



# St. Matthew's RCHS Newsletter

# Round Up

Week 2 Friday 15 September 2023

## Headteacher's Message

It brings me immense pleasure to celebrate yet another happy and purposeful week at St. Matthew's RC High School. Thank you to all of the parents, careers and students who attended the year 11 maximising achievement evening. It was a privilege to hear your wonderful feedback.

I would like to commend our incredible students for their attitude to learning across all their lessons. It is wonderful to see them continue to attend school with enthusiasm and wear their uniforms with such pride. Your children are truly shining examples of dedication and responsibility.

I also want to share a lovely comment from one of our highly experienced governors who visited us this week. He had the opportunity to observe the start of the school day, and his words were truly inspiring. He said, "An Excellent Start to the Day! I was in school on Monday morning to help out with some interviews, and the Headteacher asked if I'd like to observe the students coming to school. I went to Nuthurst Road and stood near to the zebra crossing. I am a veteran of thousands of 'starting the school day' duties, and this was right up there with the best of them."

This comment is a testament to the incredible atmosphere we are witnessing here at St. Matthew's. It reflects the dedication of our staff, the positive attitudes of our students, and the supportive community that surrounds us.

We are proud of our students' achievements and the warm, welcoming environment we are building together. As we continue this journey of learning and growth, let us all take a moment to appreciate the milestones we've reached.

Everything we do here is possible because of the presence of Jesus. It has been joyous to see the prayer life of the school beginning to blossom.

Thank you, parents, for your unwavering support, and thank you, students, for your outstanding efforts. We look forward to more happy and purposeful weeks ahead!

God bless





## Year 11

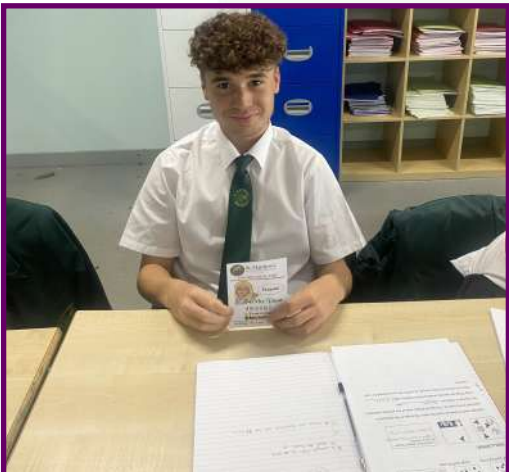
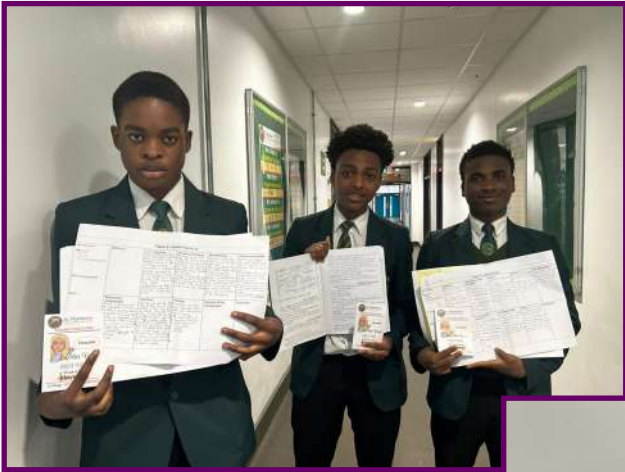
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**ATTENDANCE MATTERS**

Highest attending form is Miss Raynes 11B  
 Number of Students with 100% attendance is 234  
 Superb Year 11, Lets aim for higher next week!

### Praise Where Its Due.....

Mrs Bunn is delighted with all her Year 11 Groups who have had a fantastic start in all lessons in particular RE and Science. The students have received many postcards from Mrs Bun and her team. Rewards already stacking up. Keep up the great attitude, behaviour, hard work and uniform standards.





## Year 10



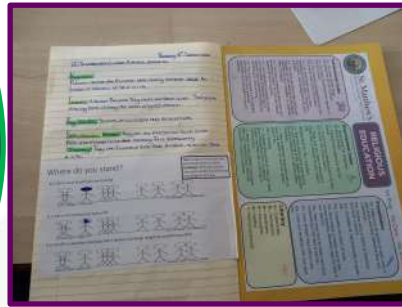
Student Name:	
Excellent attendance / attending all of your lessons	
Comment:	
Consistently making the right choices	
Comment:	
Outstanding contributions to form time / lessons	
Comment:	
Outstanding presentation (Uniform standards)	
Comment:	
Teacher nomination:	

New Yr10 Initiative launching soon. Watch this space...

### RE Shout Out

Y10 Have made an excellent start to GCSE RE. They have really set their standards high demonstrating outstanding attitude to learning.

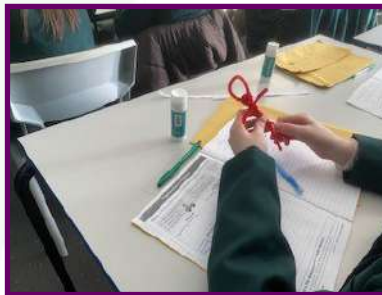
Pupils RE work shown is Peter and Amy



### Health & Social Care

In Health and Social Care this week Year 10 have made an amazing start to their Health and Social Care course . Here they were learning about fine and gross motor skills .

### Watch out Dominos, You got Competition



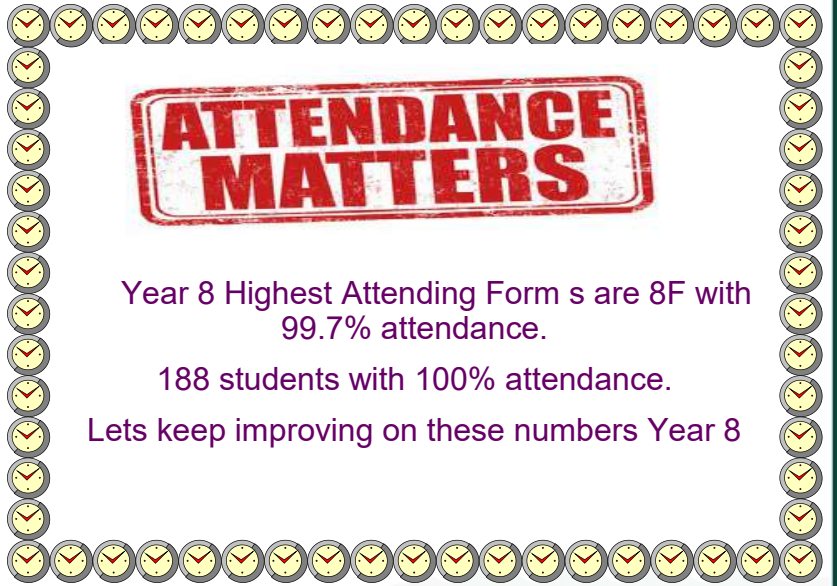




# Highlights of the week

## Year 8

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- ☆ **Top 5 Achievers** ☆
- ☆ \* Harry E ☆
- ☆ \* Arlo B ☆
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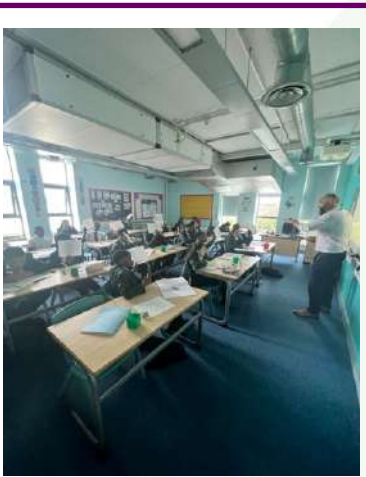


### ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Year 8 Highest Attending Form s are 8F with 99.7% attendance.  
188 students with 100% attendance.  
Lets keep improving on these numbers Year 8

**Proud to be Year 8**  
A very proud Head Of Year Miss Travis as fantastic feedback is coming from all classes and teachers. Well done all of you.

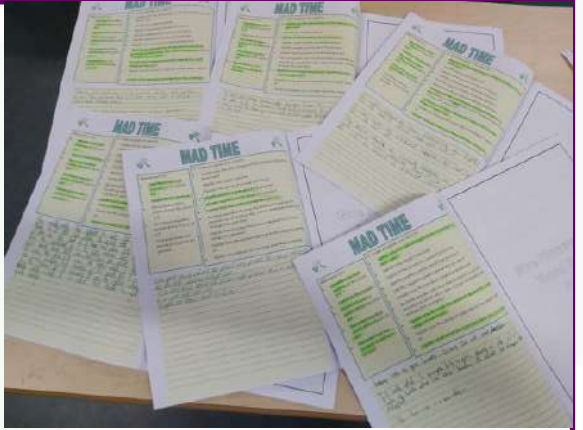
### Maths Mastery



Mr. Matthews invited me into his maths class this week to celebrate how engaged and hardworking his class were, he is really proud of the progress you are making and so are we

### Textiles lessons

Miss Raynes wanted to shout out her Year 8 textiles class who have done some amazing product analysis in lesson this week well done .



### Drama Superstars

Miss O'Brian has been singing year 8's praises this week and is so happy with how they are supporting and encouraging each other in lessons and how they are applying and developing their acting skills. Great work guys!



### German

Mrs. Callison was so proud of her Year 8 German class 14 achievement points she handed out for outstanding work and progress in the first 20 minutes of her lesson!  
Tolle Arbeit Jahr 8!

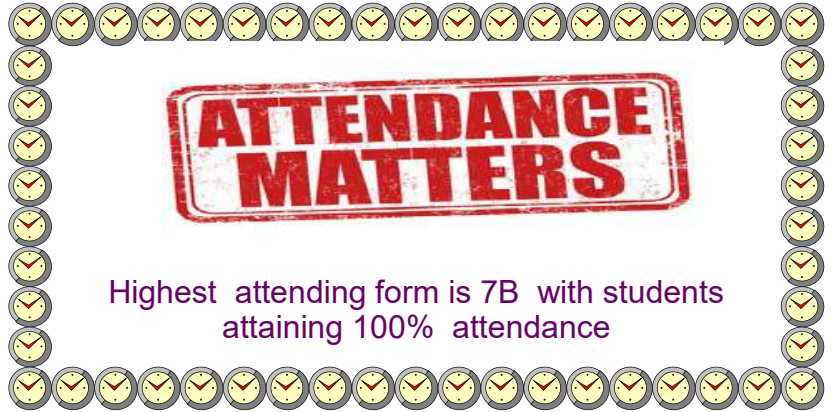




## Year 7

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- ### Top 5 Achievers
- Freddie B
  - JJ B
  - Lottie L
  - Roman T
  - Eminence U
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And this is how you start a new academic year, what an amazing group, Mr Johnston is so proud.



Highest attending form is 7B with students attaining 100% attendance

### A new WOW Wall

The brand new initiative a WOW Wall for excellent work ready to be filled up outside the Year 7 pastoral office... and we are confident it will soon be filled!



### Celebrating Success

7C working hard in RE reflecting on Genesis 1 and how they can look after God's creation

7J doing their first practical of the year - making microscope slides of onion cells.

As a class, they were fantastic - particularly Joel-Marie, Jacob, Inae, Maisie, Rae, Bonnie and Lillie.

Really mature - all worked well and made excellent progress.

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### Celebrating Success

**Quotes from staff**

**7A in History** - Pupils were consistently amazing today. Insightful questions, respectful of each other's answers and just generally a nice class to teach. **Miss McKechnie**

**7J in History** - Lots of engagement, great questions, and some amazing answers for their source analysis. **Miss Quigley**

**7D in Drama** - How absolutely incredible this Yr7 form were in my lesson. They were all focused and on task throughout the lesson with special praise to Jenson, Leo and Destiny. Think they are very quickly going to become my favourite Yr7 class! **Miss Ackers**

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## Beehive



This week, some of our Year 8 Beehive students have been working hard to be on time, contribute in lessons and get themselves noticed around school. As a result, they have earned themselves certificates for the most achievement points. It has been wonderful to see the effort and dedication from all of our students this week - the positive attitudes to learning from across all of our Beehive forms is really starting to shine through. Positive mind, positive life, positive vibes!

**Well done Beehive team! Keep up the hardwork!**

## Chaplaincy Corner

This week the Church in England and Wales has been celebrating "Education Sunday". Each year on Education Sunday we give thanks to God for all those involved in Catholic Schools around the world. The theme of this year's celebration is forgiveness and reconciliation. In our form time prayers this week we have discovered that over 62 million children around the world are educated in Catholic schools and we have thought about how important it is to forgive each other quickly. We have also given thanks to God for all of our

teachers, inspired by St John Bosco who said that to teach the young is the holiest thing we can do. We have a very important week coming up next week as we celebrate the Feast Day of St Matthew, our patron saint, on Thursday. Next week also sees the launch of our lunchtime chaplaincy group on Tuesday and our Muslim prayer group on Friday.

May God bless you all.



St. John Bosco (1815-1888)

Do you want to do a good deed? Teach the young!  
Do you want to perform a holy act? Teach the young!  
Do you want to do a holy thing? Teach the young!  
Truly, now and for the future, among holy things,  
this is the holiest.



# Open Evening



Mrs Walsh has visited our 6 Partner Primary schools this week to invite them to our Open Evening on 5<sup>th</sup> October from 4.30 pm - 6.30 pm. Gabriel and Daniella, two of our student leaders accompanied her on the visits to St. Margaret Mary's, St. Dunstan's, St. John Bosco, Christ the King, Mount Carmel and St. Edmund's. The pupils had some excellent questions about the differences between high school and primary school. Gabriel and Daniella did a fantastic job of answering them and representing St. Matthew's.



We hope to see lots of the pupils from Year 5 and 6 at our Open Evening.







# Attendance Matters

A key priority in school this year is to improve attendance for all pupils.

As the Attendance Team, it is our role to support families to ensure that students attend school every day.

High levels of attendance = high levels of attainment.

Each week, we will be sharing 'Attendance Facts' to help support you to encourage your child to attend school every day.

## This weeks 'Attendance Fact':

**73% of students with attendance of 95% or higher achieve at least 5 GCSEs grade 5 or above.**

In addition, there will be new attendance initiatives for students each half-term.

This term, the form with the highest attendance will win a full English breakfast during form time:

Year 7 – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September

Year 8 – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September

Year 9 – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October

Year 10 – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October

Year 11 – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October

If you need any support or advice to help your child improve their attendance, please get in touch with us at school or email [attendance@smrchs.com](mailto:attendance@smrchs.com).

**G Matthew – Strategic Attendance Lead**

**C Grainger – Attendance Lead**

**S Ross – Attendance Officer/ Safeguarding Officer**

Since Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September, we have **941** students with 100% attendance. This is **OUTSTANDING** and if your child is one of the **941** students, please continue to encourage them to attend school every single day.



## What's On Offer At Break & Lunch time

With much greater choice, complexity, and more opportunities to spend money in the cafeteria it is important you discuss what your children are choosing and ensure they are getting a healthy balance with their choices. This will help you decide on the right amount of break and lunch money to allocate to your child's Parent Pay account.

Some parents chose to pay for the cost of lunch only, while others give their children a bit extra to cover a snack at morning break or for an additional drink. Whatever you decide you should expect to budget somewhere between £12.50 - £20 a week.

If your children are on Free School Meals the £2.50 allocated to their Parent Pay account each day will not show on Edulink or on your Parent Pay account, but rest assured it is sat there waiting to be spent. Any unspent money is carried over to the next day. At the end of the week any unspent money will be removed.

It is very important to ensure your children manage their Free School Meal allowance properly and are mindful that if they spend money at break they will not have enough money to buy a meal deal at lunch time, unless you add money to their account.

Please take a look at the following menus, deals and price lists and talk to your children about how best they can maximise their spend, there is a lot of choice and it would be good for them to look through the menus with you.

The Blue Dot Deal is exceptionally good value allowing your child to chose 4 items, for example; if they wanted something to eat at break they could chose something from the hot deli, get a roll for lunch from the cold deli, select a drink and get a fruit pot or something from the Homebake all for £2.50.

**HOMEBAKED & SWEET TREATS**

Cake Slice	£1.15
Rocky Road	£1.70
Croissant	£1.55
Pain Au Chocolat	£1.55
Cookie Small	£1.15 / 85p
Muffin Small	£1.30 / 85p
Flapjack Small	£1.15 / 85p
Brownie Small	£1.15 / 85p
Chocolate Straw	£1.15
Cheese Straw	£1.15

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**COLD DRINKS**

Water 330ml	80p
Fruit Slush Small	£1.45 / £0.90
Capri Sun	£1.30
Dalston's Cans	£1.40
Radnor Fruit Carton - 200ml	£1.10
Radnor Splash Bottle - 500ml	£1.15
Milk Cartons	£1.00

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**4  
AMAZING  
ITEMS  
£2.50**

**HOT DELI**  
Garlic Bread  
Pizza Melt Bap/Boat  
Cheese On Toast/Bap  
Pizza Melt Quesadilla  
BBQ Melt Bap

**COLD DELI**  
A Selection of Rolls:  
Ham, Cheese, Tuna, Chicken  
Mayo, Egg Mayo

**DRINKS**  
125ml Radnor Drink Carton  
330ml Water Bottle  
8oz Slush  
Small Generation Juice

**4OZ POTS**  
Selection of Fruit Pots  
Selection of Jelly Pots  
Selection of Yoghurt Pots  
Selection of Seed Pots

**HOMEBAKES**  
Mini Muffin  
Mini Cookie  
Mini Shortbread  
Mini Flapjack

\* Not all items are available everyday



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### GRAB & GO

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<b>Breakfast Roll</b>	£2.05
<b>Breakfast Pot</b>	From £2.00
<b>Breakfast Baguette</b>	From £1.40
<b>Pasta Pots</b>	Small £2.15 Large £2.50
<b>Ciabatta</b>	£3.20
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<b>Sub</b>	£2.05
<b>Wrap</b>	£2.60
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<b>Baguette</b>	£2.65
<b>Sushi</b>	£3.00
<b>Fruit Fruit Pot</b>	55p £1.00
<b>Naturally Range</b>	From £2.85
<b>Dip Pot - Houmous</b>	£1.20
<b>Edamame Beans</b>	£1.60
<b>Self-Serve Salad</b>	From £1.80
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## How To Activate A New Account

You will need an activation letter or email from school to get started. If you have lost this or not yet received it, email the school at [parentpay@smrchs.com](mailto:parentpay@smrchs.com)

You need a valid email address as a username and for account verification.

1. Navigate to [parentpay.com](https://parentpay.com)
2. Select Login at the top right corner of the screen
3. Enter the username and password provided in your activation letter / email and select activate.
4. Complete the activation as detailed on screen.
5. That's it you're all done!

## How To Top Up A Parent Pay Lunch Account

1. Navigate to [parentpay.com](https://parentpay.com)
2. Select Parent Login
3. Username—this is your email address
4. Password—this is what you chose once you had activated your account
5. Select Login
6. Click Continue—(or if you want to set up one click payments follow the screen prompts)
7. Select Pay for meals
8. Enter how much you want to pay (minimum payment is £5)
9. Select Add to Basket
10. Click on Basket and check the amount is correct
11. Click proceed to Checkout
12. A receipt will be sent to your email address from Parent Pay.
13. That's it you're all topped up!