

St Matthew Academy

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

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Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Year 7 into Year 8.

As we come to end of a very challenging school year, I would like to thank all our families for the support given to our pupils during this academic school year. At the end of a school year, I normally wish you a restful break and a good holiday. However, as we are all following the government guidance, most of us will not be travelling. Whilst we want pupils and families to spend time relaxing a little, we also recognise that many of you will not want your children to stop the good learning routines you have already established. I have therefore set a 'learning challenge' for all pupils using our Sora reading app. Studies have shown that reading and literacy levels with our young people are on the decline. Even more so due to the loss of learning time over the pandemic. Reading empowers pupils to enhance their vocabulary and comprehension skills, reduces stress promotes mental health and so much more. Over the course of the summer holidays, we would like all pupils to read a minimum of two books and write a book review, a small feat with the hundreds of books available to them on the Sora app. It will be a welcome break from social media apps, which we encourage you to continue monitoring over the holidays.

End of Term Plans				
Monday 19 July				
P1	P2	P3	P4	P5
STEM Egg Drop	Rewards Picnic - Blackheath	Rewards Picnic - Blackheath	End of Year Awards Ceremony	CAFOD Assembly
Tuesday 20 July				
P1	P2	P3	P4	P5
DoL activity: reflection "Write a poem/essay/rap about your first year at secondary school."	Sports Day	Sports Day	House Competition	House Competition
Wednesday 21 July				
Design a presentation for Year 7 pupils who will be starting in September: what advice can you give them? What would you have done differently? Prepare a Power Point presentation or a speech.				

Achievements and Celebrations

The pupils listed below have had an exceptional school year, therefore their form tutors have nominated them for their academic progress and their overall contribution to Academy life.

7.1	7.2	7.3	7.4	7.5	7.6	7.7	7.8
Ngozi MADUKA	Manuella BARTHOLOMEW	Kobe GRAHAM	Lena SKORUPINSKA	Blessing OYEDEJI	Wilson ZHOU	Adreyn PARKER	Calum AGBOKS

Debate Mate

In partnership with Debate Mate who are dedicated to empowering social change through world-class communication training.

It is my pleasure to say that the Year 7 and Year 8 Debate Mate crew have represented the Academy with distinction, going against a number of schools across the nation to make it to the finals of the urban division. They have had an audience with senior executives at Deutsche Bank and Clifford Chance as well as some brilliant program directors. Each pupil has confidently researched and argued many motions touching on topics such as the environment, race and gender. The team carried out all of their sessions virtually, both from home during lockdown and once we had returned to school. Their hard work and dedication has been admirable and they truly are a credit to the Academy and yourselves.

Excellent Behaviour and Fantastic Achievements

The following pupils have gone 'above and beyond' expectations at the Academy this year for zero behaviour points and received most Achievement Points this year:

Zero Behaviour Points		Most Achievement Points	
Matthews DE SOUSA	7.5	Jayden DIAKITE	7.7
Alex ENGLAND	7.1	Bella KUMANKUMAH	7.8
Ngozi MADUKA	7.1	Matthews DE SOUSA	7.5
Aayush PATHAK	7.2	Miqdad EKERIN	7.5
Harry WELCH	7.1	Solange LEE	7.7
		Rahim KHAN	7.7
		Calum AGBOKS	7.8
		Shumsana NANTHAKUMAR	7.8
		Abdul KOMEH	7.8
		Demilade FOLASIRE	7.4
		Zemirah OGUDORO	7.4
		Ngozi MADUKA	7.1
		Jermain ELEGUNDE	7.8
		Jaydon CHRISTIAN	7.8
		Crystal BOWLING	7.7
		Harley STUART-FORDE	7.8
		Jose RIBEIRO	7.7
		Carolina CANDIA JAUARPENA	7.4
		Zion DALEY	7.8
		Jahzarra ANDERSON	7.8

Finally, I would just like to say how proud I am of all our pupils in Year 7. They have all had to adjust to a new way of learning. For the hard work and effort that they have put into their learning and their readjustment to school routines, each of you deserve praise for your resilience over an immensely difficult year. In addition, a huge thank you to parents and carers - your support throughout this year is greatly appreciated.

On behalf of all the staff at St Matthew Academy, I wish you a restful and blessed summer.

Yours faithfully,



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