

St Matthew Academy

St Joseph's Vale, Blackheath, London SE3 0XX

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Head of School: Ms Miranda Baldwin



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Dear Parents and Carers

St Matthew Academy came together this week to celebrate the incredible results achieved by our GCSE students, building upon and cementing the successes of last year when students achieved the best results, the academy has ever attained. Our GCSE cohort has demonstrated their commitment and dedication to achieving their potential and we are incredibly proud to celebrate their truly-rewarding and well deserved results.

Having achieved positive results across the board we are expecting to see another significant increase in the Progress 8 score which is forecasted to be +0.5; this means pupils have achieved the equivalent of half a grade more than expectation in every subject they have studied.

There were some stand out subject results including:

- 88% of pupils achieved 9-4 in English Literature and 75% in English Language
- 71% of pupils achieved 9-4 in Mathematics
- 96% of pupils achieved 9-5 in Biology and Chemistry; 93% attaining the same grades in Physics
- 70% of pupils achieved 9-4 in RE and 71% gained 2 or more Science GCSEs
- 80% of pupils achieved 9-4 in French and 70% in Spanish
- 100% of pupils achieved 9-4 in Art and Design and this was matched with 100% in Textiles too
- 93% of pupils achieved 9-4 in PE
- 90% of pupils achieved 9-4 in Business Studies

Our highest achiever Tomas is celebrating an outstanding portfolio of results; 9,9,9,8,8,8,8,8,7,7. Crediting the dedication of teachers and the resources that provided support, Tomas looks forward to attending St Thomas Apostle Sixth Form in September.

The students' inspiring results and drive to succeed embodies our academy promise: to enable students to become successful, confident learners; make outstanding achievements through our high standards and cultivate their ambitions to instill excellence for all, in our inclusive Catholic community.

As Headteacher, I am extremely proud of all pupils for their achievements and for securing another set of brilliant results, they have built the foundations for their own success from an early point and I am certain they will continue on this journey of strong achievement. The results are a testament to their hard work and commitment, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank staff for going above and beyond to support our pupils. I would like to wish all pupils every success in the future and look forward to inviting them back as part of our exclusive alumni group.

For further information, please head over to our website for a full statement regarding results.

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We look forward to the new academic year and welcoming pupils back to school. As previously communicated to you all pupils except our new year 7's return to school on Wednesday 4th September either at 8.37am for secondary line up or 8.50am for primary pupils. We expect to see all students on time, wearing their full uniform smartly and correctly equipped for learning. Our cohort of 180 year 7 pupils, which will be the biggest in the history of the academy, start on Tuesday 3rd September at 8.37am. As usual school is open from 8am for secondary pupils and 8.30am for primary pupils.

Yours sincerely,



Miranda Baldwin
Headteacher



Tomas is delighted with his outstanding grades, having achieved an impressive portfolio of 9,9,9,8,8,8,8,8,7,7; placing himself as the highest achiever at SMA this year. Crediting the dedication of teachers and the resources that provided ongoing support, he commented:

"I would like to thank the staff for their great lessons that have helped me to achieve my grades. They help you to work hard and put in the effort required to get the grades."



In September, Fatma will begin studying Maths, Further Maths and Economics at St Thomas Apostle Sixth Form. She has laid the foundations for her success by achieving 9988887776 in her GCSE's. Upon receiving her results, she commented:

"The teachers at SMA have empowered me to work independently and encouraged me to pursue my dreams. My advice to younger students embarking on their A-Levels: work hard and take it seriously!"



Naydelin was overjoyed to learn she is one of the students to make the most progress during her time at SMA. As she embarks on her future at college to study English, French and Science, we look forward to welcoming her back as a member of our successful alumni.

"My advice to younger students would be to take advantage of every opportunity SMA throws at you. It is an academy like no other, the ongoing support and resources, the availability of teachers whenever you require help and the personalised learning experience really contributed to my success".



Brian attained an impressive set of results in his GCSEs, celebrating 9,8,7,7,7,7,7,7 and is looking forward to attending Beth's Grammar School for sixth form. Brian attributes his success to supportive teachers:

"Teachers are incredibly focused on supporting and helping students to improve and reach their potential. Staff instill a sense of self-belief in all students, and will always go the extra mile – their passion for their subjects make for a truly exciting learning environment. To younger pupils, I would say prepare early!"