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

# Round Up

Week 31 - Friday 26 May 2023

## Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents/ carers,

I hope this weekly edition of Roundup finds you well. As we near the end of this term, I wanted to take a moment to express my utmost admiration and gratitude for your continued support and the visible progress we have witnessed at St Matthew's. This term has started with a higher level of expectation, and I am truly impressed with the way it has unfolded. The dedication and perseverance demonstrated by our staff and the majority of our children have been nothing short of exceptional. It is evident that we have all embraced the challenges we face and are committed to driving positive change in our school community.

While we acknowledge that we still have a long way to go on our journey, it is important to recognise the progress we have made thus far. The dedication of our staff, coupled with the efforts of our students, have resulted in a noticeable transformation within our school and improved the climate in all areas. The commitment to learning and personal growth has been inspiring, and I am confident that we are on the right path to success. Some students have been slower to respond than most of the others but it's safe to say that we are all aligned in the same direction and further support will be required by a small minority.

One of the aspects I am particularly delighted to witness is the prevalence of rewards within our school culture. Our belief in recognising and celebrating achievements is deeply ingrained in our Catholic values and it brings me great joy to see so many prize winners each week. These rewards not only acknowledge the hard work and accomplishments of our students but also serve as a powerful motivator for continuous improvement and excellence.

I also want to take a moment to express my heartfelt appreciation for the incredible dedication and effort our Year 11 students have demonstrated throughout the rigorous exam series. It is with great pride and admiration that I share how well our Year 11 students have coped with the demands of their exams. They have shown exceptional resilience, determination, and a commendable work ethic in their preparation. The countless hours of extra time and effort they have invested in their studies are truly commendable. Their commitment to their academic journey is a testament to their growth and maturity.

As we look ahead to the summer, I am filled with excitement and anticipation to see the smiles on their faces when they receive their results in August. I have no doubt that their hard work and perseverance will yield excellent outcomes. Regardless of the final grades, the progress they have made and the skills they have acquired will undoubtedly serve them well in their future endeavours.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish you a relaxing half-term break. It has been a busy and challenging period for both our staff and students, and this break serves as a well-deserved opportunity for rest and recharge. I would like to express my deepest gratitude to all the staff and students who will be utilising this time to continue preparing for the final set of examinations. Your commitment and dedication are truly commendable, and your efforts are greatly appreciated.

In closing, I would like to thank you, parents, for your unwavering support and partnership throughout the academic year. Your encouragement and involvement have played an instrumental role in the success of our students. Together, we have created a nurturing and supportive environment that fosters growth and development.

Wishing you a wonderful and restful half-term break, filled with joy, relaxation, and quality time with your loved ones.

God bless  
Mr A Nightingale



# Highlights of the week

## Year 11

Today we said goodbye and good luck to all our Year 11 students! The leavers assembly was held today and the whole year group was dismissed for the final time.



**Reminder  
Exams are  
not over  
just yet,  
see the  
events  
page for  
further  
exam  
dates**



## Year 10

### Year 11 Top Achievers

Sunny 11GBr  
Owen 11GBr  
Hassan 11MGn  
Detroit 11Bub  
Sunny 11GBr

### Attendance

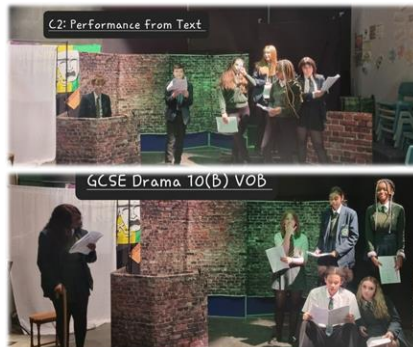
Year 11 Highest Attending  
Form **11CBd**

This week, 28 students  
achieved 100% attendance in  
year 11, lets him for higher  
next week

Year 10 Highest Attending  
Form **10Tel**

This week, 26 students  
achieved 100% attendance in  
year 10, lets him for higher  
next week

Our Yr10 GCSE Drama learners are taking over the mantle of Yr11 and exploring scripts for their upcoming component 2 EOY filmed assessment. The Drama studio is where we 'love to learn' and achieve.



### Year 10 Top Achievers

Temilope  
Gift  
Tilly  
Chana  
Alfie



# Highlights of the week

## Year 9



Well done to our Sparx super stars this half term! Together the three girls (Abeeha, Miriam & Lucy) have been completing over 2 hours extra math a night 😊



### Year 9 Top Achievers

Lexi E  
Kayden C  
Sarah K  
Nethania A  
Precious P

### Attendance

Year 9 Highest Attending Form – **9CSm**

This week, 23 students achieved 100% attendance in year 9, lets aim for higher next term

Year 8 Highest Attending Form – **8RSk**

This week, 22 students achieved 100% attendance in year 8, lets aim for higher next term

## Year 8

Some of our pupils enjoying breakfast – Reminder, all students can access a free breakfast including porridge and bagels each morning before school starts.



### Year 8 Top Achievers

Lucy C  
Rohan  
Emeka  
Ezekiel  
Beyounce

Fantastic performances from each player in our Year 8 football team. Well done for all your efforts over this term. Lets really push ourselves over the Summer term!



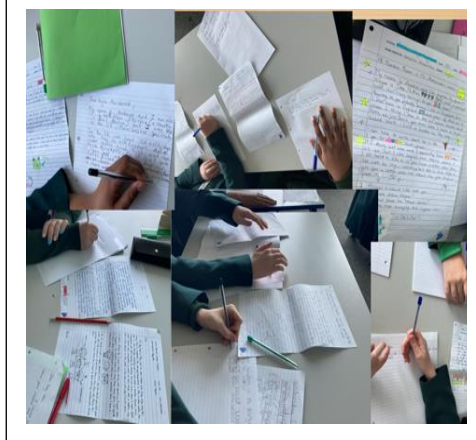


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# Rewards & Recognition

## Year 7 Top Achievers

Year 7's in 7CAL have been writing to the Singapore pen pals, a programme set by Miss Alexander. They have been exchanging letters to help the pupils in Singapore practice their English writing skills. What a wonderful idea and some lovely ways to communicate with other pupils around the world.



### Year 7 Top Achievers

Ava  
Reaan  
Harry  
Rodrigo  
Hailey

### Attendance

Year 7 Highest Attending Form – 7DMo

This week, 33 students achieved 100% attendance in year 7, lets him for higher next term

## Media Matters

As part of our school re-branding, we now have a new school Facebook page. Scan the QR code to like and follow our page and keep up to date with school news, rewards, events and much more! Instagram coming soon 😊



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# WELCOME

To our new  
**Facebook page!**





### Whole school punctuality

Well done to all students for working hard on their punctuality to school and to lessons. Please ensure you continue to push the importance of punctuality.

Uniform remains a huge priority with the following students winning our weekly tombola prize for perfect uniform standards.

£50 voucher of choice – Khanh 10CCH  
£25 voucher of choice – Minahil 8FGW  
£25 voucher of choice – Nice 10MLA



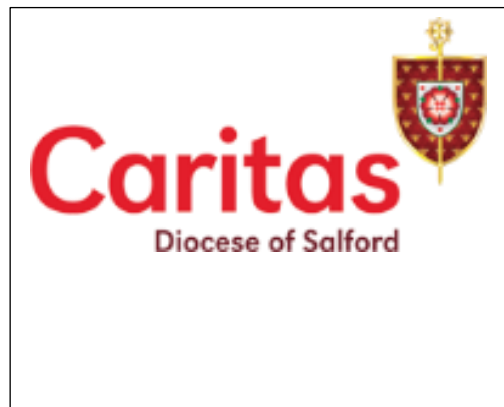
### Chaplaincy Corner

Whole School Hail Mary - this week's communal prayer took place on Wednesday. Once again, our school community gathered to say the Hail Mary. This week we thought of our Y11 pupils who have made a wonderful start to the exam period. Plans are in place that this will continue after half term.

**Staff Prayer** - The whole staff body gathers weekly to reflect on various different themes, led each week by a different department. Once again Mr. Atkin took centre stage and led the whole staff in 'Colours of Day'. Staff prayer was led by the RE department with a focus on Pentecost and Vocation.

**Caritas Fundraising** on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May Mr Hall ran the Manchester 10K, raising money for Caritas. Donations have reached £270 pounds. Thank you for all the generous donation from those members of the St. Matthew's community as well as those from family and friends.

**Still to come**- class Masses will begin next term, with Year 7. Daily Prayers will continue to be written by our form groups. Thank you to 8JPR for your contribution as well prayers for Scarlett (Y8) and Bonnie (Y7).





<b>W/B 5 June</b>	<b>Event</b>
MON	GCSE Exams – English Language, French – writing Pastoral Theme – Cycling and other forms of transport to help the environment
TUES	GCSE Exams – Spanish listening & reading, RE
WED	GCSE Exams – Maths & History
THURS	Partner Primary - Sports
FRI	GCSE Exams – Geography, Triple Science & Combined Science – Biology Y7, 8 & 9 Athletics League – Eastland's