



St. Matthew's RCHS Newsletter

Round Up

Week 36—Friday 30 June 2023

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents,

I hope this edition of Round up finds you in good spirits, I wanted to take a moment to share what an incredible week it has been at St. Matthew's.

Firstly, I want to express my admiration for our Year 11 students who attended the wonderful prom at Hotel Football on Monday. They were an absolute credit to the school and their families. It was a joyous event, and I am proud to say that their behaviour was exemplary. The staff employed at the venue also commented on the outstanding conduct of our students, which is a true reflection of the values we instil at St. Matthew's. Hotel Football hosts about 50 school prom events each year so to hear about our students in such glowing terms should fill us all with joy.

We also had the pleasure of welcoming all our Year 6 students and their families this week to our transition evening. The event was incredibly well attended, and it was heart-warming to see the enthusiasm and excitement among the students as they prepare to join us in September. We look forward to their arrival and to supporting them as they embark on their secondary school journey.

Additionally, I had the privilege of interviewing several students from Year 10 for the position of Senior Student Leaders. Once again, I was amazed by the exceptional quality of our students at St. Matthew's. Their maturity, dedication, and leadership skills are truly inspiring, and I have no doubt they will have a positive impact on our school community.

With just three weeks of the term remaining, we have many exciting reward events planned within the school. It is important to remind students to maintain high attendance to ensure they can participate in these activities. We want every student to have the opportunity to enjoy these well-deserved rewards.

As the weekend approaches, I encourage you and your family to take some time to relax and recharge. It has been a remarkable week, and I am grateful for the ongoing support and partnership of our parents. Together, we can continue to create a nurturing and thriving environment for our students.

Wishing you a relaxing weekend.

God bless

Mr A Nightingale



"oh what a night"

Year 11 Prom

Monday 26th June 2023

What a fantastic evening at Hotel Football.

All students looked absolutely wonderful and the hotel management commented on how impressed they were with all students exemplary behaviour and





Year 10

Top 10 Achievers

- ◆ Anashe M
- ◆ Bon T
- ◆ Jack D
- ◆ Jia X W
- ◆ Kayla G
- ◆ Olivia P
- ◆ Patrick B
- ◆ Ridwan M
- ◆ Temilope A
- ◆ Wison D S

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Year 10 Highest Attending Form 10MLA
McDonald's Breakfast reward scheduled for next week

Well Done and Enjoy 10MLA!
We're lovin' it



Student Prefects

Senior prefects were selected this week out of 78 students that applied. Well done to all six of you, what an amazing achievement, you should all feel very proud.

**Gabriel C, Wilson D S, Caleb T,
Horaib, Daniella, Bella M**

'Nice Ice' Monday

On one of our hottest days of the week Yr10 were rewarded with ice lollies during lunch break. The maturity and resilience they have demonstrated throughout the exam season has been something to be proud of.

Keep it going Yr10 your doing great.



Focaccia Bake

Did you know, since the medieval era, the Roman Catholic Church has used this bread commonly during their religious festivals and our Yr10 smashed it baking a delicious feast of focaccia in food tech drop down day.

It looked amazing!



Year 9

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Year 9 Highest Attending Form is 9 All with an excellent 97.5%

Drama, Drama...

Yr9 are using Stanislavski's style of Naturalism to develop characterisation in performance from a script.

All three boys Justine, Michael and Stephen were brilliant in performance. Achievement points awarded and praise texts sent home. Actor of the week certificates also. Well done keep going.



ICE CREAM Celebrations ...

It was a celebration for year 9All this week, who were rewarded with a visit to our ice-cream hub. Congratulations to you all and good luck to all students for this week's surprise announcement.





Year 8

Top 5 Achievers

- * Ava E
- * Nathan S
- * Sharon M
- * Miracle O
- * Michael D

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

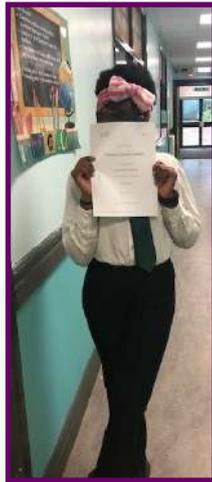
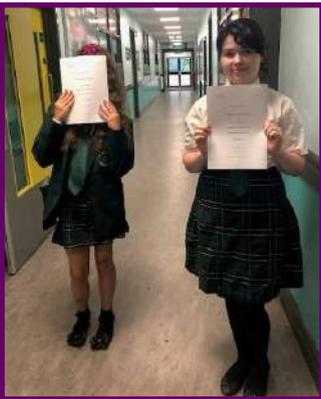
Year 8 Highest Attending Form 8RSK with a whopping 95.27% attendance

Number of students with 100% attendance is 21

Well Done to you all!

Lexonik Achievements

Four year 8 pupils have completed a Lexonik Advance course—Well done you!!



Reading Matters...

Nathan has amazed us with his reading skills! He is thoroughly enjoying his Harry Potter journey and has reached his third book in just under a month! Nathan chooses to read before bed and first thing in the morning as it helps him to regulate and set himself up for the day ahead.

Well done, Nath. It's a pleasure to see you lost in a book. We are super proud of you. Keep going!

A huge congratulations to Rebecca, Christiana, Evie-Mae and Gracie

Lunchtime Friendship Club

Great to see Miss Burns' friendship club running on Monday Lunchtime with lots of Year 8 students in attendance. This is

a safe space for students to socialise and make new positive connections.





Beehive Buzz

Brotherly Love

This past 2 weeks our year 10 Beehive students have visited the Brothers of Charity who are based next to St Malachy's RC Primary school. Our students were welcomed with a cold drink and discussed the order with Brother Mark including how they were founded by Mother Teresa, their work in Manchester and how they assist people globally. The pupils then toured the gardens, completed the stations of the cross then helped to clear the pathways and cycle tracks. They have also visited the Brothers of charity at their home this week and rolled up their sleeves picking raspberries, planting pumpkins, clearing brush and nettles from cycle paths, and creating a new pathway and steps that could be enjoyed by the community and St Malachy's RC Primary school. The students were impeccably behaved throughout and displayed a great work ethic and didn't down tools even when the rain came.

We have made plans to continue to work with the Brothers in the future.

There is great love for the Brothers in the community.





Rewards & Recognition

Uniform Prize Draw Winners

- ◆ £50 voucher of choice – Evie McGarry 10CRa
- ◆ £25 voucher of choice – Kehinde Uthman 10CRa
- ◆ £25 voucher of choice – Bailey Downes 9STa

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 P.E department and our Ks3 pupils as they started their EOY assessments. Staff praised all three year groups for their conduct in the exam hall.

Staff Prayer - The whole staff body gathers weekly to reflect on various different themes, led each week by a different department. The Humanities department, led by Mr. Mason, reflected on our responsibilities to our environment with the words *“Open our hearts to appreciate the beauty that surrounds us—the majestic mountains, the vast oceans, the lush forests, and the vibrant wildlife. Let us find solace and inspiration in nature, reminding us of your boundless creativity and love.*

Caritas Fundraising – We received a lovely message from Rachel at Caritas thanking the St. Matthew's community for their fundraising efforts for St. Joseph's Penny. “Please let your staff, pupils and their families know that their donations and prayers will make a real difference to the lives of the local people in Greater Manchester and Lancashire that we support – people in our local communities facing poverty, disadvantage, homelessness and isolation. Your kindness is helping to ensure there is a warm space to come for the 1:1 support, food, clothing and resources they need to help them transform their lives with dignity. You can read more here in our latest Impact Report.



Thank you once again for sharing what you have with those in need. Together, we will ensure that no one is left behind. God bless you and your loved ones.”

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



Beehive Bakers....

Year 8 Beehive students have absolutely loved their cooking time over the last term. They have made all sorts of tasty treats from muffins to breakfast toasties! A big Thank you to Mrs Hayes!



Baking Club

This week pupils in Baking Club were making a lemon Medeira cake. They learnt the traditional creaming method using ground almonds to make the sponge and then added a drizzle over the top using fresh lemons. Fabulous skills learnt by year 7 pupils, well done to them all!



Our Very Own Attendance Clinic



Students will have the opportunity to speak to staff in the Attendance Team at lunchtime to discuss anything attendance related.

This week saw the launch of a new attendance initiative.

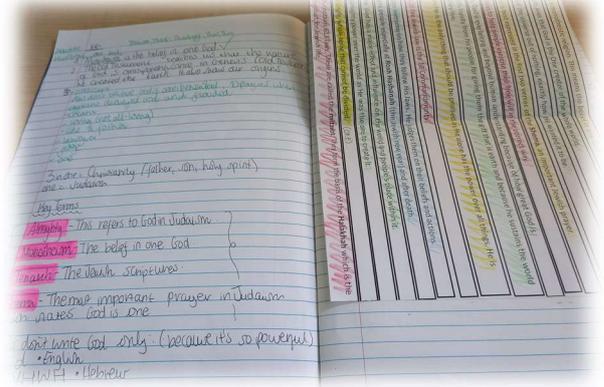
Any student who reaches 100% attendance between Monday 26 June — Friday 21 July will be entered into a fantastic prize draw. Prizes include:

- Airpods Laptops Tablets
- Vouchers of your choice



Praise From RE ...

Y9 have made a wonderful start to the RE GCSE in HT6. As we prepare them for September we reminded them that their Y11 self would thank them for taking care with their presentation and completing all work to a high standard. The presentation in their books has been excellent and the expectations they have set for themselves is outstanding. Well done to Edward, Molly and Olivia whose books were of a particular high standard.



A HUGE SPARX Shout Out

Congratulations from the Maths Department to the following pupils who have gone above and beyond with their work on SPARX, each have received a certificate and lunch on us!

The pupils have succeeded in completing in excess of 5500 XP points during the period from Easter until the beginning of June.

A special mention goes to Abeeha Farooq who has totalled a whopping 55629 XP points, making her the highest scoring pupil in the school – Just outstanding work, great achievement.



Year 11 Artwork

Yr11 GCSE artwork up on display for our art moderators visit. Look how amazing their work is!





Year 6 Transition Parents evening

It was amazing to see the hundreds of people that joined us for the year 6 parents evening. Parents and children came to us on Thursday evening excited and eager to hear from Mrs Walsh about the next step in the transition process.

They were warmly welcomed by the year 10 guardian angels and a few outstanding pupils in year 7 and 8.

There was a fantastic speech made by our newly appointed year 10 senior leaders, Gabriel and Daniella.



The overall response from the parents and children was encouraging and positive as they were able to meet their future year 7 form teachers and the extended year 7 team.



Year 9 SPARX Achievers

A huge congratulations from the Maths Department to all the pupils who have gone above and beyond with their work on SPARX, each have received a 'jump the queue' dinner pass for the week – well done guys.

Watch out for those special SPARX badges and remember all have a chance of having lunch on us towards the end of term!!





Diary Events

W/B 3 July	Event
MON	Pastoral Theme – Celebrating excellence
TUES	School Production – Grease Citywide Rounders Finals
WED	National Strike Day – Year 10 in only School Production - Grease
THURS	Chester Zoo – Year 7 Zip World – Year 10 Computing Curriculum day – Year 10 School Production - Grease
FRI	National Strike Day Transition Day – Year 6



**Don't forget to
purchase your
tickets!**

**It's a performance not to
miss.**

