



# St. Matthew's RCHS Newsletter

# Round Up

Week 38—Friday 14 July 2023

## Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents,

I am delighted to inform you that it has been yet another fabulous week here at St. Matthews. I am thrilled to share some exciting updates and successes with you.

Firstly, I am pleased to announce that the single break and lunch trial has proven to be a resounding success. Our students have responded incredibly well to this change, and it has positively impacted their overall experience at school. We have been careful to ensure we capture student feedback as part of the trial and have been delighted with students feeling happy about the changes. I am grateful for your support and willingness to embrace this adjustment.

In addition to our usual curriculum week, our students have had the opportunity to participate in various educational trips, enriching their cultural experiences. It has been wonderful to see them exploring new places and broadening their horizons. These trips have undoubtedly contributed to their personal growth and development.

I am also thrilled to share that our summer concert was a tremendous success. The event showcased the exceptional talent we are fortunate to serve in our school community. The students' performances were truly remarkable, and it was a joy to witness their hard work and dedication paying off. We are immensely proud of their achievements.

Our Year 10 students have recently enjoyed trips to Loreto and Xaverian College. They represented our school admirably and left a positive impression on both institutions. Their behaviour and engagement during these visits were exemplary, reflecting the high standards we strive for at St. Matthews.

Furthermore, I am delighted to note the enthusiastic participation of many students in the careers events we organised throughout the week. It is heartening to see our young learners actively exploring different career paths and engaging with professionals from various fields. We believe that such experiences will greatly assist them in making informed decisions about their futures.

Today, you will receive a letter outlining the expectations from September as part of our improved communication drive. We have dedicated several weeks to assemblies, messaging, and communication efforts to ensure that everyone is aware of these expectations. We strongly believe that effective communication between home and school is crucial for the success of our students, and we appreciate your ongoing support in this regard.

As the week comes to a close, I encourage you to take a moment to appreciate the wonderful achievements and positive atmosphere that our school community has fostered. I hope this news brings a smile to your face and fills you with great pride in your children.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful and relaxing weekend.

God bless



## Year 10

### Top 5 Achievers

- \* Jia W
- \* Wilson D S
- \* Kayla G
- \* Patrick B
- \* Till H



Year 10 Highest Attending Form 10TEL

Students with 100% attendance is a whopping 188



### The First Poetry Library

13 Year 10 students embarked on a remarkable trip to visit the first public poetry library at Manchester Poetry Library and Manchester Metropolitan University campus to engage in a lecture led by a city poet. The pupils were given the opportunity to live as a 'University student' and walk through lecture halls, seminar rooms and around campus. They were astonished by how many buildings dating back to 1846 were used by professors and students - it definitely created a positive buzz around future aspirations and an exclusive look for those who strive to study a degree at a fantastic University. The students were very lucky to sit in a lecture hall and admire all the digital art/poetry created by final year and PHD students and finishing up with writing their own unseen poetry inspired by well renowned poets and anthologies from the new state of the art library Thank you to the Education manager at the poetry library and Miss Mohamed for leading a fun, interactive and purposeful trip.



### Basketball

Congratulations to our Year 10 Basketball team who played with great effort, skill, sportsmanship, and enthusiasm in their friendly against The East Manchester Academy. The game was closely tied throughout and in the closing moments TEMA won the contest by one basket 36-38. Congratulations to them on their victory. Also, thank you to the crowd who supported us in the home game and were the epitome of positive spectatorship.

All pupils involved were a credit to the school.









## Year 8

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### Top 5 Achievers

- ◆ Ava G
- ◆ Mahroosh A J
- ◆ Denise D
- ◆ Amber F
- ◆ Jessiekay F

**ATTENDANCE MATTERS**

Year 8 Highest Attending Form 8JRY with a whopping 95.42% attendance

Number of students with 100% attendance is 23



### REWARDS

Well done to 8RSK this week enjoying their McDonalds breakfast for their consistently high attendance and high achievement points!!



**High Standards...** Year 8 students are really setting high uniform standards and continue to embrace the key messages delivered in form and across all assemblies on how important it is to follow the St. Matthew's uniform code.

**Careers Day** ....this week year 8 have been involved in a careers day event where a number of external visitors from industry spoke about their roles. It provided a really good insight for our students who were able to ask lots of questions and find out more about the world of work and what is involved in the varying roles discussed on that day.

Some food for thought for many of our students.







## Year 7

### Top 5 Achievers

- ◆ Archie M
- ◆ Anaiya F
- ◆ Horria E
- ◆ Louie C
- ◆ Neave M

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Year 7 Highest Attending Form is 7CAL with an excellent 95.13%

Well done to the 26 students with 100% attendance. Lets aim for higher next week.



### Career's Event

Year 7 have been involved in careers workshops this week. Breaking down stereotypes in job roles and interviewing a variety of different people about their job roles.

They have gained knowledge about the types of skills that might be needed for the world of work to help them contribute to our community as adults and global citizens.

### Manchester Museum

The History Department have taken a selection of Year 7 pupils to the newly renovated Manchester Museum this week.

The pupils have enjoyed their day at the museum looking at the artefacts, reading about the rich history of different cultures and getting up close to Manchester's very own T-Rex. The museum staff commented on how well behaved the pupils were and how lovely they were. What a great accolade to finish a wonderful trip.







## Year 6—Transition Day

Our transition day took place on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July. We had 162 children from over 40 different Primary schools attend for a full day.



The students all met the other members of their form and took part in a variety of activities based around our school mission statement 'We Pray, We Care, We Achieve'. These included a SMRCHS Learner activity, a literacy session continuing their work from transition morning on

'The Lion Above the Door' and a sports afternoon, where each form team competed in a variety of events during the afternoon.



The winning form from the sports afternoon were 7ACO (Mrs Cox) – Cox Rangers! who now lead our form league table going into September.







## Year 6—Transition Day

Throughout the day each form was supported by our student leaders who displayed exemplary attitude and behaviour on the day and were a credit to themselves, their families and our school.



Our day ended with a beautiful liturgy led by Mr Sharrock, where the pupils were asked to reflect on things, they were thankful for and to also think about the things they are looking forward to on their journey with us at St. Mathew's.



Here's what some of the Year 6 pupils had to say about the transition day:

Beau – Christ the King:  
"All of the students and teachers have been nice and welcoming."

Charlie – Limehurst Primary: "I was learning and having fun at the same time."

Lacey-Beau – St Malachy's: "This school is a very welcoming community. I can't wait to start and meet more people."

Amy – St John Bosco's: "When I first come, I didn't know anyone. After we introduced ourselves, I met a new

Archy – St John's: "It has been a fun day; it has been helpful, and I have felt relaxed at the school. They have made sure we have had fun."



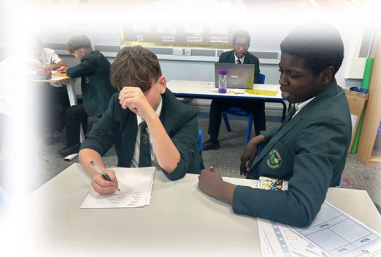


## Beehive Buzz

Year 8 Beehive have taken part in their weekly Monday morning quiz. They work in random pairs each week to encourage teamwork between different students. Our quizzes range from a wide range of general knowledge topics. Well done to Oliver & Hayford for winning this week by six points!

We are so proud of our Beehive students. They have been using our Home room to take shelter from this week's awful weather!

We've had all the games out with our team, developing social skills, patience, and perseverance.



## Team Savio



Ms Shannon's team Savio end of term reward at Team Karting in Rochdale was a huge success, everyone had the best time.

Team Karting has the longest all-tarmac indoor karting track in Greater Manchester. It's karting track is 100% pure tarmac. It's the most challenging and the most exhilarating karting track in the North West. With its combination of high-speed straights, fast bends and technical chicanes, the team loved the thrill of the chase. The staff at Team Karting welcome the team back anytime they applauded the behaviour and team ethics of our students.







## Chaplaincy Corner

**Whole School Prayer** – the communal prayer was back this week after a short illness caused Mr. Hall to miss last weeks. This week's theme was based around 'Talents'. Each of our year groups are very much in a transition and we prayer that our gifts, skills and talents can guide us through this period.

**Staff Prayer** - The whole staff body gathers weekly to reflect on various different themes, led each week by a different department. The Maths department, led by the resilient Mr. Walker, reflected on how we can show our pupils how to keep striving to improve even when we find things tough. He spoke very passionately about a teacher he had during his GCSEs who gave him the belief in himself which is something

**Mini-retreat at Loreto** – on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July, four Y10 students took part in a retreat hosted by the chaplaincy team at Loreto College. First of all, this gave our pupils the opportunity to see the college campus before their year team visit on Wednesday of this week. The day began with some ice-breakers when the pupils had to say what they would be the Patron Saint of. As they got to know the other pupils and stepped out of their comfort zone, the girls really started to enjoy the day. In the afternoon, the prayer stations gave the pupils an opportunity to reflect on this academic year and look forward to Y11, knowing that whatever they face, God will always be with them. Daniella, Aimee, Jessica and Melissa were all outstanding ambassadors for the school and really embraced the day.



... Yr10 were asked to give there thoughts on the day.

*"The Loreto Chaplaincy trip was very nice, and we had lots of fun. The people were very welcoming and kind to us, making us feel very comfortable with the new surroundings."*

*"We met a bunch of new people from other schools which helped us get out of our comfort zones."*

*"The activities were very engaging and we all loved the chapel, it was extremely beautiful and quiet."*

*"We also really liked the guided meditation as it was very calming and relaxing, especially after all the other activities, it as a nice ending to such a great trip."*





# Teaching & Learning

Following the introduction of 3,2,1 SLANT this week, the T&L team have been focusing on pupil voice and actively seeking the strengths of using this strategy in the learning environment. We have received positive feedback from students from a range of year groups and seen some excellent examples of 3,2,1 SLANT across the school from both practitioners and students, inside and outside of lessons. We are looking forward to seeing the long term impact that this strategy will have on our climate for learning.



## Xavier Year 7

I have really enjoyed SLANT being used across my lessons. It has made my lessons a lot calmer. I feel much happier in Maths now because SLANT gets everyone listening and ready to learn.

## Sidharth Year 7

SLANT in lessons helps me concentrate better. There have been less interruptions in my classes which is really good. I like that all my classes are the same now.



## Joal and Temi Y10

J: SLANT has been helping people prepare for learning in lessons. I also think it is good to have routines as it will prepare us for later on in life.

T: I think SLANT is very good. It's an organised way to start the lessons and check in throughout. It allows students to take in information. It has worked really well in my Geography classes.

## Year 8 assembly

In this week's assembly, year 8 excellently demonstrated their ability to SLANT creating an engaging, focused environment.



## Olivia Yr8

I'm still getting used to it but it is really nice that we have the same expectations in every lesson. We all know what we need to do and when we need to do it.

## Christiana Yr8

I think SLANT really helps because you can see people sit up and it shows they are physically ready to learn.





## MATHS Shout Outs....

Here come this weeks No.1 Maths champions, the SPARX queue jumpers.....

**Year 7**  
Sarah S  
Kelsey O  
Karez S



**Year 8**  
Victory E  
Talbiyah K  
Joe J

**Year 9**  
Abeeha F  
Sylvester U  
Mariam J

**Year 10**  
Chidubum E  
Matthew P  
Morolayo U



**Massive Congratulations, we are very proud of you all!**



## Rewards & Recognition

This week's uniform prize draw winners;

- ◆ £50 voucher of choice – Oli Umejionu 9CSM
- ◆ £25 voucher of choice – Abigail Lincon 10MLA
- ◆ £25 voucher of choice – Kayla Glynn 10MLA

High uniform standards are indicative of the high standard that we have at our school

## On 'ya' Bike...

Yr 9 Beehive students took a class in bike maintenance this week with Mr Patrick and Mr Carney.

The students were really interested and enjoyed it so much it may be something we look to continue for them in Year 10.



## Experiment Time for Yr 7

7LMO budding science professors have been experimenting in Science this week with Mr. Oduniyi.

They have been looking at chemical reactions and recording and comparing their findings in a controlled experiment.

Well Done it was lovely to witness you enjoy your lesson.







# Highlights of the week



## INTRODUCING SOMETHING NEW THIS WEEK ....

All our staff and students have enjoyed our trial of the single break and lunch this week, with everyone helping out, including Mrs Wrigley who donned her apron to get stuck in helping our wonderful canteen staff.

Next stop MasterChef!

## Anyone for cricket?

Some of our Yr 7 & Yr 8 girls were working hard on their bowling skills earlier this week.

Looking good girls...



## Félicitations les gars!!

Mrs Gyves-Walker is super proud of her year 9 class who have made fantastic progress this year in French. The recent assessments tested them in listening, reading, writing and speaking on the topics of healthy eating and lifestyles, sport and fitness and future health resolutions.

The following students scored at least 89% in their French assessments

Ben A, Milly B, Edward B, Thomas D, Fortune K, Kathryn L, Molly L, Chris O, Prosper O, Patryk S, Emmanuel I and Emily T.

### Bravo!

A special mention to Safina O, Codie A, Emma JM and Olivia B who improved their scores by a combined 71%!

Your hard work, determination and effort has paid off!





# Diary Events

W/B 17 July	Event
MON	Pastoral Theme – Rewards Music/ Drama London trip (Overnight)
TUES	Year 7 Rewards Trip BeeHive – Oldham Climbing
WED	BeeHive – Trip to Formby Beach
THURS	Whole School Rewards Day
FRI	Final Day of term - 12.30pm finish