



**St. Matthew's**  
Roman Catholic High School  
VOLUNTARY ACADEMY



# St. Matthew's RCHS Newsletter

# Round Up

Week 39—Friday 21 July 2023

## Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the end of what has undeniably been one of the most challenging years in the history of St. Matthew's School, I wanted to take a moment to extend my deepest gratitude for all the support you have shown us. This year has been filled with ups and downs, with morale across school taking a real hit in the autumn term. However, I am delighted to share that we are finishing on a real high, thanks to the incredible dedication and resilience of our school community.

Having completed just one term as Headteacher, I already feel at home here, and it is all thanks to the warm welcome and supportive messages I have received from all of you since my arrival. Your encouragement and belief in our school have been truly uplifting, and it has inspired me to work even harder to lead St. Matthew's toward a brighter future.

The progress we have made in the past months has been nothing short of remarkable. Our school is moving forward rapidly, and we are committed to continuously raising expectations to ensure the best possible learning environment for our students. Together, we will strive for excellence and empower our students to reach their full potential.

I want to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt appreciation for your cooperation in ensuring that your child is appropriately dressed for school and equipped with the necessary tools for learning. Your partnership plays a vital role in fostering a conducive atmosphere for education, and we deeply value your active involvement in your child's academic journey.

Our mission statement of "pray, care, and achieve" is not just a set of words on paper; it is a living reality in our school every single day. Witnessing the dedication and hard work of our students as they pursue their dreams is truly inspiring, and it reinforces our commitment to providing the best education and support possible.

As we approach the summer break, I hope you and your family have a lovely time together. We look forward to welcoming you all back in September for another new beginning, filled with exciting opportunities and accomplishments.

Once again, thank you for your unwavering support, belief, and dedication to St. Matthew's School. Together, we will continue to build a thriving educational community where every student can flourish.

God bless



## DIARY NOTE FOR SEPTEMBER 2023



Remember, remember dates and times for September

**Year 7: Monday 4th September 2023  
at 8:30am**

**Year 11: Monday 4th September 2023  
at 11.20am**

**All other Years back on  
Tuesday 5th September 2023 at 8:30am**



## Fun on Formby sands

A huge well done to all our Beehive students, both KS3 and 4. They have worked so hard this year on moving towards becoming the best versions of themselves. Even the tough days have served a purpose; they have been used as learning points, building on reflection and resilience.

They've certainly learned to dance in the rain (not just metaphorically!)

This year our students have had the opportunity to take part in numerous trips and experiences which have inspired them to work hard and reach goals. They have cooked, climbed, walked, competed and crafted, amongst other activities. Their latest trip was to Formby Beach where they finished this year's chapter with smiles & such fun.

Beehive students...never stop being yourselves because every single one of you do it just perfectly. Thank you for inspiring the staff that work with you. We look forward to seeing you all in September as you open a new chapter at SMRCHS.

From Mrs Walsh, Mrs Tilbury and all the Beehive team.



## All Doll'd UP

Fantastic achievement for these students, who have now completed their hairdressing placement at Doll'd Up Hair & Beauty. Well done, we are very proud of you.





## A visit to the West End...

Our students took an overnight trip to London for the West End's whacking great hit of entertainment and nostalgia, **BACK TO THE FUTURE.**

They all enjoyed a lovely meal following the show and a fabulous time was had by all.



## KS3 end of term rewards

The rain stayed away for a fun filled morning on the inflatables followed by ice creams and slushes.





## Cultural Enrichment Opportunities in English

This academic year our students have experienced some wonderful trips including:

1. Dream Girls at the Palace theatre (Y10)
2. Blood Brothers at the Lowry (Y9)
3. Colour Purple at the Lowry (Y11)
4. Cinderella at Hope Mill theatre (Y7)
5. Student newspaper trip to the Christmas markets and Pizza Express (mixed)
6. An Inspector Calls at the Lowry (Y10 and 11)
7. Lion King at the Palace (Y7 and 8)
8. Noughts and Crosses at the Lowry (Y9)
9. Poetry Live at Bridgewater Hall (Y10 and 11)
10. Manchester Museums trip (SMRCHS Gazette)

**THE LOWRY**

All Year Nine students were invited to a production of *Blood Brothers* in October. They thoroughly enjoyed watching the play they have been studied.

**Y9**

**'UNMISSABLE AND UNBEATABLE'**

BILLKENWORTH

WILLY RUSSELL'S **BLOOD Brothers**

★★★★★ 'DAZZLING' ★★★★★ 'TERRIFIC'

**theatre trips**

**Year 10**

**eam Girls at The Palace**

As part of a brilliant series of drama made in 1981 and I was fortunate enough to watch it at the Palace Theatre. It was such a great experience and to respect the performance. The Broadway play with the most stellar Christmas a group of young women that appear to become famous in their own right. The group is made up of the lead singer Eddie White and her friends. Drama fans and Local Residents. I strongly recommend this play to all drama club members and beautiful singing!

**DREAMGIRLS**

IT'S A STORY BEHIND EVERY DREAM

**The Color Purple at the Lowry**

**Year 11**

**THE COLOR PURPLE**

**Cinderella at Hope Mill theatre.**

We were lucky to be given 42 free tickets to enjoy this magical Christmas show!

Year Sevens enjoyed their first St Matthew's school trip and had some time to socialise in the lovely old mill theatre before the show.

**An Inspector Calls**

Year 10 and 11 pupils were mesmerised by this incredible production of their GCSE text.

Nearly 100 pupils had the opportunity to enjoy an evening trip to the Lowry Theatre.

**AN INSPECTOR CALLS**

**Poetry Live**

This fantastic trip to Bridgewater Hall to see some of Britain's finest poets perform their work (which our pupils study for their Literature GCSE) was a great success.

The 100 Year Ten and Eleven students were a credit to the school. We sat at the front and the pupils made us proud; we were easily the best-behaved school there and asked a third of the questions!

**Y7&8**

The major event of our trip took over 100 Year Seven and Eight pupils to the Palace Theatre, where they were taken away by the subtlety, use of language and production. Their behaviour was exemplary and their understanding of the play was superb. Children who had excellent work in English were given the opportunity to perform their own work at the end of the trip.

**The Lion King Trip**

On the 18th of January, Year 7 and 8 went to The Palace Theatre to watch The Lion King. The Lion King is a musical that has become a worldwide success. It has a wonderful experience that all of the other Lion King fans will love and is worth seeing it for the first time. It is suitable for all ages.

There is a short wait and the play starts at 7.30pm. The play was absolutely brilliant, but for children who are nervous. The 7 and 8th year enjoyed the opportunity to go to the trip, as we had been very happy to be taken to the show.

**THE LION KING**

**Newspaper Club**

**Pizza Express Trip**

On the 19th December, the Newspaper Club was pleased with trip to Pizza Express. We had a great time and enjoyed the pizza and the staff were very friendly. We had a great time and enjoyed the pizza and the staff were very friendly. We had a great time and enjoyed the pizza and the staff were very friendly.

**Manchester Museum (Y7)**

The trip was a great success and the children enjoyed the museum and the staff were very friendly. We had a great time and enjoyed the museum and the staff were very friendly.

**Noughts and Crosses**

Miss Stephenson led a very successful trip to The Lowry Theatre to see *Noughts and Crosses* with a group of Year Nine pupils, who thoroughly enjoyed the show and who behaved beautifully.

**NOUGHTS & CROSSES**

Thank you team English... We all look forward to seeing what the new school year agenda brings for our students.



# Highlights of the Year



## Sporting highlights of this year

County Cup:

Year 8 QF

Year 9 and 11 SF

Manchester Cup:

Year 7 QF

Year 10 Manchester CHAMPIONS

Catholic Cup:

Year 7 Runners up in Final

Year 8 Runners up in final

Year 10 SF

Year 11 SF

We proud to have also entered Athletics, Cross-country and Basketball comps with some excellent results achieved



Team Sports have had a busy year as usual, our students have enjoyed activities across all sports disciplines including Football, Netball, Basketball, Athletics and Cross-country.

Our after school clubs have focussed on Cricket, Rounders, Fitness and Boxing students have really enjoyed practicing these sports and look forward to these clubs continuing in September.



Thank you Team Sports and our Athletes, a great year. Hope the new school year sees many more achievements



# Highlights of the Year

This year has seen the birth of a new, exciting and dynamic group at St. Matthew's. The formation of The G.S.A. (Gay, Straight, Alliance).

The group started off with just a few pupils but has grown in capacity and at its peak we had seventeen pupils attend the group session.

The group meet voluntarily after school each week and we let the sessions develop in a structured but organic way. Pupils discuss topics that they are curious about and we seek collectively to find answers, offer opinions and support.

The pupils enjoy the relaxed setting and the snacks and drinks add to the ambience of togetherness.

The year culminated in a full day event at a prestigious hotel in Manchester city centre. Here The Proud Trust oversaw a workshop day of talk, discussion and fun activities. Here members from our group joined other pupils from Manchester schools who were part of similar school groups. We made connections with other local schools and in the forthcoming academic year we hope to organise exchange visits.

All in all the G.S.A has been a great success and a fine example of pupil and staff mutual collaboration.

Thankyou to pupils and staff who have made this such a great start to what I am sure will become a diamond in St Matthew's Crown.



## Summer Concert Success

Our summer concert was a great success congratulations to all our musicians and singers. The practicing certainly made perfect, you smashed it!

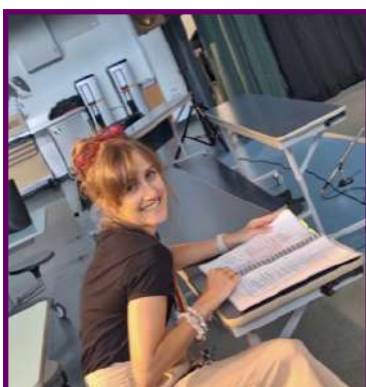




# Highlights of the Year

## Grease...

Since our amazing production Grease has definitely been the 'word' around school. The whole Grease cast and production team were amazing.



A final farewell to our Year 11 students as they celebrated Prom night in style at Football Hotel.

All students looked absolutely wonderful



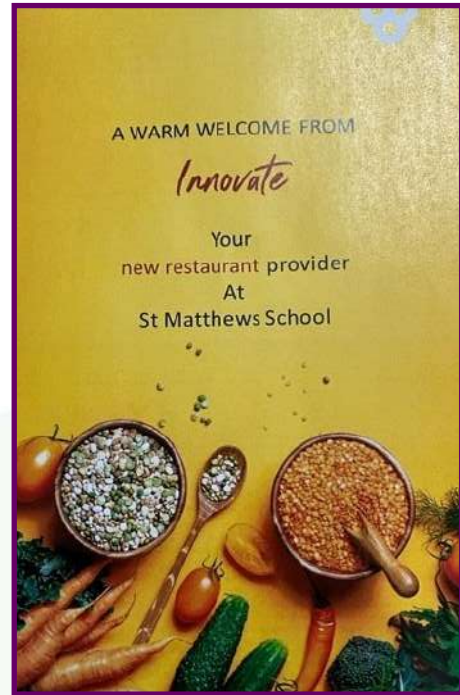
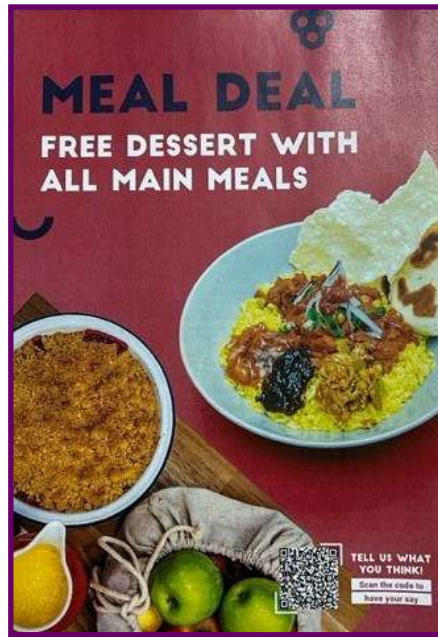




# What's New In School

We are delighted to partner with Innovate, who will provide a whole new school menu offering exciting lunches packed with healthy ingredients for our students and staff to enjoy. We will see the launch of some fantastic theme days, a new blue dot package and the favourite meal deal.

We feel sure there will be no disappointment



# BLUE DOT

## 4 ITEMS FOR £2.50

<p><b>COLD DELI</b> A Selection of Rolls: Cheese, Tuna, Ham</p>	<p><b>40Z POTS</b> Selection of fruit pots Selection of jelly pots</p>
<p><b>DRINKS</b> Radnor Small Slush Small Gen Juice</p>	<p><b>HOMEBAKES (Varied Daily)</b> Mini Flapjack Mini Brownie Mini Shortbread Mini Muffin</p>
<p><b>HOT BLUE DOT</b> Hot blue dot item of the day Pizza Melt Bap Pizza Quesadilla Cheese Toasty Bap Garlic Bread</p>	

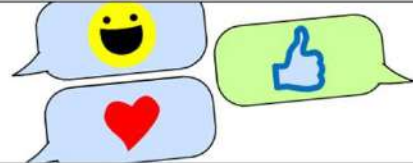
### AWESOME THEME DAYS COMING UP

AUTUMN TERM	SPRING TERM	SUMMER TERM
<p>SEPTEMBER British Food Festival</p>	<p>JANUARY VEGANUARY LOW &amp; SLOW</p>	<p>MAY Candy &amp; Nuts WORLD OF SWEETS</p>
<p>OCTOBER Harvest Week</p>	<p>FEBRUARY Chinese New Year PANCAKE DAY</p>	<p>JUNE FISH &amp; CHIPS</p>
<p>NOVEMBER Diwali</p>	<p>MARCH British Pie Wees Happy Easter</p>	<p>JULY Get ready for the 2024 OLYMPICS</p>
<p>DECEMBER 12 Days of Christmas Boxing Day Lunch</p>	<p>APRIL Stop Food Waste Day</p>	

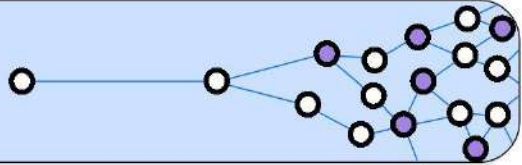


## 8 tips to stay safe online

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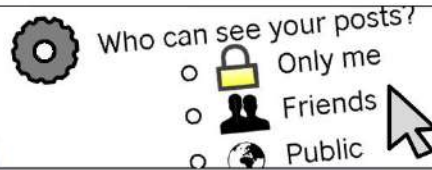
2 Take care with what you share.



3 Keep personal information private.



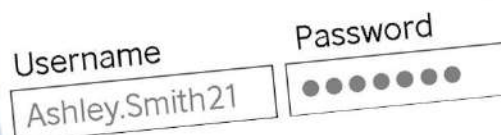
4 Check your privacy settings.



5 Know how to report posts.



6 Keep your passwords safe.



7 Never meet anyone in person you've only met online.



8 If you see anything online that you don't like or you find upsetting, tell someone you trust.





Have an  
awesome  
Summer!

