

St Matthew Academy

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

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Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Y10 into Y11

We are delighted that Phase 2 of our Y10s' return to school has been a safe, positive and worthwhile experience for all pupils and staff. We would like to thank you for all your support in ensuring that attendance has been excellent. As you will know, all pupils have received face-to-face lessons with their teachers over the last three weeks and it has been great to see the pupils so enthusiastic about being in back in school in more 'normal' circumstances. We are now writing to you ahead of September to outline what the plans will be for Y11 pupils.

Y11 arrangements for return to school:

Pupils will return to school on Monday 7th September at 9.00am. From Monday 7th-Wednesday 9th, all Y11 pupils will be conducting their Progress Assessments and will be dismissed at 3.00pm once the afternoon exam has finished. (This time may be later for pupils with additional time in exams.)

Y11 times of the day:

From Thursday 10th September onwards, Y11 pupils will attend school at their new time of 9.00-3.40. This is to reflect the staggered start and finish times for all pupils. When subject intervention begins for Y11 on Monday 5th October, Y11 pupils' dismissal time will be 4.35pm. Please see the revised times of the day below:

9.00am	Arrival + Lesson 1
9.55am	Lesson 2
10.50am	Lesson 3
11.45am	Lesson 4
12.40pm	Lunch
1.35pm	Lesson 5
2.30pm	Tutor time
2.45pm	Independent Study
3.40pm	Dismissal/Intervention
4.35pm	Dismissal (from 5 th October)

Y11 lessons:

Y11 pupils will be in their own year group bubble, in their own part of the school and will not mix with other year groups. Pupils will receive face-to-face lessons with their teachers and they will continue to study all their subjects.

Y11 tutor groups:

Y11 pupils move into subject/attainment focussed tutor groups for Y11, with a subject specialist as the tutor. Therefore pupils will have new tutors and new tutor groups. Pupils will find out their tutor group on the first day back in September.

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Progress Assessments:

As stated in the previous letter, all pupils will be sitting assessments in each of their subjects at the very beginning of Y11 to assess their progress. The exam timetable and revision booklet is attached to this letter. Please do read the documents carefully with your child, so they know exactly what to revise for over the summer holidays. These assessments will provide teachers and pupils with a clear picture of where your child is at in their subject, and help them

to plan intervention accordingly. You will be able to discuss the results of these assessments at the Y11 Parents' Evening on 1st October.

Summer work:

Your child will need to work from the revision booklet provided to ensure they have a clear focus to structure their home learning around during the summer holidays. In addition to the revision booklet, your child should use Google Classroom, Hegarty Maths, Seneca, Duolingo and This is Language to study from. Should you require hard copies of workpacks for individual subjects, please do contact Ms Dunne, who will be able to organise these for you.

GCSE RE:

Due to the government changes to GCSE examinations, pupils were awarded centre assessed grades for their RE GCSE, which will be reviewed by the exam board and shared with pupils in August by post/email. The Academy will not be hosting a results' day for Y10.

Parents' Evenings:

We are holding an early Parents' Evening for all Y11 parents and carers on 1st October. All Y11 teachers will be available for meetings and you will receive a copy of your child's report, which will include their grades from their progress assessments as well as their predicted grades for all subjects.

Key dates:

Please ensure you put the following key dates in your diary:

Date	Activity
w/b 7 th September	Progress Assessments
Thursday 1 st October	Y11 Parents' Evening with predicted grade reports
Monday 7 th December (2 weeks)	Y11 Pre Public Examinations
Thursday 21 st January	Y11 Parents' Evening
Tuesday 9 th March (1 week)	Y11 Pre Public Examinations
Thursday 31 st March	Y11 Targeted Parents' Evening
Friday 14 th May TBC (4 weeks)	GCSE Examinations
June (date TBC)	Y11 Prom
Thursday August 26 th	GCSE Results Day

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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.

Yours sincerely,



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