

St Matthew Academy

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

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Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Update letter – Year 9.

Firstly, we hope that this letter meets you well. We are now approaching our last half term before a deserved summer break!

Mr Charlery and I are proud of the achievement of pupils in year 9 over the course of the half term.

Ranking Assessments

As you are aware from the Year 9 Virtual Parents' Evening, your child sat their first set of ranking assessments in April. I would like to commend each pupil for their attitude and diligence in preparation of their rankings after a long period of home learning. Moreover, I would like to congratulate Vieric Angwe, currently ranked first due to his amazing progress and attainment over the course of the year. Pupils will not have to wait too long before the next set of rankings as they are scheduled for Thursday 17th and Friday 18th June. Therefore, every endeavour should be made by the pupils to thoroughly prepare for these key assessments in English, Maths, Science and RE.

Top Achievement points earner by form group

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

Name	Number of Achievement Points
Kavin Premkumar 9.1	57
Kevin Akubueze 9.2	54
Naomi Sifa 9.3	70
Savannah Hylton 9.4	38
Wildy Cabral De Brito 9.5	116
Nayely Burga Males 9.6	105

Our Stories – History Project

Returning from half term, Year 9 pupils will participate in the 'Our Stories' project in History; this is the third year the History department have worked in collaboration with David Holloway, an external professional who shares our passion and belief in the importance of young people telling their stories. Often these stories have involved the theme of migration and exploring the history of another country or place. The History department will be sharing stories from the pupils so look out for some fascinating stories.

Brilliant Club Graduation

The Brilliant Club aims to raise the aspirations and awareness of the opportunities available to pupils at the UK's top universities, whilst developing the confidence and skills to apply to these institutions in the future. This year's Brilliant Club has been our most successful cohort, with 11 pupils from Year 9 successfully completing the entire course.

We are thrilled with the outcome for the pupils; the assignment was marked using university style marks. In total 9 pupils received the second highest possible grade, a 2:1. Congratulations to Angelima, D'Angelo, Joel, Cassandra, Kavin, Melissa, Rupertas, Vieric and Wendy on their results. Abdul and Naomi are deserved of the highest praise as they achieved the highest grade a 1st. Pupils celebrated their achievements at their graduation, with an Italian classic, pizza. Moreover, they also attended a webinar with the Brilliant Club CEO that included a by Hannah Chukwana, a graduate

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of Oxford University. We are incredibly proud of their achievements and hope it inspires them to pursue their goals in the future assured that they can overcome any challenges with confidence and resilience.

Stephen Lawrence Day

On the 22nd April 2021, St Matthew Academy celebrated Stephen Lawrence Day. Stephen Lawrence Day is an annual event to celebrate Stephen's legacy by remembering Stephen and showcasing our gifts and talents. In Year 9, during their RE lessons, pupils learnt about Stephen Lawrence and explored themes of justice, anti-racism and the importance of celebrating diversity.

Early School Closure Reminder

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
- Tuesday 15th – Thursday 17th June – KPMG Mentoring
- Thursday 17th and Friday 18th June – Year 9 Ranking Assessments (Maths, English, Science, Religious Studies)
- Thursday 8th July – KS3 Awards and KS3 Creative Arts exhibition
- Friday 16th July – Rewards trips
- Wednesday 21st July – Last day of term

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

Yours faithfully,



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