

St Matthew Academy

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

Headteacher: Ms Miranda Baldwin

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25 September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to see all of our Y11 pupils back full time at school. It is clear that pupils have missed their teachers, their peers and their normal day-to-day routines, and staff have been working extremely hard to ensure that Y11 pupils are getting the best possible experience in their lessons. You will know that your child has already undertaken Progress Assessments in all of their subjects this half term, and we would like to take this opportunity to praise the pupils for how focussed, well prepared and conscientious they were during the assessment week. We would like to congratulate Kadina Charlton 11IOL for receiving the highest number of positives in the year group so far! Very close behind her is Allayah Pryce, Franklina Sesay, Elizabeth Obukohwo and Tyrell Congo. Well done on letting your light shine! This week we celebrated St Matthew's Day with a slight difference; the assembly was live streamed to all form groups to watch from their classrooms. Our talented Lucy Grund beautifully performed a song that was watched by every pupil and teacher at the academy. Well done Lucy for your amazing talent and bravery. We now look to the year ahead, and to what Y11 pupils and parents need to prepare for.

Y11 Virtual Parents and Pupils' Meeting:

As you will know, we had planned to host our first Y11 Parents' Evening on Thursday 1st October. Unfortunately, we are unable to host this event in person, due to the current situation. Instead, we will be holding a virtual event, on the same date, at 5pm. The virtual event will take place via Microsoft Teams and a link to join the virtual meeting will be sent out on the day. The meeting will be a presentation from Ms Baldwin, Ms Heywood and Ms Dunne and we invite you to join with your child. We will ask that participants join the call promptly and mute themselves during the presentation.

Y11 Predicted Grades:

All pupils will be provided with predicted grades in each of their subjects, as well as a teacher assessed effort grade. The predicted grade will be the grade that their teacher thinks they will achieve in their GCSE, should they continue to work at the level they are currently. Predicted grade reports will be sent to parent's w/b 5th October. More information about the reports will be shared at the virtual meeting on 1st October.

Y11 Intervention:

Intervention begins for all Y11 pupils from next week on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Pupils will continue to have Independent Study on Thursdays and Fridays. All pupils will be receiving individual timetables; please see the overview timetable for your reference below:

DAY 2.45pm-4.15pm	CORE WEEK 28/9/20 12/10/20 2/11/20 16/11/20 30/11/20	OPTIONS WEEKS 5/10/20 19/10/20 9/11/20 23/11/20
Monday	Maths	Option C
Tuesday	Science	Option A
Wednesday	English	Option B
Thursday	Independent Study	Independent Study
Friday	Independent Study	Independent Study

Y11 Revised Times of the Day:

Intervention takes place during P6 + P7, meaning that the end of the day is later for Y11 starting from next week. Please note that any pupil arriving after 8.55 will be marked as late. Please note the new times of the day below:

: 0208 853 6250 : info@stmatthewacademy.co.uk : www.stmatthewacademy.co.uk : @stmattacad

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ACTIVITY	TIME
Arrival	8.55
Lesson 1	9.00
Lesson 2	9.55
Lesson 3	10.50
Lesson 4	11.45
Lunch	12.40
Lesson 5	1.35
Form time	2.30
Intervention/Independent Study	2.45
Dismissal	4.15 (Mondays-Wednesdays) 3.40 (Thursdays-Fridays)

Afterschool

Unfortunately there have been a number of issues regarding pupils congregating in Lewisham, Catford and other areas, which can lead to dangerous consequences. For the safety and welfare of all pupils, pupils are instructed to go straight home after school.

Y11 Sanctions

Y11 detentions take place on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Thursday detentions are for Y11 pupils who acquire 1 x no homework, and are 1 hour long following their Independent Study period (3.40pm - 4.40pm) Any pupil who fails to complete 2 or more pieces of homework, or acquires 3+ behaviour points will receive a Saturday detention (8.40am - 11.40am.) Detentions on Fridays are for pupils who have acquired 2 x behaviour points, and are 1 hour long following their Independent Study (3.40-4.40.) Lunchtime detention will be utilised for pupils who acquire lates.

SIMs App

Please ensure you are utilising the SIMs app to stay up to date with your child's attendance, positives, behaviour points and more. If you have not already downloaded it, please email VDU@stmatthewacademy.co.uk for an activation link.

Y11 Uniform and Equipment

Please ensure your child has a lanyard; it is a compulsory part of their uniform. Pupils must wear blazers at all times around the building and no trainers are permitted. Please also ensure your child comes to school with the full range of equipment they need, including maths sets and calculators. The full list of their required equipment can be found in their planners on page 13.

Y11 Post 16 Pathways

Your child should now be investigating their post-Y11 options carefully. They have already had 3 post-16 sessions where they have had the opportunity to use the online Fast Tomato careers platform to help guide their choices. More information on this will be shared at the virtual meeting, as well as in a parent/carer handbook that we will be sending home with the predicted grade report.

Working together, we are sure we can support your child in making the very best start to Y11, and ensure they can achieve the grades they are capable of getting, should they work hard.

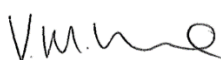
Please do not hesitate to contact either Ms Heywood or Ms Dunne should you have any queries, or would like to request more work.

Thank you in advance for your support, and we look forward to seeing you (virtually) on Thursday 1st October.

Yours faithfully,



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