

St Matthew Academy

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

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Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Update letter – Year 10.

Firstly, we hope that this letter meets you well. We are now approaching our last half term before a deserved summer break! Ms Cefai and I are proud of the achievement of pupils in year 10 over the course of the half term.

Ranking and Teacher Assessed Grades (RE)

As you are aware, Year 10 sat their ranking assessments back in April and there is much to celebrate reflecting on the progress and attainment of pupils. In addition, pupils have now sat three assessments in Religious Education (RE). These assessments along with their ranking assessment and Pre Public Examination (PPE) sat in December, will help support teachers in awarding your child a GCSE grade in RE. Since the resumption of learning onsite, pupils in Year 10 have worked diligently. In spite of several assessments in a short space of time they have shown a commitment to their studies and should be commended for their efforts.

Top Achievement points earner by form group

The pupils below have the most achievements points in their respective form groups this half term. Well done to all of you!

Name	Number of Achievement Points
Chioma Eze 10.1	70
Mithu Krishnaraj 10.2	54
Mary Hughes 10.3	45
Yoan Tsvyatkov 10.3	45
Adriana Torres Bonnard 10.4	73
Tesleem Subair Bello 10.5	67

Jack Petchey Regional Finals

We are so pleased when members of our Year 10 cohort are successful. A massive congratulations to Tanitoluwa and Parfaite who will be representing the Academy in the Jack Petchey Regional Finals on June 24th after 16 pupils attended a public speaking workshop culminating in delivering a 2 minutes speech on topics of their choice. Paddy Maguire - the BBC journalist who led the workshop said he was impressed with the pupils' work and praised their "confidence, enthusiasm and still finding time to support each other despite the nerves of competition." We wish both Tani and Parfaite every success in the regional finals.

Early School Closure

As already communicated by Ms Baldwin earlier this term the school will close at 1.50pm on Tuesday 8th June 2021 for secondary phase pupils so that staff can finalise the year 11 Teacher assessed Grades.

Key Dates – Summer Term 2

- Tuesday 8th June - Early school closure
- Monday 14th – Wednesday 16th June – Year 10 Ranking Assessments
- Thursday 15th July – Parents Information Evening
- Friday 16th July – Rewards trips
- Wednesday 21st July – Last day of term

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Transition from Year 10 – Year 11

When pupils return after half term, it will be all change for them. The Year 10 cohort will effectively become the new Year 11 cohort. Pupils' form rooms will be situated where the Year 11 cohort were prior to them leaving. As an Academy, we recognise that the current Year 10 cohort are the eldest in the school and as such strongly believe that they will set the tone for the rest of the Academy. This extends to modelling exemplary behaviour, the right temperament and attitudes to learning, whilst exuding the confidence and high aspirations to succeed in the remainder of their GCSE's. Senior leaders, Director of Learning Ms Cefai, Associate Assistant Headteacher Ms Dunne and form tutors will be working closely with the cohort whilst they make the transition into the senior pupils of the Academy. We will also be grateful if you could support us in ensuring your child is prepared as they embark upon a new chapter in their school careers.

We look forward to sharing more achievements from the year group in the near future. In the meantime, stay safe and well.

Yours sincerely,



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