



St. Matthew's
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St. Matthew's RCHS Newsletter

Round Up

Week 28 - Friday 28 April 2023

Headteacher's Message

I wanted to write and express my happiness with the early progress we have made together here at St Matthew's. As I approach the end of my second week in school, I can see the desire and dedication of both staff and students to deliver the school that we know can serve the needs of all in our community.

The students have shown tremendous resilience and adaptability to our higher level of expectations and the vast majority are adjusting with enthusiasm. Our staff body have worked hard with me to raise the aspirations of all children and show real pride in their belonging to our community.

I have spent most days in school visiting classrooms, chatting to children at break and lunchtime and getting a strong feel for where we currently are as a school. I am ambitious to deliver a school that remains true to our mission of praying, caring, and achieving and have spoken to all children in assemblies about the part I expect them to play in this.

As I write this entry, I am looking forward to meeting as many parents as possible both tonight at the Headteachers introduction and over the next few weeks and months. May I take this opportunity to thank you for all of the positive feedback so far. Parent and student voice and will be crucial in our rapid improvement journey and I will be seeking as many opportunities as possible to gather your views. We will use this newsletter to share the results with you so that you can hopefully see the changes for yourself.

The journey in front of us will still present many challenges but I am extremely confident that when we pull together as a community, we can achieve great things here and serve the local community as an excellent Catholic school should. The culture and climate in school has already changed and we will continue to work hard on this.

I hope you enjoy the long weekend and get to spend some relaxing family time together.

God bless you all

Mr Nightingale





Highlights of the week...



These students received the highest daily number of rewards points within their year group and have all received a positive phone call home. Well done!



"Stop the bleed" is a national pilot to raise awareness of the dangers of carrying weapons. We are one of only fourteen schools to host the roadshow and every Year 7 took part on Wednesday 26th April 2023. It was an informative, shocking and educational session that taught about risks but also showed students how to care for those who may be injured.



Many Year 7 parents contacted school about how pleased they were that we were taking part in this pilot

Standards' Walk

Standards' walks have been completed for both Year 9 and Year 10. This has highlighted that uniform has improved, coats are being removed and the start to lessons is started to improve.

Weekly Focus

Improving uniform standards and pride in the SMRCHS badge

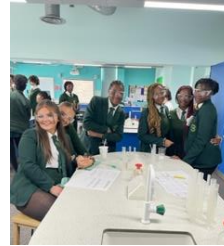
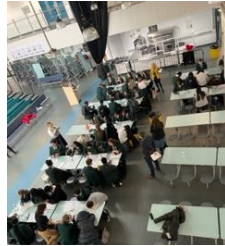
This week, our Savio students had the opportunity to enjoy a picnic at Heaton Park. Feedback was very positive and the staff from other agencies were really impressed with the behaviour of our students. Everybody had a great day!





Year 11

During the Teacher Strike day yesterday, Year 11 had the opportunity to attend an English Masterclass which was a huge success! Thank you to R.E., Science, Maths, English, Media and Technology teams for your work with Year 11 on strike day. Feedback has been overwhelmingly positive about how the pupils have engaged with their learning.



Headteacher's Welcome meeting

Mr Nightingale and the senior leadership team held a Welcome meeting with parents yesterday. This was a great opportunity for Mr Nightingale to meet parents and share his vision on our journey for improvement.



Part of this journey will be more frequent communication with parents via emails, letters, newsletters and social media. All communication will be shared as soon as possible.



Uniform standards have improved across the whole school, it's great to see our students looking so smart. Keep up the great work!



Diary Events

W/B 1 May	Event
MON	BANK HOLIDAY
TUES	STRIKE DAY Y11 in school
WED	EAL Speaking Tests Y11 Controlled Assessment (Art/ Tech)
THURS	Y8 Parents Evening EAL Speaking tests Y11 Controlled Assessments (Art/ Tech) Y8 Girls Football Final
FRI	Y10 Study Skills with Elevate External speaker: Alison Cope – Anti-Violence Campaigner with Y11, Y10, Y7