



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

Round Up

Week 34—Friday 16 June 2023

Confidential

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have found time to enjoy some of the lovely weather this week. As we near the end of the academic year, I wanted to take a moment to update you on the remarkable progress our Year 11 students have made in their exams. They continue to excel, and we couldn't be prouder of their dedication and hard work. They are a real credit to all of our families and I can't thank you enough for all of the support you have given us. It was a joy to be part of their collective celebration and enjoyment during their shirt signing and ice cream event with an opportunity to be all together for one of the last times. These moments of camaraderie and joy further exemplify the strong bond and sense of community among our students.

I also wanted to inform you that we are diligently working on major planning initiatives for the upcoming academic year. We are focusing on maintaining high standards of uniform, streamlining the break and lunch schedule to enhance the learning environment, and relaunching our in-class behaviour system. These measures are designed to provide an enriched educational experience for our students and foster a positive and productive learning climate throughout the school.

In the coming days, we will be expecting the publication and sharing of our Ofsted monitoring visitor report. This report will highlight the progress we have made and serve as a testament to the dedication and efforts of our entire school community. We are excited to share this report with you and believe it will showcase the strides we are making towards making St Matthew's an excellent Catholic school.

We have had the privilege of welcoming numerous visitors and professionals to our school recently, and their comments have been overwhelmingly positive. They have remarked upon the calm and purposeful environment they have observed within our school, which is a testament to the hard work and commitment of our staff and students.

We would like to express our sincere appreciation for your ongoing support and partnership throughout this academic year. Together, we are creating an environment that nurtures academic growth, personal development, and success for each and every student.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. We value your feedback and are always here to assist you.

Thank you once again for your continued trust and support.

God bless



Class of 2023 Goodbye, Good Luck & God Bless

In September 2021 Ms Matthew became your Head of Year 10 who was privileged and excited to be leading you through your KS4 journey with us.

Her priority has always been to ensure that each and every one of you is successful and you have fond memories of your time at school, this is something that she and St. Matthew's believe is very important.

Over the last two years, Ms Matthew in particular has watched you all grow, flourish and develop into wonderful, kind, caring, well-mannered and hard-working individuals, and it has been an absolute honour for her to work with you all and for the school to see this.



Your performance and conduct throughout the GCSEs are the best that we have ever seen as a school and again we are delighted with each and every one of you.

We all look forward, with Ms Matthew excitement at the helm for the GCSE results when we hope you all see the benefits of your hard work, dedication and commitment to achieving the best possible results.

Ms Matthew has instrumented many different initiatives to celebrate your successes including college visits, a meal at Ocean Treasure, a trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach, Domino's Pizza rewards, a variety of vouchers commending students who made the right choices

every single day and students who have shown improvements to their learning to name but a few.

Does life throw challenges?

Of course, it, does but we believe you have all been taught strength, resilience and courage to carry on and follow your dreams no matter how difficult life gets.



Always believe in yourself and never give up.

Be kind as we know you all can be and always remember everyone is fighting a battle you may know nothing about.

Ms Matthews will never forget Class of 2023 and we hope you keep in touch with your school family at St. Matthew's.

Thank you for leaving an imprint on Ms Matthews heart and we hope your time at St. Matthew's has left one on yours.



You leave Ms Matthews with a heavy heart but one bursting with pride.





Year 10

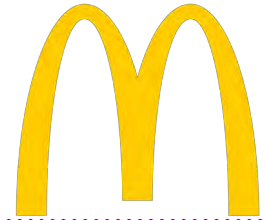
Top Achievers

- * Kayla
- * Patrick
- * Ridwan
- * Taylor
- * Wilson

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Year 10 Highest Attending Form 10MAu
Rewarding with a 'golden arch' breakfast

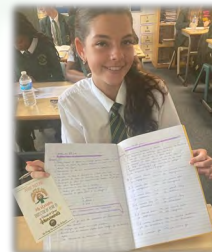
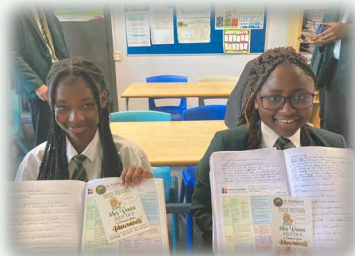
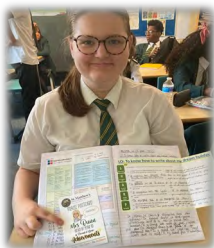
'We're lovin it'



Time for Exams



Year 10 have made a fantastic start to their exams, lets keep that focus going!



Setting an example revising for their French exam, this has been amazing to see.

Making delicious sausage rolls in their food technology GCSE lesson.





Year 9

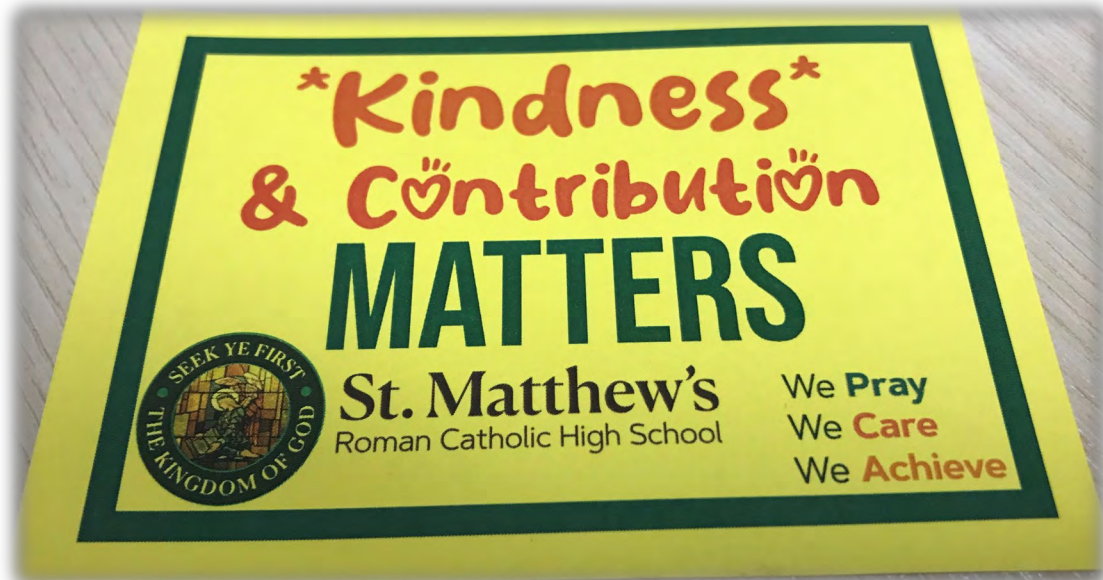
Top Achievers

- * Christian
- * Giorgia
- * Meya
- * Mia
- * Shekinah

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Year 9 Highest Attending Form 9Ami
with a whopping 92.5%

Number of students with 100% attendance 22



Year 9 have introduced the 'kindness & contribution'

Matters Cards.

The pupil who receives the most from Monday to Thursday will receive a prize on the Friday morning in form time.

What a fabulous initiative well done to you!





Year 8

Top Achievers in last 7 days

- * Elizabeth B
- * Ezekiel
- * Joe J
- * Lucy
- * Soreesa

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Year 8 Highest Attending Form 8 RSK with a whopping 95.2%
Number of students with 100% attendance 23

Working hard completing their PSHCE



Flying the flag for LGBTQ

Year 8 selling freshly baked cup cakes in support of the LGBTQ community. Watch this space for how much we raised.





Year 7

Top Achievers

- * Ava
- * Hailey
- * Harry
- * Reaan
- * Rodrigo

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Year 7 Highest Attending Form 7CAI with a whopping 95% attendance

Number of students with 100% attendance 29

Yr 7-Trojan Horse

Mr. Patrick's 7G6 class have been reading about Helen of Troy and the Trojan Horse. Their engagement in lesson was fantastic. They described the meaning of a 'Trojan Horse' and how it was applied to deceive Troy. They discussed the key characters and their roles in the story and also looked the history between the two waring countries.

It was lovely to see such engagement and enthusiasm in the lesson and also in 7F5 and 7F8 with Mrs. Chowdhury and Miss. Mohamed.



Football Focus

Great effort from our year 7 football team who took on St Monica's in the catholic cup semi-final, well done to each and everyone of the team. Great to see so many come out to show support.

Really proud to have you represent our school. Keep that excellent team spirit.



Shout Out ✨.

Year 7 students Devon, Lenny, Manuela, Archie, Lacey & Teresa for all their support on the transitions mornings this week.



Rewards & Recognition

Uniform prize draw winners

- * £50 voucher of choice – Sarah 9AWH
- * £25 voucher of choice – Olivia 9CSm
- * £25 voucher of choice – Sharon 8JMa

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

Chaplaincy Corner

Whole School Prayer – each Monday we will be gathering as a whole school community via Google Meet. This will be an opportunity to offer our intentions and prayer together. This week we prayed for the Humanities Departments and our Y10 pupils as they continue with their internal examinations. We also prayed for his holiness Pope Francis as he recovers from major surgery. If staff or pupils have any intentions get them into Mr. Hall for Mondays prayer.

Staff Prayer - The whole staff body gathers weekly to reflect on various different themes, led each week by a different department. The Chaplaincy Team led this weeks staff voice on the theme of the importance of having a voice in society. St. Oscar Romero reminds us that “**The ones who have a voice must speak for those who are voiceless**” Staff also reflected on the lyrics of Bob Chilcott’s “Can you hear me” and how we inspire our students to have a voice in the classroom and beyond.

Still to come- class Masses will begin this term, with Y7s. Daily Prayers will continue to be written by our form groups.



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— Oscar Romero —

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Transition Weeks Begin



Transition mornings with primary schools have been taking place this week and will continue into next week. Some fabulous sessions already and very positive feedback from students and parents.

Well done to the transition team and everyone involved.

Huge pat on the back for St. Matthew's

This week we welcomed Year 6 pupils from Christ the King, Mount Carmel and St Dunstan's who are due to join St Matthew's in September. Students took part in a literacy lesson and also enjoyed interactive tours of the school campus. The Transition team have really enjoyed getting to know prospective Year 7 pupils and have been thrilled by the enthusiasm and outstanding behaviour displayed by the children on their visits.

Check out Y6 Student Voice:

Beau "It was really enjoyable and the teachers were really nice"

Gabby "Everyone was very friendly and it made me less anxious about September"

Frank "It was very impressive and an engaging experience and I am looking forward to becoming a student"

Lola "The teachers made us feel welcome and comfortable"

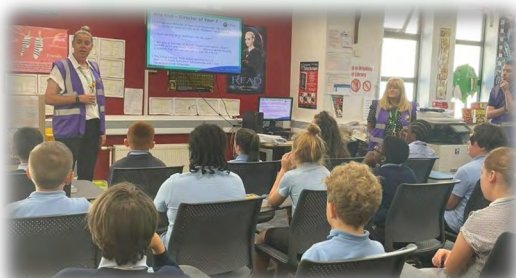
Teresa "I liked doing the reading test and meeting the teachers"

Favour "I loved how we got to meet the different teachers and using the map on the tour"

Roman "Overall, it was a really, really good! The library was eye-catching"

Freya "It really makes me happy that all the teachers put in lots of effort about caring for the student's wellbeing and safety, you don't see this at other schools"

Mckenzie "The library was fabulous and have the best books"





Rounders Club

This term we are focusing on rounders club for year 7. It was a great turn out for the year 7. Pupils who have never been part sports clubs came this week which is fantastic. All enjoyed it so much.



A Proud MFL Team

Well done to all our students who were rewarded with a pizza lunch on Friday in recognition of their outstanding effort in completing their online RRR work for languages.

126 pupils in years 7 – 9 and 24 of our GCSE year 10 students were invited to receive this treat.

The MFL team are really proud of your effort, hard work and commitment to your MFL language learning.

Here are some of our amazing students and the amount of time they have spent working on their Sentence Builder online learning:

Year 7

Kabirat L 10h 28 mins

Ozee J 7h 42 mins

Year 8

Victory S 15h 12 m

Success S 12h 57m

Mimi K 11 h 26 m

Connor H 9 h 10 mins

Florence L 9 h 32 mins

Year 9

Molly L – 9h 35 m

Ben A – 8 h 35 m

Edward B – 8h 02m

Emmanuel T-L 7h 52m

Prosper O – 7 h 40 m





Highlights of the week

Celebrating with Pride

The preparation of cakes ready for the GSA/D&T Bake sale in celebration of Pride month. All money raised in the bake sale will be donated to charity. Our bakers smashed it



Thanks Teacher

Posted on our social media this week. Everyone deserves a huge thank you for all the hard work, effort and achievements.





Good news!

Manchester Council has confirmed they are going to fund a £55 voucher for every student on Free School Meals, to cover for the summer holidays. If your child is eligible for FSM you will get a voucher emailed to you during the last week of term in July. If you have recently changed your email address please let school know so we can ensure the voucher goes to the right place.

The council has also confirmed this support will continue during next academic year at least until Easter 2024.

Don't forget...

We provide Free School Breakfast for all Students every school day from 7:45am.



A good breakfast helps with concentration, focus and stimulates the mind.. the children can chose from a selection of freshly cooked bagels or a hearty pot of porridge with various syrups.

Parent Pay

If you haven't yet activated your parent pay account and require some assistance, please contact the Finance team who will be happy to help.

ParentPay is easy-to-use and will offer you the freedom to make online payments whenever and wherever you like, 24/7. The technology used is of the highest internet security available ensuring that your money will reach school safely – offering you peace of mind. Full payment history, balance alerts and statements are available to you securely online at any time.

Free School Meals

If you think you qualify for Free School Meals, please register online on

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims>

Students on Free School Meals have an automatic allowance of £2.40 added every day to their account, which cover for a meal deal: main, drink and dessert. At the end of the day any money unspent is taken away and another £2.40 is added the following day.



Diary Events

W/B 19 June	Event
MON	Pastoral Theme – The importance of healthy relationships Year 8 Geography Field Trip – Formby Beach
TUES	GCSE Exams – Food Preparation & Nutrition Year 7 Rounders – Parrs Wood
WED	GCSE Exams – Polish & Portuguese – Writing Year 8 Rounders – Parrs Wood
THURS	
FRI	Year 8 & 9 Visit to Manchester University