

## Prayer and Reflection

As the summer holidays begin we pray for our pupils and their families.  
May we make our homes places of relaxation,  
joy, love, peace and safety.

May we be generous and considerate,  
not thinking only about ourselves,  
but helping others enjoy the blessings of the summertime.

Lord God, Creator of all things,  
guide our steps and strengthen our hearts  
during these months of summer and vacation days.  
Grant us refreshment of mind and body.

May we constantly strive to make a meaningful difference



# Sports Day at SMA

After two years away, SMA Sports day returned on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022 or otherwise known as “Super Sport Tuesday”!

## Secondary

It was a fun packed day for Years 7, 8 and 9 with some amazing performances across all years groups. Pupils attended sporting their house colours which really helped set the atmosphere for a fantastic day. This year we introduced some new events which got even more smiles from the pupils!

We would like to thank all the parents and carers that took the time to come and support all the pupils during their events.



## Primary

Given the huge sporting event on the horizon, SMA took the opportunity to rebrand our Primary Sports Day as SMA Commonwealth Games.

There was a lot of excitement in the lead up and the day was no different, everyone arrived willing to try hard and participate in all of the events on the agenda. KS1 were first up, taking part in traditional races such as the egg & spoon and bean bag race, they finished the day with some sprint relays. KS2, on Wednesday, participated in additional events including the Javelin, Shotput and long-distance races. All the staff were very impressed to see what they had been learning and practicing in PE throughout the year transferred to their performance not forgetting of course the sportsmanship on display.

A massive well done to all who got involved, despite the temperatures, everyone rose to the sporting challenges and it was an incredibly close battle between the houses. The Primary Sports Day winning house was.... Teresa



# Two Nights at the PROMS!

## Year 6

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July we held a prom for our fabulous Year 6 cohort to celebrate all their successes this academic year! As the children arrived, the grownups were stunned by how amazing they looked in their smart, formal attire – they are definitely our best dressed cohort! Year 6 spent the evening singing, dancing and taking photographs with their friends and made memories that will last a lifetime. The evening was completed with a buffet of all their favourite foods and lots of cakes. The night was definitely one to remember and we want to thank the children for everything they have done over the years in the primary phase at St Matthew Academy.



## Year 11

On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June we were greeted by pupils looking incredible in suits and dresses ready to celebrate the prom of Class of 2022. The evening began with a BBQ and awards to celebrate their achievements and accolades. Then the party kicked in with DJ Decimal spinning the decks, and a 360 photobooth capturing the special moments. It was amazing to see Y11 back in school looking so glamorous and finally getting a chance to relax and let their hair down after all their hard work for the GCSEs. We look forward to next seeing Y11 on results day Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August to collect their GCSE results! We wish them a fantastic summer, and good luck with their futures.



# Celebrate Secondary

## Media

Over the May half term break, some of SMA's Y7 Media Scholars Catherine, Annie, Sienna-Rose, Nancy, Aarav and Dorothy came in to create a short film for the 'Childnet' Film Competition on the topic of 'Playing Our Part' in keeping the internet a safe and positive place. On July 13<sup>th</sup> the entry was awarded 3rd place nationally! Not only did they win a shiny, new trophy, they also won St Matthew Academy a shiny new DSLR camera with 32GB SD card ! Furthermore, if that was not enough, they have been given an official BBFC Certification Rating, meaning it can be played across any cinemas in the UK!

We are so incredibly proud of our Year 7 Media Scholars! We T.H.I.N.K. you are amazing!



## Dance

As part of the 2022 Borough of Culture celebrations, our Year 7 and 8 dancers joined forces with Trinity Laban to create a large-scale music and dance performance piece with, by, and for young people in Lewisham, giving a voice to demand action on the climate emergency. Co-created with Eska Mtungwazi, Mercury Prize nominated composer and multi-instrumentalist, Cecilia Knapp, writer and Young Poet Laureate for London, and Sarah Golding, choreographer, dance artist and TL alum, this project enabled young people to create and perform a new high-profile performance work. The project culminated in an ambitious collaborative performance, which engaged many hundreds of young people from across the borough. Congratulations to our young dancers, who worked so hard to contribute to such a worthwhile and inspiring event. Dancers from across the Secondary schools have been letting their 'lights shine' in weekly dance workshops with Zoe Elliot from the Royal Academy of Dance's 'Step into Dance' programme. We are extremely proud of the dancers who have worked with great energy and professionalism throughout the year. St Matthew Academy would like to thank Zoe and Step Into Dance for their hard work in organising such an inspiring and engaging scheme.



## Congratulations !

**Cassandra Onica** in Year 9, has been accepted on the Centre for Advanced Training Scheme at Trinity Laban. This high profile programme assists, young people with exceptional potential in dance to work alongside some of the country's leading dancers and choreographers. Cassandra will benefit from world-class specialist training in one of the most renowned and exciting dance venues in London - Well done Cassandra



# Celebration Events



## Awards Evening

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July we celebrated the hard work and contribution to school life of many pupils across the secondary phase of the Academy. Pupils and their parents/carers were invited to our End of Year Award Ceremony in the evening where prizes were awarded by our special guest, Orlan Jackman a basketball player competing in the Commonwealth Games for Team GB. There were academic prizes including the subject awards in each year group, pastoral prizes for those who have made great academic progress this year and those who have made a real contribution to the wider life of the school. Finally we gave out our extra-curricular prizes for sport, Debate Mate, DoE, Dance and the House prizes. We are so proud of all the pupils who were nominated and received awards.



## The Oscars

*"You're going out a youngster, but you've got to come back a star!"*  
42<sup>nd</sup> Street, Lloyd Bacon

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July was a memorable night as SMA brought us The Oscars. It was a wonderful evening celebrating the incredible work of the Year 7, 8 and 9 Media Scholars, Year 9 and 10 GCSE Film Studies and the Year 10 Drama. They were well supported by so many families and lots of their friends. We watched some of their amazing media work that proved how creative and skilful our SMA students are. We were also lucky enough to be entertained by a variety of acts including a beautiful dance performance, Romeo's Jack Petchey Speak-Out speech and twice by the *SMA Collective* jazz band. Everyone really did let their light shine. What stars!



# Street Party 2022



# House Points Update 🎉

End of Year totals!

## FINAL House Points

1<sup>st</sup> – **Teresa: 1012**  
2<sup>nd</sup> – **Mandela: 979**  
3<sup>rd</sup> – **Romero: 912**



WOW! What a year! All the houses have done fantastically in all the competitions and charity events over the year. So a big well done. We had a great day at sports day despite the heat, with Teresa taking the win, Romero coming second with Mandela closely behind. Thank you to the P.E team for organising a great day along with our incredibly supportive sports leaders in Year 11. Speaking of Year 11, we have appointed a brand new Pupil Leadership team, who have already let their light shine in various events during and after school. Keep an eye out for our welcome back newsletter in which they will be formally introduced!

Overall, Teresa has won the house point competition this year, followed in second place by Mandela and third Romero.

Have a fantastic summer everyone, we look forward to all of the events, charity and competitions next year!

# REPORT IT!



If you have some information that you feel should be reported, e.g. bullying, or you are feeling low, worrying about something or if you have any safeguarding concerns you can:

## Tell a Teacher



Mr Young  
Deputy Headteacher

Ms Chick  
Head of Primary



Ms Wickliffe  
Assistant Headteacher

Ms Laker  
Child Protection



Staff at St Matthew Academy are always here to help and listen to pupils, if you ever want to talk to someone or share a concern please don't feel worried about doing so.

# Safeguarding our pupils at St Matthew Academy

At St Matthew Academy our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Mr Young supported by Mrs Wickliffe (secondary) and Ms Chick (primary), and our Child Protection Officer is Mrs Laker. Pupils can contact any of our Safeguarding Team during the school day.

## Worried about a child?

**You can phone or write to MASH about your concerns. Phone immediately if you believe it is urgent.**

- Lewisham MASH (Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub) **020 8314 6660**
- Or call **999** or **101** if you believe a child is in immediate danger
- Childline **0800 11 11** [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)
- NSPCC **0808 800 5000** [www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)

## Term Dates

### Summer Term 21/22

**Tuesday 19 April 2022 to Friday 27 May 2022**

**Half Term: Monday 30 May 2022 to Friday 3 June 2022**

**Monday 6 June 2022 to Thursday 21 July 2022**

### Autumn Term 22/23

**Friday 2 September 2022 Year 6 and Year 7 pupils only**

**Monday 5 September to Friday 21 October**

**Half Term: Monday 24 October to Friday 28 October**

**Friday 25 November 2022—Staff Inset Day**

**Monday 31 October to Friday 16 December 2022**

If you have any comments, queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.

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# Summer Holiday Courses for all ages!

PRINTMAKING - SCREEN PRINTING - PODCASTING  
GUITAR WORKSHOP - BABY YOGA - MUSICAL THEATRE  
UKULELE FOR BEGINNERS - POP CHOIR - SCULPTURE  
SINGING FOR NEWBORNS - MAKE A SUMMER KIMONO

MAKE A DREAM CATCHER - COLLAGING  
STILL LIFE DRAWING - 3D ICE CREAM  
MAKING SHORT FILMS



BOTANICAL DRAWING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE  
MIXED MEDIA MAYHEM - SUMMER ATELIER  
CONDUCTING FOR BEGINNERS

TIE DYE - SUMMER SCHOOL FOR YOUNG MUSICIANS  
SELFIE WORKSHOP - INTRO TO LINO PRINTING  
STORY EXPLORING - MAKE YOUR OWN BOARDGAME  
BEAT MAKING & SONGWRITING  
BLACKHEATH YOUTH THEATRE SUMMER SCHOOL

For more information go to [www.conservatoire.org.uk/summerholiday](http://www.conservatoire.org.uk/summerholiday)  
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