

St Matthew Academy

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

Headteacher: Ms Miranda Baldwin

Head of Primary: Ms Joanna Chick



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Dear Parents and Carers

Now that the new academic year is well and truly underway, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate your children on an excellent start in the Secondary phase of St Matthew Academy. I am sure that working together, we will make 2020-2021 a very successful school year for everyone. So far, I am pleased to report that Year 7 pupils have been awarded an incredible combined total of 2526 achievement points! I am incredibly proud of the resilience, drive and aspiration of all Year 7 pupils to be the best they can be. Thank you, parents and carers, for working with us to make this possible.

I would also like to bring your attention to some of the procedures we have implemented this year, we to improve the Academy and ensure our pupils have a really positive experience despite the challenges of these uncertain times.

Health and Safety

Ms Baldwin has already written to you about the protocols that have been put in place in regard to keeping pupils as safe as possible during this pandemic. These protocols follow government guidelines and are updated as and when we are directed by government. Our priority remains the safety of all pupils as we continue to provide everyone with the excellent education they deserve.

All pupils in Year 7 have also been issued with identification cards, which are worn on a lanyard. This is a part of their school uniform and must be worn at all times whilst on Academy premises as well as on the way to and from school. Replacement lanyards/I.D cards must be paid for via Parent Pay.

Attendance and Punctuality

Please continue to make sure your children arrive at the Academy by 8:25 every day. It is important that we maintain excellent standards of attendance and punctuality throughout the year.

Homework

All Year 7 pupils have been issued with homework timetables. Please familiarise yourselves with this to support your children. Homework is a vital part of learning and it is an excellent opportunity for revision and challenge. If you have any questions regarding our homework policy, please do not hesitate to contact the relevant form tutor in the first instance.

Year 7	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Subject 1	Science	Maths	English	Religious Education	MFL (Spanish)
Subject 2	History	Technology Carousel	Performing Arts and CS Carousel	Geography	Reading

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Achievements

Year 7 pupils had an amazing start to the year and together achieved a fantastic 2256 points! Eight pupils were selected by their form tutors, for showing one of our SMA values, Aspiration, throughout the week.

- 7.1 Ravi Ragath
- 7.2 Fayth
- 7.3 Jada
- 7.4 Tianna
- 7.5 Blessing
- 7.6 Arone
- 7.7 Crystal
- 7.8 Micah

Huge congratulations to all these pupils. I am looking forward to seeing the next eight pupils to be commended for putting our values and learning characteristics into practice.

Summer Projects

Congratulations should also be extended to everyone in Year 7 who worked so hard on their Summer Projects! The theme this year was all about getting to know Lewisham. There were so many fantastic contributions in every Tutor Group but special mentions should go to:

- Jibraan 7.1,
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- Kitdhes 7.2,
- Harrison 7.3,
- Kobe 7.3,
- Victor 7.4
- Kiara 7.5
- Eduardo 7.6
- Joshephine 7.7
- Bella 7.8.

There were so many pupils whom I could have mentioned - we will soon be sending home pictures of the work on display for you to enjoy. Well done to everyone who submitted such good quality and varied projects, from exceptional art to wonderful poetry.

I would like to finish by repeating my congratulations and thanks for all your support in helping us to ensure that your children receive the very best experience possible at St Matthew Academy.

Yours faithfully



Ms K Migon
Director of Learning Year 7