaviour and staff will be able to speak to students about the incident whilst it is fresh in the memory. This system also allows every student to arrive at school each morning with a fresh start as any issue from the previous day will have been addressed.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we continue to work in partnership together.

We wish you all a happy and restful half term break.

Kind regards

Mr S Atkin & Mr A Passarello
Deputy Headteachers