



St. Matthew's RCHS Newsletter

Round Up

Week 31 - Friday 19 May 2023

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents,

I hope this message finds you well. I wanted to take a moment to share some positive news regarding our Year 11 students and their approach to the start of their GCSE exams this week. It has been truly impressive to witness their dedication and commitment to their studies.

Throughout the start of the exam period, our Year 11 students have shown remarkable focus and determination. They have approached their exams with a sense of responsibility and maturity, displaying the culmination of their hard work and preparation over the past years. We are proud of their efforts so far and believe they have set a strong foundation for success.

I would also like to commend all of our students for their continual improvement in maintaining uniform standards and punctuality. Over the past few weeks, we have witnessed a collective effort from many of our students to adhere to the school's uniform policy, and their commitment to arriving on time has been commendable. We believe that these habits are essential in creating a positive learning environment, and we will continue to emphasise their importance moving forward.

In the coming weeks, we will be implementing a trial of a single break and lunch for the whole school. This change will provide exciting opportunities for our students to attend a variety of clubs and have access to the full range of facilities within the school. We believe that this adjustment will not only enhance the learning environment but also promote a stronger sense of community and collaboration among our students.

By having the entire school on lessons together, we aim to eliminate interruptions to learning and create a more focused and productive atmosphere. This change will provide a structured timetable that ensures students can maximise their academic potential while still enjoying a wide range of extracurricular activities.

We believe that this approach will benefit our students greatly, providing them with a more comprehensive and enriching educational experience. As always, we appreciate your support and cooperation in helping us create an optimal learning environment for all our students.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. We value your feedback and are committed to working together to provide the best possible education for your children.

I do hope you are enjoying the weekly Round Up newsletter and that it is keeping you informed of both the many great things happening at St Matthew's and the key events for the week ahead.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

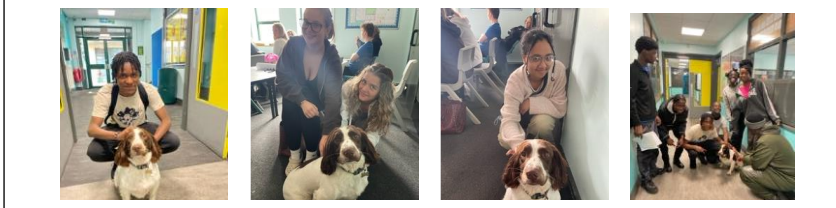
God bless
Mr A Nightingale



Year 11

Sunday Revision Sessions

On Sunday, 105 students attended school from 10am to 1pm for RE revision. This is incredible and shows the true commitment students are displaying towards their GCSE examinations. The students enjoyed meeting Finn before their sessions. Many thanks to Miss Cooper, Miss Taylor & Mrs Wrigley for giving up their time on Sunday.



Students also attended Maths revision in the lead up to their exam. Well done! Year 11 have got off to a fantastic start in their GCSE's and we are extremely proud of all students. Their conduct, effort and engagement has been exemplary. On Saturday morning, Mr Walker, Mr Darjee and Mr Ahmed worked with 25 targeted pupils at a Grade 4 Maths booster sessions. Thank you to all staff involved and thank you in advance to all of the staff who will be running revision sessions during the May half term!

Year 11 Top Achievers

Queensley
Lois
Owen
Tumi
Daniel

Attendance

Year 11 Highest Attending
Form **11GBr**

This week, 27 students achieved 100% attendance in year 11, lets him for higher next week

Year 10 Highest Attending
Form **10MAu**

This week, 28 students achieved 100% attendance in year 10, lets him for higher next week

This week 8 year 10 boys passed the Brad Walker mentoring programme. Great spoke highly about what he had learnt from the programme, describing how he can motivate himself to improve across curriculum areas. Great work!



Ms Wrigley has been busy this week, dropping in different curriculum areas looking at student's work and engagement in lessons. Thank you to Textiles, Drama, Geography, Media and Maths.



Year 10 Top Achievers

Gift
Wilson
Temilope
Kayla
Abigail L

Thank you to the girls in Year 10 who offered to umpire for our Partners Primary Rounders Tournament on Thursday





Highlights of the week

Year 9

This week, year 9 have been rewarded with Dominoes Pizza for their incredible effort and engagement over the last week. Well deserved, keep it up!



Year 9 Top Achievers

Daniella
Austin
Sarah
Nethania
Unity

Attendance

Year 9 Highest
Attending Form – **9AMI**

This week, 21 students
achieved 100%
attendance in year 9,
lets him for higher next
week

Year 8 Highest Attending
Form **8EOTS**

This week, 24 students
achieved 100% attendance
in year 8, lets him for
higher next week

Year 8

This week, Years 7, 8 and 9 have been reflecting on their habits and their recent effort and engagement reports. Students have now set themselves 3 targets to work towards. Good luck to you all!



Year 8 Top Achievers

Lucy C
Rohan
Emeka
Ezekiel
Beyounce

Excellent effort and performances from our Year 8 & 9 athletes at the Manchester Athletics Championships. Silver medals for Kai in the long jump, Damian in the triple jump, Jaylen in the Javelin and Eti in the Javelin





Rewards & Recognition

Year 7 Top Achievers

We celebrated the success of our year group ion assembly, over 80 pupils received a certificate or queue jump pass to reward them for their hard work in their attendance, progress and improvement.

33 pupils were also rewarded with a Domino's lunch because they had shown progress across all areas. Well done year 7, we are extremely proud of you 😊



Year 7 Top Achievers

Ava
Reaan
Emanuele
Maisie
Sarah M

Attendance

Year 7 Highest Attending Form – **7DMo**

This week, 31 students achieved 100% attendance in year 7, lets him for higher next week

Parental Feedback

SEND

'Mrs Holt has a caring nature, and as a Mum of three SEND registered children, I can see that she is of exceptional expertise in her role as SEND Lead. Never in all my years of being a mum, have I ever seen another SENDCO with the same drive and motivation as myself'

'I hope the relevant staff get the praise/ acknowledgement that they truly do deserve as these people make a difference to children who are willing to step outside there comfort zone in achieving much more than they and their parents ever thought possible'

Attendance

'The attendance manager Miss Ross, is an exceptional member of staff. She has a caring nature is understanding towards my child and has continuously supported her and myself on days of crisis and struggles'

Intervention

'Miss Malone has always given my child a safe space and place of support in her weekly interventions. She allows her to discuss struggles, changes or worries'



As you may have seen, we are currently in the process of re-branding our school.

This week has seen the addition of the new staff high viz jackets. All staff wear these around the building. This allows students to easily spot a member of staff should they need any support at any point throughout the day.

You will also see staff sporting these jackets at the start and end of the day outside school. Our models this week are Mr Russell, Mr Passarello, Miss Ray, Mrs Travis & Miss Flitcroft.

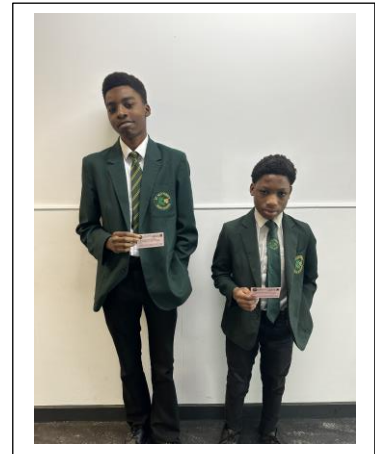


Whole school punctuality

There has been a decrease in lates by 1.25% over the past 3 weeks. Well done to all students. 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 – Daniella O - 10CrA**
- £50 voucher of choice - Ikponmwosa E - 10PGr**
- £25 voucher of choice – Samuel A - 9CSm**
- £25 voucher of choice – Emmanuel O - 9CSm**
- £25 voucher of choice – Mushtasha I - 10SMi**
- £25 voucher of choice – Fabiha - 10TEI**



Chaplaincy Corner -

Whole School Hail Mary - this week's communal prayer took place on Tuesday. 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. This will continue once a week during May.

Staff Prayer - The whole staff body gathers weekly to reflect on various different themes, led each week by a different department. Due to last week's visitors, staff prayer was put on hold so SLT lead pray this week instead. They really set the standards with a wonderful reflection about vocation and even finished with 'I the Lord of Sea and Sky' lead by Mr. Atkin on guitar. "What a lovely start to the day" one member of staff commented. The RE team will lead on Thursday 25th May as we come to the end of this half term.

Y11 Gift - to show our support and to let them know that no matter what happens during the exam period, God is always with them, all our Y11 pupils were given a choice of wearing a bracelet or pin badge. From all members of the St. Matthew's community, God luck and God bless.

Caritas Fundraising on Sunday 21st May I will be running Manchester 10k. 12 years on from my first attempt, I will be raising money for Caritas and am hoping to complete the run in under an hour. Updates in next week's round up to see how i went on.

Still to come- class Masses will begin this term, with Y7s. Daily Prayers will continue to be written by our form groups. Thank you to 7RCH, 7NST and 7LHU. We go to Y8s next week with the theme of communication, we look forward to seeing what wonderfully thoughtful prayer they'll give us.





Diary Events

W/B 22 May	Event
MON	GCSE Exams – Triple Science – Chemistry, Combined Science – Chemistry, Geography, BTEC Enterprise Pastoral Theme – Ecology & Care for our Environment
TUES	GCSE Exams – French Listening, French Reading, RE, BTEC Digital IT
WED	GCSE Exams – English Literature, Italian & Turkish
THURS	GCSE Exams – Triple Science – Physics , Combined Science – Physics, Computer Science
FRI	GCSE Exams – German – Writing, Chinese - Writing