



St. Matthew's
Roman Catholic High School
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St. Matthew's RCHS Newsletter

Round Up

Week 29 - Friday 5 May 2023

Headteacher's Message

As I write this message on a fine sunny Manchester day, I want to take this opportunity to thank all the parents who attended the Headteacher forum last week. I appreciate the time you gave up listening to me, and your insight into how we can improve the school has been taken onboard. I would like to run more of these type events in the future and it is encouraging to see how many of you want to help.

I would like to acknowledge the hard work and commitment of many of our students both last week and this week and the encouraging way in which they have responded to our higher expectations. New systems and structures always take time to embed but I would like to acknowledge that around 95% of the student population meet our expectations every time, without any reminders. The remaining 5% still have some way to go to adjust to the new expectations but we are seeing this minority number reduce over time.

It is important that I express my sincere appreciation for your efforts in ensuring that your child maintains a high standard of uniform at school. We have noticed a significant improvement in the uniform standards across the school, and we believe that your efforts have played a crucial role in achieving this improvement. Uniforms play an essential role in creating a sense of unity and discipline among students. It also helps students to develop a sense of pride in themselves and in belonging to the St Matthew's family. It is heartening to see that so many children have embraced these values and are taking ownership of their appearance and conduct in school.

Next week we will be holding year group assemblies to reflect on the pride we should show in our uniform. It is our belief that a uniform is not only a reflection of the school's values but also a representation of the student body. Therefore, we appreciate your support in maintaining the high standards we have set for our students. With this in mind, may I give you advanced warning that we will expect all children to attend school in September 2023 with the full school uniform including the correct shoes. I know it's likely that uniform will be purchased in the summer holidays, and I want to avoid any families making purchases that don't adhere to school policy. Further guidelines about this will be sent out in due course but I would like to give you as much notice as possible.

Finally, I would like to thank all the students who attend after school activities and those who freely give up their time to help and support younger students. This is reflective of our Catholic values and it makes me proud to lead this school. I hope you enjoy another long weekend and are able to spend some relaxing family time together.

God bless

Thank you once again for your cooperation.
Mr Nightingale



Highlights of the week...

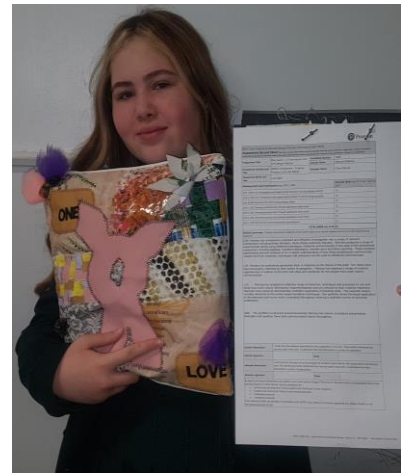
Year 11 Rewards



Year 11 have been in school on each and every Teacher's strike day, working hard on revision and attending masterclasses. This week, they were rewarded for their outstanding attitude to learning with ice cream. Keep up the great work year 11! night.



Congratulations to Marissa in Year 10 who achieved full marks in her recent BTEC assessment in Textiles. Marissa changed her options at a late stage and used her own time to catch up. Well Done Marissa!



Well done Kieran who achieve Gold in last week's Athletics in high jump and to William who received bronze in long jump

Weekly Focus

Improving uniform standards and pride in the SMRCHS badge.

Games Night



Last Friday, Year 11 hosted a Games Night after school to raise funds towards their Prom. The evening was a huge success with students and staff playing Uno, Chess and Bingo. Thank you to all staff and students who attended.



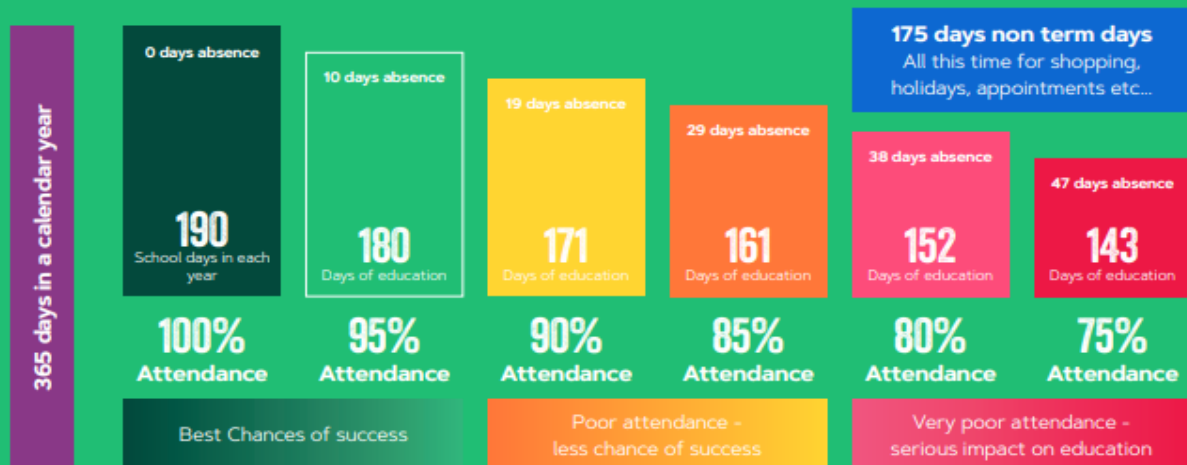
Rewards & Recognition



Congratulations Lucy in Year 8 who is consistently receives rewards points and who currently holds the highest numbers of points in Year 8. Well done Lucy!

This week we have seen an increase in the number of rewards points that students are receiving. This is a huge step in the right direction! It is important that our students keep up the hard work and push themselves to earn rewards points. We will have lots of rewards events and prizes in the Summer term.

Good attendance means being in school at least 95% of the time or 180 to 190 days



Did you know....

- 73% of students with attendance of 95% or higher, achieve at least 5 GCSEs grade 5 or above
- Only 35% of students with attendance of between 80-90% manage to achieve 5 GCSEs grade 5 or above
- Research shows that students with 5 GCSEs grade 5 or above earn on average £350,000 more in their lifetime than those without grades
- Excellent attendance at school = 97% and above

Year 7 were last week's highest attending year group. Well done, Year 7!



Rewards & Recognition



Our Bee Hive pupils have been busy this week creating Micro Moston houses with Malandra Jacks creative company. Well done to all, the Micro Moston is really starting to take shape!



The Year 11 countdown to GCSE examinations is well under way with just 5 school days to go... Here is a sneak peak of the year photograph

'Oliver is keen to arrive at school on time and be on time for his lessons, due to the new punctuality initiatives'

'Good feedback on my child's behaviour and performance, satisfied with the support on progress'

On Thursday we held Year 8 Parents Evening. This gave us the opportunity to ask parents for some feedback on our journey for improvement, which I am pleased to share with you...

'The communication between school and home could be improved'

'The school provides a happy environment for children to learn and enjoy'

'The staff genuinely care, nothing is ever too much'

'More rewards for students who are well behaved'



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Information



Over the last few weeks we have been working on our school branding and showing pride in the St Matthew's badge and the environment we share. We now have lots of useful information in our reception area for parents, carers, visitors and students to access. If you need any information or advice, please email confide@smrchs.com





Diary

W/B	Event
8 May	
MON	BANK HOLIDAY
TUES	Pastoral theme: Mary as a guide for all of us
WED	Manchester Museum Trip 3pm Year 11 Leavers Mass – Parents/ Carers welcome 3.30pm
THURS	
FRI	Year 7, 8 & 9 Athletics League