



St. Matthew's
Roman Catholic High School
VOLUNTARY ACADEMY



St. Matthew's RCHS Newsletter

Round Up

Week 1 Friday 08 September 2023

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this message finds you well. I wanted to take a moment to share the incredible start we've had to the school year at St. Matthew's and express our heartfelt appreciation for your ongoing support. The lunchtime issues from Tuesday are now resolved and the children are moving through the queues much faster.

As you may recall, last year, we spoke about our unwavering commitment to relentlessly pursue the highest educational standards. It has been an absolute pleasure to witness the incredible response from our students this week. They have embraced our higher expectations with open arms, displaying positive attitudes and an eagerness to learn that is a real credit to you as parents.

We want to extend our sincere gratitude to you for ensuring that your children have the correct uniform. Their smart and uniform appearance not only reflects the pride they take in their school but also contributes to the positive and focused atmosphere here at St. Matthew's.

Attendance across the school is at high level and lateness to school has reduced considerably, a testament to your dedication to your child's education. Our new Year 7 students have made an exceptional start to their journey with us, and Year 11 are showing great focus and determination.

The overall climate around the school is one of purpose and happiness, and this is thanks to the combined efforts of our wonderful staff, students, and parents. We are truly grateful for the partnership we have with you in nurturing our students' growth and success.

As we look forward to another exciting week ahead, we want to thank you once again for your unwavering support. Please have a fantastic weekend, and may God bless you and your families.

Best wishes



Highlights of the week

Year 9

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- ☆ **Top 5 Achievers** ☆
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Each week we will 'Shout Out' the highest attending form and the students with 100% attendance

Salute To All Year 9

Well Done to all Year 9's this week for a positive start to the school year.

Uniform standards have been excellent within all forms. Their attitude and behaviour has been exemplary!

Very proud of you all!





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- Top 5 Achievers**
- * Harry E
 - * David C
 - * Seth I
 - * Tlou A
 - * Elizabeth A



Year 8 Highest Attending Form s are 8D with 100% attendance.

217 students with 100% attendance this first week , what an amazing start.

Lets aim for higher next week

Learning and Engagement

Year 8 have made a great start to the year following standards and expectations in lessons. We have had some lovely feedback from teachers about how engaged and focused they have been. Here are some examples of our pupils in Science and History.



8D- Drama shout out

Miss O'Brian sent the year team an email to say how proud she was of 8D, they had a fantastic Drama lesson and were so good all pupils received an achievement point and as a year team we have also added points. What a great way to start the year



Year 7

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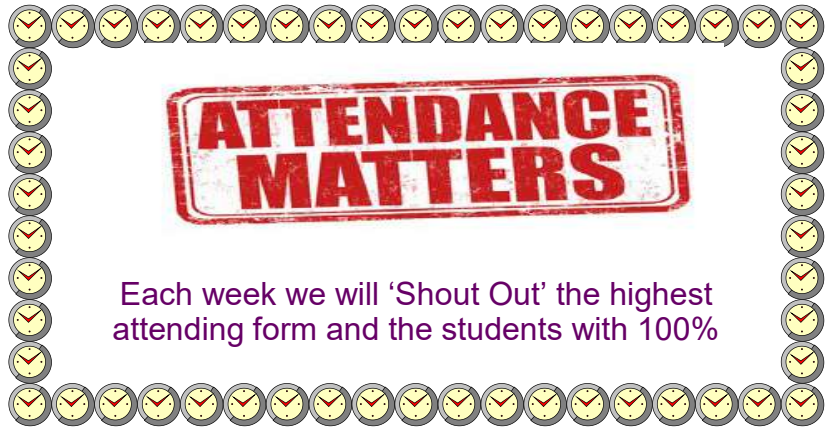
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Welcome Year 7 - Here's what some of your teachers have to say

The one thing I have noticed is how polite and well-mannered the Year 7s are, please and thank yous, considerate of others when moving around the building and in the canteen and also just lovely smiling faces! In just a week I feel their independence and confidence has grown massively. Mrs Darlington

Aditt R 7D and Aditya P 7A were the quickest to get set up with their computing accounts and both were able to help most of the class get them logged in and set up as well. Well done and thank you. Mr Holding

I don't have work to show but 7J were amazing in their first Spanish lesson yesterday! Special shout out to Teresa and Levaeh for amazing effort and contribution. Miss Prendegast

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Special Stars of the week

Awarded for an amazing start to their St Matthew's journey.

Mrs Rolt's star of the week - Afnan

Mrs Walsh's star of the week - Freya

Mrs Lennon's star of the week - Aneela

Mr Johnston's star of the week - Alfie



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Beehive

Our Beehive students have transitioned exceptionally well into school after the summer holidays. It can be hard to get back into routine and we are so proud of how all our students have handled this first week back, especially in this heat! It has been wonderful to see everyone making use of our new games and resources up in the Home room at lunchtime. It has been particularly lovely to watch our older students teaching and supporting our new Year 7 Beehive members. Well done, everyone! Miss Tilbury



Chaplaincy Corner

With the start of the new school year our prayers this week have focused on thanksgiving for the summer holidays and for bringing us back together as a community of faith. In each of the first day assemblies Mr Sharrock, our new Spiritual Wellbeing Lead, reminded us all why God made each and every one of us: God made us to know Him, to love Him, and to serve Him in this world and to be happy with Him forever in the next world. Mr Sharrock invited all of the members of our community to make this our prayer for this year: that we might know, love, and serve God more this year. We also celebrated the feast day of a saint who was a perfect example of serving God by serving the poorest of the poor, St Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa). We finished the week by reflecting on the important feast day of the birthday of Mary, the mother of Jesus. Mary's birthday reminds us that Mary, and her son Jesus, were true historical figures who lived on this earth two thousand years ago.

Staff prayer this week focused on how to pray. God wants to come to land in our hearts and so for us to pray is to clear the landing ground of all the clutter that we worry about in order that God can come into each of our lives and land in our hearts.

May God bless you all this weekend and bring us back together happy and healthy on Monday.



Every time you **smile**
at someone, it is an action
of love, a gift to that person,
a beautiful thing.

– Mother Teresa

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New Catering Offerings

The start of the new academic year has seen the introduction of our new catering provider, Innovate.

We now have a much wider menu, including multiple meal deal offerings; all of which the students have been delighted with this past week. The feedback they have been giving us has been very positive.

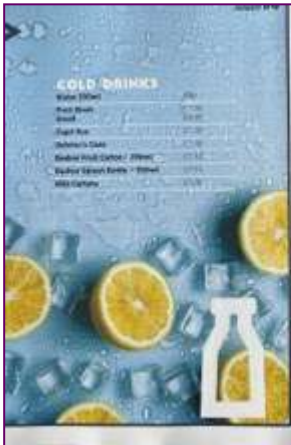
We'd like to share with you again the meal deals, price lists and menus so you can see for yourself what is available for your children to purchase at break and lunchtime. Please take a look below.

A reminder also that we have hydration stations within the cafeteria offering fresh cooled water. Students are welcome to bring their own water bottle to fill up as many times as they like. Plastic cups are also available for them to use.





New Catering Offerings



Our Free School Breakfast

From 08:00 every school morning free breakfast; porridge and bagels is available for all students.

Free School Meals and Parent Pay

If you think you qualify for Free School Meals, please register online on

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims>

If you have any queries or require assistance please contact the Finance Team by emailing parentpay@smrchs.com or contact the school selecting option 3, we are here to help you.