



St. Matthew's
Roman Catholic High School
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Transition Newsletter



Welcome Class of 2028!

Meet the SMRCHS Team - In this week's issue we introduce Mrs Walsh, Mrs Rolt, Mr Johnston and Mrs Lennon. Together we are the Year 7 Team. In each issue we will be introducing different members of the St. Matthew's Team to you.



Mrs Walsh
Assistant
Headteacher

Hello and welcome to the class of 2028.

My name is Mrs Walsh and I am Assistant Head Teacher and Key Stage 3 lead. This means that I will provide pastoral support and oversee the academic progress of all pupils from Yr6 through to the end of Yr9. I have been a member of the St. Matthew's Team as a teacher since 1998 (25 years so far ...) I also attended St. Matthew's as a pupil from 1986 to 1992. St. Matthew's has a very special place in my life as I have spent so many years here.

As well as my Assistant Headteacher role I am a member of the Technology department where I teach Food and I also teach Health and Social Care, a subject you can choose in Year 10 and 11.

My aim for each and every single pupil in Yr7 is for them to be happy, healthy and to achieve their full potential. I am really

looking forward to starting your St. Matthew's journey with you where I will be ensuring the whole St. Matthew's Team is supporting you to be the best student you can be. I will be sending out some transition materials in the coming weeks and I am looking forward to seeing the work that you produce and hearing about your thoughts on the book you are reading. Have you received your copy of 'The lion above the door' yet? We will be doing lots of work on this during transition so keep it safe and enjoy reading it. You will need to bring your copy to each of your transition visits.

I am looking forward to meeting you at our Transition events in June and July - Watch out for a 'Save The Date' postcard in the coming weeks.

**Welcome to Team
Year 7!**





Mrs Rolt Director of Year 7

Hello Class of 2028 and welcome to the first issue of our transition newsletter. My

name is Mrs Rolt and I will be your Director of Year from September. My job is to help you begin your journey at St. Matthew's successfully.

I believe that school should be a place where young people feel happy, cared for and valued. You have my word that I will work very hard to ensure that each one of you can be the best you can be at all times.

I have been a member of the St Matthew's team since 2003, so for 20 years! I love my job and I am really passionate about St. Matthew's.

As well as my Director of Year role I am a member of the PE Department where I teach core PE and I also teach Cambridge National Sports Studies, a subject

that you can choose in Year 10 and 11.

As an experienced member of staff and a mum myself, I can help and advise you on anything that you are worried about. I know that this is a time that you will feel a little nervous and it is natural to feel that way. I love giving students rewards and we do this both in forms and individually. I work on a basis of high expectations and high rewards. I believe that above all else, manners and respect matter more than anything and I can assure you that they will help you go a long way in life.

I cannot wait to meet you all and be part of your journey at St. Matthew's. I honestly believe the class of 2028 will be the best one yet!!

I am very excited to meet many of you over the coming weeks and look forward to answering any questions you may have.

Mrs Rolt

YEAR 6-7 TRANSITION ROAD MAP

St Matthew' RC High School
Year 6-7 Transition Roadmap #classof2028
We Pray, We Care, We Achieve

October 2022
Applications made

March 2023
Offers accepted

March 2023
Welcome Letter

March 2023
Welcome Postcard from Mrs Walsh

March 2023
Watch our Virtual school tour

April 2023
Launch of YR6 Transition page www.smrchs.com

Sept - May 2022 - 2023
Mrs Walsh visiting you in your Primary School

June 2023
Group visits to St. Matthew's

***June 2023**
Parent/ Pupil meetings

7th July 2023
Transition Day

June, July, Aug 2023
Completion of Transition Activities for a SMRCHS Learner Bronze Award

September 2023
Ready to Learn - It's now time for you to create your own road map

May 2023
Welcome Newsletter Mrs Walsh and Year Team

May 2023
Year 7 Team Speaking with your YR6 Teachers

Year 7 Team
Head of KS3
Mrs. Walsh
Director of Year
Mrs. Rolt
Head of Year
Mr. Johnston
Student Welfare
Mrs. Lennon

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

***Individual dates to be confirmed**

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

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

Q&A
Questions Answers

MEET THE TEAM

SMRCHS LEARNER AWARDS 2023-2024

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We Pray, We Care, We Achieve.



Mr Johnston Head of Year

Hello Class of 2028,

**It is great to write to you
all for the first time as your**

new Head of Year.

**I know you have never had a Head of Year before,
so you might be wondering what this means.**

It is my job to ensure that our school is a place where you feel safe, happy, and valued. I am going to have high expectations of you all, it is also my job to help equip you with the support and guidance you are going to need to have a successful journey at St Matthew's. I believe in the importance of building and crafting

strong relationships with your teachers, classmates, and Year Team. Your attendance and your attitude towards your learning will ultimately determine how successful you are on your journey to excellence at our school. We will recognise all efforts and celebrate all success together. I can assure you that I will work tirelessly to make sure that St. Matthew's will be a place which you will enjoy attending and be proud of.

I also attended this school as a pupil, so it is a privilege to be back as a staff member. I am going to give everything to my role as Head of Year 7 to create an environment where everyone is respected, and I am committed to helping you be the best every single day. I hope you are ready to work hard, because your time at our school is going to be fun, memorable, and full of success!

Mr. Johnston



Mrs Lennon Student Welfare Leader

**Hello class of 2028! My
name is Mrs Lennon and I will be your student
welfare leader as part of the Year 7 team when
you start in September.**

I am excited to be starting your high school journey with you. My job is to support you with your wellbeing and making sure you are happy, healthy and achieving the best you can while at St Matthew's.

I am new to St. Matthew's this year, recently working at a local primary school so I know what it is like to move from primary to secondary school.

I have always had strong connections and happy experiences with St Matthew's having been a student here myself and sending my own children here. I will be here to answer any question you have and to make sure you have the best experience as part of the SMRCHS community.

I hope you will be proud to join our school and I know working together we will be the best year yet! I am looking forward to seeing you all on the transitions mornings.

Mrs Lennon

Uniform - Free Blazer, Tie and £35 voucher for Ziggy's

This year you will receive a FREE Blazer, Tie and £35 voucher to spend at Ziggy's.

Further details of this will follow. School shoes need to be plain black leather shoes NO boots, trainers, or logos.

If you have any uniform questions please contact r.walsh@smchs.com

