

St Matthew Academy

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

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is my pleasure to be writing to you at the end of a very busy and productive term for Year 9. This half term, Year 9 have participated in so many things to showcase their talents.

Year 9 News

The partnership with Trinity Laban has enabled our pupils to perform at Blackheath Halls as part of the Lewisham borough of culture. The performance was absolutely fantastic, although it wasn't a competition, I truly believe the SMA dance group were the best!

As you know, many of the pupils in Year 9 are involved in our school production of Madagascar. I've had a sneak preview of the talent this year group holds, and all I can say is get your tickets and invite all family and friends to see.

The Careers programme has begun to be a focus within the year group and we have had the Construction Youth Trust (CYT) coming in to deliver a talk and panel regarding apprenticeships. Pupils have also engaged with careers in engineering workshops. We have hopes to continue this in anticipation of their GCSE's with apprenticeship workshops, creative careers seminars and much more in the summer term.

Finally, it is my pleasure to share that Year 9 have been part of our academy effort to raise money for those experiencing conflict in Ukraine. Through the events held at the academy, we managed to raise over £2000. We have also spent the last days of term raising money for CAFOD by doing a walk 'against hunger', totalling just under of 4 kilometres to Greenwich Park and back to school. I would like to thank you once again, for your generosity and support.

Punctuality and Attendance

As a year group, we are really focusing on the quality of homework set, completion of homework and punctuality to school. Year 9 have made an improvement in these key areas of school life and we would like your support to ensure that this continues. Pupils know that they're expected to be present at the Year 9 line up by 8.37am. The following table outlines pupils who have had 100% attendance and punctuality thus far this term. I would love to see this list quadruple by next half term. Congratulations to the following pupils:

Name	Tutor Group
Andrew Martin	9M2
Abidah Onigbanjo	9R2
Antony Zefi	9R2
Tianna Fogarty	9T2
Sara Khan	9T3
Cassel Chambers	9T3
Huray Tesfay	9T3

Celebration of Achievement

I am delighted to congratulate the following pupils for earning their silver badges.

Name	Tutor Group
Shameemah Tanagidah	9T1
Mark Koutchedi	9M1
Subhan Domach	9T1

Key Dates

Please see upcoming key dates for the coming term below:

Date	Event
Tuesday 19 th April 2022	Summer Term begins – Return to school date
Monday 2 nd May 2022	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 3 rd May 2022	Year 9 Rank examinations
30 th May – 3 rd June 2022	May Half Term
Thursday 9 June 2022	Options evening

As I have said to the pupils on many occasions, I am very proud of their maturity and development this academic year. They have been so focused and conscientious thus far. As we enter the final term, I ask that as well as congratulating your children, that you encourage them to continue in this rich vein of form.

I wish you a very restful and blessed Easter and look forward to celebrating with you and your children once again.

Yours faithfully,



Mr R Wanza
Assistant Headteacher



Miss I Ahima
Director of Learning Year 9