



St Matthew's Roman Catholic High School

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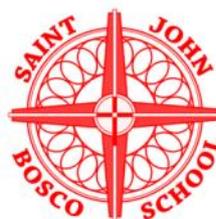
St. Dunstan's
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St. Edmund's
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St. John Bosco's
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St. Margaret Mary's
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Mount Carmel
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Message from our Headteacher

Welcome to another edition of our Partnership Newsletter.

Despite this being a shorter half term, we have still seen many opportunities where our year 7 students have been striving for excellence.

All our students experienced some changes at the start of this half term, as we moved all classes back to their pre-Covid locations. For our year 7 students, this has meant them finding their way around our large site for the first time this year. They have shown great maturity in the way they have managed this, making sure they arrive at lessons on time, so they are ready to learn. Well done year 7.

Our links with our feeder primary schools have continued to improve as Mrs Walsh, and Mr Jordan have regularly visited Year 5 classes while maintaining a strong connection with Year 6. They will continue to do this, so that they can get to know the students as well as answering any questions our future families may have.

Next half term, there will be more activities for those year 6 students and their families, as they prepare to join us in September. This is always a good time of year! Our team of year 7 form teachers will meet their new students individually, and students will get the chance to spend some time in school on the transition day. We are also very excited to be joining in with other schools around Manchester with the 'Manchester Transition Read' Please remember to keep an eye on the updates via social media as we follow the 'transition road map.'

For any families who may have questions about what we are doing at St Matthew's, please remember that you are all very welcome to book an appointment any time so we can show you around our school. There is so much happening as we continue to strive for excellence. This is a great time to join our school!

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Mrs Murden



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YEAR 5 TRANSITION EVENTS

Year 5 Transition Events

Mrs Walsh and Mr Jordan have been visiting our feeder primary schools regularly, and are enjoying supporting students in their classes, as well as answering questions about St Matthew's.

A highlight from this half term has been supporting St. Margaret Mary's students with a Science lesson on the "Root system of plants". This involved planting geraniums and looking at the root systems of these plants at different stages. We have also enjoyed looking at the nurture zones that exist in our partner schools, and particularly the forest school work.

We think this may be a great project to extend to St. Matthew's to continue to show the importance of sustainability and eco based projects. Watch this space!



What has happened onsite at St. Matthew's?

It has been an absolute pleasure to host all of our partner primary year 5 classes to a Maths Competition that has been led by Mr Jordan. Facing tough Kahoot questions and stretch and challenge activities on the themes of film, music and "Encanto!", students worked in teams to be crowned partner primary school team winners. In half-term 6 we have the grand final with all 6 winning teams facing each other to become the grand champions. Our year 7 students have particularly enjoyed using their literacy skills to apply them in drama. The drama department at St. Matthew's is strong and we cannot wait to see you performing Shakespeare classics next year. We are eager to update you on this at the end of the academic year. Check out current events on our year 7 Instagram.



We are excited to meet the Class of 2027!

Our transition work for our future year 7 students is well underway, and will continue into half term 6. A very important part of this work involves getting to know all our new students. We want to know about the subjects they enjoy studying as well as all their hobbies and interests. The more we know the more we can prepare.

St Matthew's transition day is on **Friday 8th July 2022**. This is a key date for year 6 students when they will visit St Matthew's and spend time getting to know the school, the teachers and even meeting some new friends.

Before the transition day, open mornings will be held for children in all partner primary schools. These will take place between **13th and 24th June 2022**. Please look out for a letter informing you of the exact dates and remember that most of our transition information can be found on:

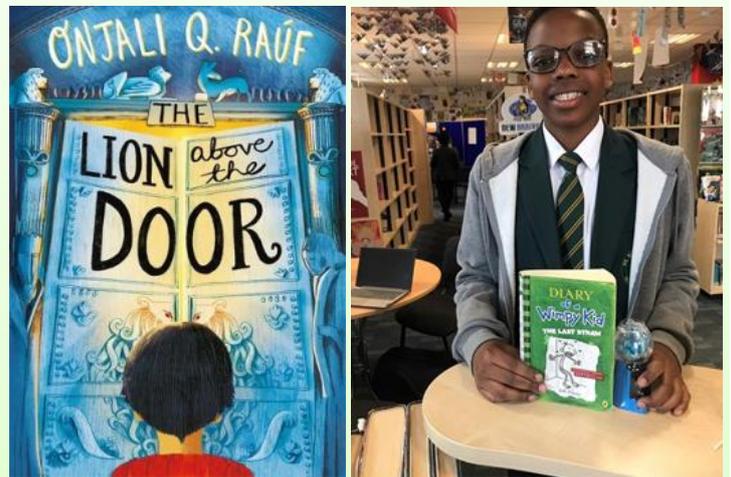
Instagram @SMRCHS_KS3

Year 6 Transition Reading Event

Each year the local authority launches a 'Year 6 Manchester Transition Read' event. This is aimed at all students across the city who are moving to high school. This year we are excited to announce that they have chosen the book 'The Lion Above the Door' by Onjali Q. Rauf to give to all year 6 students.

At St Matthew's we will be taking part in this project. Year 6 students will soon receive their copy of this book, which we would like them to bring to their transition day in July. They can begin reading it, as soon as it arrives.

As we continue to work towards Catholic excellence at St Matthew's, we are determined to ensure all our students enjoy reading regularly. We have recently installed a new vending machine that rewards students with books and other items related to literacy based activities. In order to win a token for the machine, students read their 'accelerated reader' books and take a quiz to show their progress. The vending machine was opened by our headteacher, Mrs Murden in half term 5 and many students have already earned their prizes.



YEARS 6-7 TRANSITION INFORMATION

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Year 6-7 Transition Roadmap #classof2027
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October 2021 Applications made

March 2022 Offers accepted

March 2022 Welcome Letter from Mrs Murden

March 2022 Welcome Postcard from Mrs Walsh

March 2022 Watch our Virtual school tour

April 2022 Launch of YR6 Transition page www.smrchs.com

May 2022 Mrs Walsh Speaking with your YR6 teachers

***May 2022** Mrs Walsh visiting you in your Primary School

May 2022 Welcome Newsletter Mrs Walsh and Mrs Bunn

May 2022 Launch of YR6 Maths Watch programme

May 2022 Reading The Lion Above the Door

***June 2022** Group visits to St. Matthew's

***June 2022** Parent/ Pupil meetings

***July 2021** Transition Day

June, July, Aug 2022 Completion of Transition Activities for a SMRCHS Learner Bronze Award

September 2022 Ready to Learn. It's now time for you to create your own road map

***Individual dates to be confirmed**

Check www.smrchs.com Year 6-7 Transition page and Instagram @smrchs_KS3 for regular updates

Have you bought your uniform? Check the uniform list to make sure you have everything you need

Parents – Have you checked the website for the parent advice and support guides?

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During half term 6 we will continue to strive for Catholic excellence in all areas of school life. We look forward to sharing our progress with you in the next edition of our Partnership Newsletter.