St Matthew Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe but another term ended and we are on our last stretch towards the summer. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the continued support you have given to our pupils and our school.

It has been another busy term. Year 8 pupils completed their ranking exams and I am proud to say that, as always, they let their lights shine. All pupils showed determination and resilience topped up with an excellent attitude to learning. It was a pleasure to lead the recognition assembly and to award achievement certificates.

I would like to share with you the names of pupils who went 'above and beyond' this term, achieving a huge leap forward in their academic progress during the second round of ranking exams:

- Zane Oti
- Haleel Baruwa
- Lois Maleka
- Manus Hudson
- Bella Kumankuman
- Malik Olanrewaju
- Lauryn Campbell
- Jada Abegunde
- Tony Marcos Nunes
- Aarone Tchamou Nguemadje

Congratulations to these pupils and indeed to everyone who made progress in the recent exams!

As I am sure you are aware, the recent conflict in Ukraine has affected many. As a school, we wanted to do whatever we could to help. Our House Leaders organised a series of charity events and Year 8 pupils got stuck into all of them with enthusiasm. We claimed two victories in the fundraising events: Hayden Grant in the penalty shootout and LJ Greenway for the Nike Vapormax Ruffle. Congratulations to both.

We also have a budding rowing champion amongst us. Hans Beeckman is now the proud owner of a rowing badge with over 75000 kilometres on the meter. He has shown all the qualities needed to be a successful sports person. I am looking forward to seeing him grow.

Key dates

- We return from the half term Tuesday 19th April
- Bank holiday Monday 2nd May
- Mental health awareness week begins 16th May
- Half term Friday 27th May

I hope that you have a restful Easter break and that our pupils return for the last term rested and ready to learn. Once again, thank you for all your support.

Yours faithfully,

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