

St Matthew Academy

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

Headteacher: Ms Miranda Baldwin

Head of Primary: Ms Joanna Chick



1 April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

First of all, we hope this letter finds you well during these exceptional times. I would personally like to thank you all for helping to support the staff at St Matthew Academy over the course of this term.

This term the year 7 completed their second round of ranking assessments and they have demonstrated independence in the way they have taken ownership of their revision and also their positive attitude to learning during their ranking assessments. I am so proud of the progress the Year 7s have made since September and I am confident that we are going to have some amazing results.

Year 7 have also really let their light shine across the school by participating in extracurricular activities - well done to Fadeel, Taurez, Pheobe and Liesel. They have demonstrated true dedication to rehearsals after school and I am looking forward to their performance in Madagascar on the 21st -22nd of April 2022. A big well done to Ademide and Ty for competing in the National Youth Indoor Rowing Competition 2022 and both winning 'Gold standard award'.

The following pupils have been nominated by their form tutors for going above and beyond this term – Well done!

7M1 – Stan Element

7M2 - Sami Khan

7M3- Dorothy Eka

7R1 - Soufiane Labrouzi

7R2 - Abdul Oladejo

7T1 - Lieselotte Maurer Smalley

7T2 – Catherine Dugin-Umusu

Attendance

It is imperative that all pupils are attending school regularly and are punctual. Congratulations to the pupils below with 100 % attendance for this term.

ABANGMA, Rhea	EKA, Dorothy	OLENGA, Mary
AGUTOR-WHYTE, Tyiana	EL HARI, Amirah	OMEKARA, Mercy
AKINSUSI, Temidayo	FENG, Seanna	ONWUGBONU-DUNCAN, Patrice
AMOO CAMPBELL, Blessing	GANNA, James	OUATTARA, Sheikh-Oumar
BAH, Mamadu	HERELLE, Sian	OYELEYE, Ademide
BAMIGBOYE, Angelson	IDAMA, Nathan	OYENIRAN, David
BRIDGMAN, William	JACOME ASQUI, Matthew	SRI PADMANABAN, Nitin Guru
CAUSHLLARI, Ryan	KINGE, Churchill	SUMANI, Prince
CHALLE, Festus	KOUADIO, Yoshua	TRAORE, Maria
CISSOKHO, Rayyan	MCLARTY, Nevaeh	TRAORE, Michael
CURAY TENEDA, Ayleen	NAGESWARAN, Sanujan	WILSON, Abraham
DIALLO, Alpha	OGONGO, Ty	
DIALLO, Umuhawa	OKOYE, Ugochukwu	

Achievement Points

Our rewards philosophy recognises rewarding pupils for effort, academic achievement and behaviour conduct and is important as part of the development of the individual through encouragement and praise. Please see below our bronze, silver and gold star reward structure.

- 90 points – SMA Bronze Award
- 150 points – SMA Silver Award
- 250 points – SMA Gold Award
- 450 points – SMA Platinum Award

A big congratulations to Phoebe Maurer-Smalley (337) who is the only pupil in the whole academy to have achieved the SMA Gold Award. Well done to the following pupils who have now achieved a SMA Silver Award

BRADLEY Annie
HADDOUCH Ahyaa
MAURER-SMALLEY Lieselotte
TRAORE Michael
BENINCASA Sienna Rose
DUGIN-UMUSU Catherine
OYELEYE Ademide
KINGE Churchill
CARROLL Jess
CLARKE Rickael
LOWRY Aidan
HADDOW Findlay
SHINE CASEY Frankie
OWUSU-DONKOR Nana
SRI PADMANABAN Nitin Guru

This term we have launched a new online homework system in Maths 'SPARX' and the year 7s have adapted really well to it. The standard of homework in Maths has improved and the year 7s are using this platform to complete independent tasks at home. Thank you have encouraging the year 7s to complete the homework to a high standard as this is having a positive impact on their progress.

Well done to the following pupils who are achieved a SPARX award this term. Keep up the hard work!

Tariq Konkobo	Level 2 (22384 XP)
Kanatip Chankana	Level 1 (14565 XP)
Sheikh-Oumar Ouattara	Level 1 (12803 XP)
Aidan Lowry	Level 1 (10054 XP)

Uniform

We have been impressed by the way, in which pupils have worn their uniform with pride including the wearing of lanyards. Moreover, pupils have demonstrated great commitment to their learning, highlighted in the lessons we have observed and their resilience shown in light of the current day structure and adaptations to the wider school life. We encourage you to commend your child.

However, I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate our uniform expectations as outlined in a previous letter by the Head teacher at St Matthew Academy. These expectations are in place to ensure that uniform does not become a distraction from learning and that pupils at St Matthew Academy, take pride in themselves and their school:

- Black shoes not boots for all pupils
- Tailored trousers or SMA skirts
- Black or blue coats without insignia for all pupils
- Lanyards and ID badges for all pupils
- Hair should be one colour and a natural colour

Key dates

Key Event	Date
Summer Term	Tuesday 19 th April 2022
SMA School Production - 'Madagascar'	21 st and 22 nd April 2022
May Bank Holiday	Monday 2 nd May 2022
Last day of half term	Friday 27 th May 2022

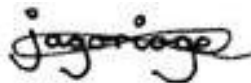
Thank you for your continued support with the year 7s and I am looking forward to see the year 7 flourish even further next term. In the meantime, please look out for our most recent edition of SMA News – you might catch us in it! We look forward to working with you closely next term and being able to celebrate more achievements and successes of our pupils over the coming months.

Wishing you a blessed and restful Easter

Yours faithfully



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