

St Matthew Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of a busy term, I would like to thank you for your support, patience and acceptance of all of the changes that have been implemented to ensure the young people have continued to learn and develop over the year.

Work Experience

This term, pupils were given the opportunity to experience what it would be like in the world of work. After visiting a number of them and speaking to them about this experience, they all have a new found appreciation for work and what it would entail for them in the future. I do hope the skills and knowledge they gained from this would propel them forward in their next steps.

RE PPE Results

As you are aware, pupils in year 10 will be taking their RE GCSE exam this academic school year. I'm extremely proud to see how seriously they have been taking this and the efforts pupils are putting into their studies. Pupils have been working extremely hard attending interventions before/after school and even during their lunchtime. To this end, their hard work is paying off and this shows in their latest RE mock exam results.

Easter Revision Sessions

We are hosting a series of Easter RE revision sessions commencing Monday 4th April to enable your child access to more targeted support and school resources and facilities. The interventions are compulsory and will also support with the upcoming RE GCSE in May 2022.

The following RE classes will attend on the following days and time:

Date	Time	Class
Monday 4 April	9.00 to 11.45am	10e/ RE1 with Ms Pink in s.1.11
Tuesday 5 April	9.00 to 11.45am	10e/ RE2 with Mrs Kakou in s1.12
Tuesday 5 April	9.00 to 11.45am	10w/ RE1 with Miss Asamoah in s1.10
Tuesday 5 April	9.00 to 11.45am	10w/ RE 2 with Ms Pink in s.11
Wednesday 6 April	9.00 to 11.45am	10e/RE2 with Mrs Kakou in s1.12.
Tuesday 12 April	9.00 to 11.45am and 12.15 to 2.45pm	10e/RE3 with Mr Wanza in s1.11

Pupils are not expected to wear school uniform and should bring their RE exercise books. All pupils are aware of which RE class they are in, indicated by the code above. Any pupil that does not fully comply with the expectations of the member of staff leading the RE session will be sent home.

UK Intermediate Maths Challenge

Our best mathematicians in year 10 participated in this competition this term. A very well done to the following pupils:

Name	Certificate
Charlie Morrin	Silver
Kavin Premkumar	Silver
Vieric Angwe	Silver
Micah Koroma	Silver
Rahul Magar	Bronze
Rupertas Brazdizius	Bronze
Finlay Jamieson	Bronze
Moyin Solaja	Bronze

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Punctuality/Attendance

Punctuality/attendance to school has not been the best this term. Punctuality in school life builds the path to success in a pupil's life by enabling them to plan ahead, making an efficient routine, and be prepared for their tasks. A punctual pupil is better equipped to deal with their day-to-day tasks than a person who leaves it for the last moment. Regular school attendance is an important part of giving children the best possible start in life. The aim should be to attend 100% of the time. However, I do understand this may not be possible at all times. Pupils who miss school frequently can fall behind with their work and do less well in exams. There have been far too many incidents this term where pupils are blaming transport issues and oversleeping as an excuse. Please can I ask for your support in ensuring that your child is leaving the house on time and attending school. If you know your child will be late or absent to/from school please call reception or the attendance officer so that we are aware of this.

Latest Academic Report

We have just completed our latest set of ranking assessments and had parents evening. I do hope you were all able to speak to your child's teachers during this time. It is important that we are all aware of the academic progress that your child is making and support them as we go ahead into their final year here at SMA and undertake their GCSE's. If you have not been able to do so and wish to discuss this, please email me on jec@stmatthewacademy.co.uk and we can arrange a meeting to go through this.

Key Dates

Key Events	Date
Return to school	Tuesday 19 th April
Paper 1: Area of Study 1 – Religion and Ethics	Monday 16 th May
Paper 2: Area of Study 2 – Religion, Peace and Conflict	Tuesday 26 th May
Paper 3: Area of Study 3 – Religion, Philosophy and Social Justice	Wednesday 8 th June
Year 10 Ranking Assessments 2	Monday 27 th June to Friday 1 st July

I wish you and your child a very restful and blessed Easter.

Yours faithfully



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