



**A MESSAGE FROM
THE HEAD OF SCHOOL -
MS BALDWIN**

Welcome to the final edition of the SMA newsletter for this academic year. I hope you find it as inspiring and exciting as I have, to read about the multitude of ways our pupils have 'let their light shine' this term at the Academy. If you have enjoyed reading the articles, can I encourage you to keep up to date with life at the Academy by visiting our new website on a weekly basis – the 'news' section will be added to regularly. Some of the highlights of this busy term have been:

- Listening to the speeches of two of our Year 10 pupils at the Jack Petchey 'Speak Out' Lewisham Challenge. They were placed 2nd and 3rd in the competition, a terrific achievement. The pupils were then invited to deliver their speeches at a staff meeting and they really stepped up to this challenge with confidence.
- When Year 6 children ran a mock election. They formed six political parties, voted in party leaders and agreed on the pledges they would make in their manifestos. Each party presented their manifestos to the rest of the school, and asked the pupils in Key Stage 2 to vote for them. Pupils registered to vote and were given a ballot paper to place their vote. Everyone enjoyed taking part in this topical learning.
- The Media Studies Department have excelled in a number of national competitions and won the prestigious 7th National 'Shine' School Media Awards prize for their new magazine 'OPTICS.'
- The special Mass in school to celebrate the primary children who made their First Holy Communion this year. We were able to share photographs and recounts of the event with the children, so that we felt part of their special day.

CHAPLAINCY



During the months of June and July we celebrated several Masses and services including First Holy Communion, Year 6 Leavers' Mass and the Feast of St Peter and St Paul.

After many years of service as Chaplain of St Matthew Academy, Mrs Roberts has moved on to pastures new. We wish her God's blessings in her future endeavours. We are now in the process of building and developing a dynamic Chaplaincy Team.

The Chaplaincy Team will focus on four key elements: charity, liturgy, retreats and whole school collaboration for all chaplaincy requirements in our school. The Team will also promote our inclusive caring Catholic community, providing spiritual and pastoral support to pupils and staff. In essence, the Chaplaincy Team will demonstrate what it truly means to 'love your neighbour.' We look forward to the launching of our Chaplaincy Team in the new academic year.

Mr Wanza
Assistant Head

- Mr Simpson, Media Studies teacher, won a Silver Teaching Award in The Pearson Award for 'Teacher of the Year in a Secondary School' - a fantastic achievement and one which was celebrated with the whole school community on 'Thank a Teacher Day' on 16th June.
- The pupils' conduct and positive approach when preparing for National Tests, GCSE papers and Academy ranking papers – we look forward to celebrating their achievements with them over the coming weeks.
- Our first cohort of over 30 pupils successfully completing the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award - this award is not easy to achieve and takes perseverance, collaboration and persistence, three of the learning characteristics we are

working on developing further in all of our pupils next year.

The last three terms at the Academy have really flown by with staff and pupils working really hard together. We are all looking forward to a well-deserved rest over the summer holiday and an opportunity to catch up with friends and family in the UK and overseas.

I hope everyone enjoys the break as we all look ahead to the next steps on our journey to ensuring all aspects of Academy life are outstanding.

Miranda Baldwin
Head of School



**YEAR 10
DUKE OF EDINBURGH
BRONZE AWARD
EXPEDITION**

On Saturday, 24th June, 29 pupils from SMA prepared for their qualifying expedition and 2 days of adventure in the Kent countryside. After a final kit and navigation check all staff and pupils were given a safety briefing for the expedition by Mr Saunders and then loaded the minibuses ready to leave.

At the start point students were in a joyful mood. The group was introduced to Ken Parsons their Duke of Edinburgh Award Assessor for the day; then they set off at 10 minute intervals on their trek to the Wilberforce Scout Camp Site in the village of Downe some 6.2 miles away. After a few navigational errors, groups eventually started arriving at the camp, with the quickest group in within 6 hours and 30 minutes! The campsite had already been prepared by staff who then directed pupils to put up tents and get their stoves out to cook their evening meals. All the pupils were happy and getting on with their tasks but a little envious of the teachers who were sitting around a large table happily tucking into the tasty fish and chips provided by Mr Saunders!

At 9.45 pm, all pupils and staff were invited to a large camp fire and all groups toasted marshmallows whilst listening to stories about the famous Biggin Hill airport during the war and Charles Darwin, whose former home is situated in Downe.

Sunday morning started with an early alarm call - 7 blasts on the minibus horn by Mr Saunders! Pupils were up, washed and packing away their equipment and then preparing breakfast. By 9.00am the camp was cleared by staff and pupils working together. The first group set off from Wilberforce at 09.10am.

All groups made good headway including those crossing West Kent Golf course, where they were seen dodging golf balls! Eventually they all reached the pickup point at the pub looking exhausted and hungry but happy with their achievement. They were even happier when the Assessor told them they had all passed the expedition element of this Bronze Award! Well done to all the pupils and staff who took part.

Mr Saunders
Outdoor Education Teacher
and
D of E Manager



PARENT PAY

ST MATTHEW ACADEMY IS GOING CASHLESS!



ParentPay

From September 2017, there will be no facility to pay by cash or cheque at school. If you haven't done so already, please activate your Parentpay account.

If you require your activation details, please email:
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ST MATTHEW ACADEMY - ALUMNI

We would like to keep in touch with our former pupils and staff and would encourage anyone who is keen to re-establish themselves as part of our community to sign up.

All former members of our community are encouraged to stay in touch with the aim of providing opportunities for current pupils at our school. Through this initiative, we hope to benefit you in many ways too. Your support could include mentoring, talking to our students about your time at university or even offering work experience placements.

Each year, St Matthew Academy put on a number of events to inspire our current pupils - your participation in these events would be very welcome.

As well as keeping you up to date with news from St Matthew Academy, our network of alumni can offer you lots of ways to support the young people now sitting where you once sat. Whether you are still in the area or have moved far away, we look forward to hearing from you.

THE FRIENDS OF ST MATTHEW GROUP



The Friends of St Matthew Group is a parent, staff and community group set up to support the initiatives and events in which St Matthew Academy are involved.

The group aims to continue helping to fundraise for the Academy and Academy projects next year. Proposed projects include the Late Summer Fayre and continued support for the Children's Ward at Lewisham Hospital - a charity in the heart of our community. So far the parents' facilities on the ward have been radically improved through donations and also over Lent, the Friends of St Matthew have helped the pupils to raise £1600 for the ward. If you are interested in joining The Friends of St Matthew Group please contact us at SMAFriends@hotmail.com

WORLD PARALYMPICS REWARD TRIP

In July, pupils at St Matthew Academy will attend the World Paralympics Championships. 150 of our exemplary pupils from Year 7 to Year 9 will be joining the outing. Our pupils will be part of an expected record breaking 230,000 crowd at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. Role models such as Ellie Simmonds and Lee Pearson will be performing at the Championships.

Not only is this a trip to reward fantastic behaviour and work ethic but we hope that this trip will inspire our pupils to take an interest in sports and that these athletes can instil an attitude of perseverance in them. It is a great opportunity for our pupils and it is a great honour to have been rewarded these free tickets at St Matthew Academy.

NEW WEBSITE!



St Matthew Academy is proud to announce that we have a new website. The new website is now live and we would like to encourage all

of our community to explore what we consider to be an exciting new way of finding out what is happening at our Academy. Please feel free to

DANCE DEPARTMENT

Thirty six incredible young dancers and musicians took part in the Royal Academy of Dance Spring Sharing at St Paul's Academy. They showcased their talents and performed with skill and determination to wow the audience. The groups were made up of two outstanding mixed Contemporary Upper and Lower school companies and one, all male, Year 8 group who performed a high energy Capeoira dance.

All three groups are to be congratulated on their hard work and professionalism throughout the evening.

Thank you to all the staff who gave up their time to support the dancers. The Upper school dance group are currently working hard to prepare for a Street Dance Battle at Step Live on the Southbank Centre in July. The Year 9 and 10 dance group have been working hard alongside dance artist Lucy Sam from the Royal Academy of Dance. They are preparing for an exciting Street Dance Battle to be held at the Southbank Centre as part of the 'Step Live' celebrations of dance. It promises to be a very exciting day with seventy schools from across London and Essex taking part. Good luck to all those involved!

Ms Smith



comment on what you see at info@stmatthewacademy.co.uk. May I also thank everyone who has worked so hard in getting this project up

and running. Watch this space for more news ...

Mr Gunningham

PRIMARY NEWS

KINGSWOOD – YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL

This week some of our Year 6 children have spent the week at Kingswood on their school journey. They had lots of fun and got involved in some really exciting activities. Read what some of the children had to say about their trip.....



'Kingswood is a fantastic place to be! It is a place where you can gain and develop your self confidence especially when it comes to heights and many more stuff.'

There are many things to do and is definitely worth it every second.'

Andre



'Kingswood is a really exciting place. There are lots of activities to do and lots of exciting things to see. When you go on the high obstacles you get over your fear of heights and really enjoy it! Everyone is really supportive. Even the teachers are joining in!'

Austin



'Kingswood is fun and thrilling as you get to do many things such as the zip line and abseiling. It is so much fun! Sometimes we get more than one turn. The rooms are so clean and it's great to stay with our friends!'

La-teah

YEAR 4 TRIPS TO THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

In January and April, Year 4 pupils visited the Natural History Museum. This coincided with their IPC topics.

January's visit coincided with the 'Footprints from the Past' topic. We became Palaeontologists and also looked at the dinosaur exhibition. We had to use brushes to uncover a large skull; use our observation skills to identify the animal and then made a drawing of the animal. We used skills such as size, type of teeth and shape in completing the drawing.

In the dinosaur hall we saw the legendary T-Rex which moved and roared. We also saw lots of skulls, skeletons and fossils.

By the end of the day, a very weary group were more than ready to catch a train back to school, where once again, the children were all well-behaved throughout, making their teachers very proud.

Another visit took place in April as part of IPC topic on 'Active Planet.'



The pupils researched volcanoes and formed a greater understanding of more well-known volcanoes such as Mt Vesuvius in Italy. They also learnt in more detail about earthquakes and their dangers and how people stay safe in earthquake zones. The trip ended with an earthquake



simulator in a shop where the floor moved... there were quite a few screams! When we returned to school, Ajun from 4W 'erupted' his home learning volcano using bicarbonate of soda and vinegar. Spectacular!

A big thank you to the teachers and support staff who helped to make these trips such rewarding learning experiences

YEAR 1

This term Year 1 participated in a Fairy Tale Fancy Dress Day, as our topic this term has been Stories People Tell.

The children have come in as a fairy tale or Greek mythological character, and all of their learning today has been focused on this theme. The pupils role played as the 'Three Little Pigs,' made 'Little Red Riding Hood' stick puppets, and counted traditional tale characters in Maths. They will also be decorating their own Greek theatrical masks.



KNITTING

Knitting has become a little bit of a trend. Whoever said that knitting was a thing of the past has not been into SMA recently. Since last term some of the students in 5W have been coming together during break times and lunch times with their TA Ms Brown to learn the art of knitting.

Ms Brown who has been teaching the craft says that whilst knitting, the children have been learning about patience and being consistent in what they do. The current trend has not been limited to the students either.

Everyday teachers and TAs alike are having their memories of mothers and grandmothers knitting reignited.



I wanted to start knitting because when I saw Ms Brown I thought that it could become a hobby. It took me a while to learn the difference between a knit and purl stitch, but I'm now making my first hat. I think I'm doing really well even though I have hit a few bumps and my tension was not always consistent, but I have learnt how to pick up dropped stitches and how to cast off.

Bolu

I started knitting because I wanted to learn something new. Knitting makes me feel relaxed and patient. It's hard at first as I had to remember which stitch I was doing. At the moment I am learning how to doing ribbing like you find at the bottom of a jumper or at the cuffs of a jumper. I think I'm doing ok!



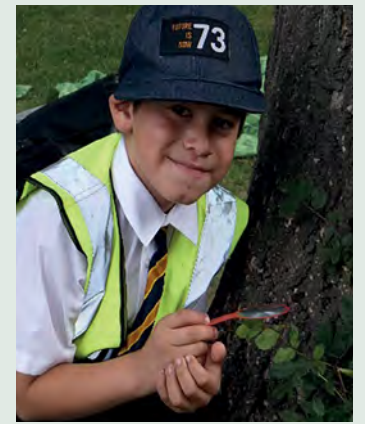
Wendy

YEAR 2 AT THE HORNIMAN MUSEUM

We started with a very interesting workshop in the museum garden to fit in with our IPC topic 'Greenfingers'. We looked in detail at the trees using magnifying glasses [for the bark], and mirrors to see the canopies. We then collected different kinds of plant material and sorted and classified them, and finished by collecting [wool] caterpillars from the bushes - we realised that the green and brown ones were hardest to find because they were better camouflaged. Next we went to the outside music

areas and experimented with creating different tunes and rhythms on the giant instruments.

After lunch, we went into the museum. Everyone was amazed to see the 'real' [stuffed] animals and we spent lots of time marvelling at them. We were most impressed by the tiger, the flying squirrels and flying fish [we did not know they could fly], and also by the enormous elephant skull. The sun shone all day and the children had a fantastic time. A member of the public commented on how well behaved they were and we have to agree!



SPORTS NEWS

This has been another busy period for the PE department with many pupils from all ages participating in a number of clubs and fixtures both at lunchtimes and after school. We would like to encourage as many pupils as possible to keep attending extra-curricular activities and congratulate all pupils for their fantastic efforts this term – well done!

Mr Goksel Head of PE

ATHLETICS

The PE department took 47 students from year 7-10 to compete at the Lewisham Borough Athletics Championships held at Crystal Palace. It was a fantastic event where pupils performed exceptionally - and out of 14 competing schools we managed to come 5th overall for girls and 3rd overall for boys. A special mention to Esther Jackson in Year 9 who has been selected to represent London for 200m in the National championships! From the Lewisham Championships, the following pupils also went onto represent Lewisham at the London Athletics Championships held at Mile End and Battersea Athletics stadiums with Khadisha Conteh in Year 7 coming 2nd in the 100m and smashing the current SMA athletics record with 13.4 secs. Individual year group results as well as pupils who achieved a top 3 place in the borough are also listed below

LONDON CHAMPIONSHIPS - INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

YEAR 7

Khadish Conteh 100m 2nd Cheyanne Fearon High Jump 12th
Mirabel Chinedu 200m 5th Elizabeth Obukohwo Javelin 11th
Ayomide Akinade 800m 5th
Cassidy Osisoma Javelin 13th, Long Jump 19th

YEAR 9

Esther Jackson 200m 3rd Kofi Taylor-Barrocks Javelin 3rd
Jonathon Akbokile Discus 9th

YEAR 10

Amon-Re Miller Long Jump 5th Timi Kalejaiye Shot Putt 4th
Victory Etafo Shot Putt 5th

LEWISHAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

INDIVIDUAL YEAR GROUP OVERALL RESULTS

YEAR 7 Boys 2nd Girls 2nd YEAR 8 Boys 4th Girls 12th
YEAR 9 Boys 6th Girls 7th YEAR 10 Boys 6th Girls 7th

LEWISHAM CHAMPIONSHIPS TOP 3 FINISH!

YEAR 7 BOYS/GIRLS

Kwayke Osei 100m 3rd, Triple Jump 2nd, 4 x100m 1st
Richesse Mvioki 4x100m 1st
Eleghosa Asemota High Jump 3rd 4x100m 1st
Kye Walker 4x100m 1st
Cassidy Osisomu Javelin 2nd
Ayomide Akinade 800m 2nd, Shot Putt 3rd
Cheyanne Fearon Hurdles 75m 2nd, High Jump 2nd
Elizabeth Obukohwo Javelin 1st
Oprah Taiwo Triple Jump 2nd, 4x100m 1st
Tolani Akinfolarin 300m 1st, 4x100m 1st
Mirabel Chinedu 200m 2nd, 4x100m 1st
Khadisha Conteh 100m 1st, 4x100m 1st

YEAR 8 BOYS

Kofi Osei 100m 2nd Francis Cole Triple Jump 2nd
Jaydon Frater-Waterman 800m 3rd

YEAR 9 BOYS/GIRLS

Kofi Talyor-Barrocks Javelin 1st
Jonathan Ambokile Discus 1st
Esther Jackson 200m 1st, Triple Jump 1st, 4x100m 1st
Rochelle Brown 300m 2nd, 4x100m 1st
Stephanie Adetokunbo 4x100m 1st
Bernadette Nimako 4x100m 1st
Mugbe Charles Hurdles 2nd

YEAR 10 BOYS/GIRLS

Telvin Ajim 100m 3rd Timi Kalejaiye Shot Putt 1st
Kevin Ogunsikan 800m 3rd Amon-Re Miller Long Jump 2nd
Tori Etafo Hurdles 3rd, Shot Putt 1st

FOOTBALL



CHARITY FOOTBALL

It has been great to see high numbers still attending football as an extra-curricular club, especially when it is now for a charitable cause - Lewisham Hospital Children's Ward. Every year group had the opportunity to not only raise money for charity but to let their light shine in front of the school football team selectors; This was all done through playing competitively and fairly over a few weeks, which has led to some surprises along the way!

YEAR 7

Year 7 were the first to take part in the charity event. With 25 participants it showed promise. The 'All Stars' lived up to their name by coasting into a 3-0 lead, however, 'The Blue Lights' led by their manager Lewis Green and captain Richesse Mivokei, eventually won the match with a stunning last minute free kick goal from their manager.



YEAR 8

Year 8 followed with highest attendance of all Year Groups with 46 participants (Boys and Girls) and 40 spectators! With a close fought group stage, a surprise came with 'Spectrum FC' (led by manager Shina) and heroics from Jayden Brooks, helping them to top the group. However, 'Spectrum' eventually ran out of steam and pre-tournament favourites 'The Goonies' (led by Captain Kofi Osei) went on to win the final to the delight of manager Tunji Obembe.

YEAR 9

Year 9 also had a good turn out with around 40 participants and 20 spectators, again helped by the attendance of the Director of learning and some of the tutor team. A makeshift team created by Mr Salih and captained by Josue Gonzalez Jaramillo progressed well, winning the group stage. The final didn't go all their way with a 2-2 draw in a tight final; eventually winning the competition on penalties!



YEAR 10

The Year 10 tournament ebbed and flowed between the two teams; 'Chimneys' captained by Owen Ferrigan and the 'Classic 11' captained by Berny Brito. 'Classic 11' went into an early 3-1 lead with a tremendous free kick; pushing 'Chimneys' into action and scoring 5 without reply! 'Classic 11' weren't finished though and levelled at 6-6 with minutes to go. Nevertheless 'Chimneys' had the last laugh scoring again, with seconds to spare, resulting in a 7-6 win.



BMX ACTIVITY

Access Sport have provided free BMX training on site using a level 2 coach who provides all the safety equipment for sessions. Some pupils have been selected from SMA to compete in the London All Schools' Summer Championships.



RUGBY

It has been a fantastic term for Rugby, with a distinct focus on Year 8 Girls' rugby. They played a game against Trinity, as well as a Triangular Festival with Harris Greenwich.

The girls have been able to get some fantastic experience, after a short period of time and the beginning of their Rugby journey.

Below are some very positive comments, from Mr Cheng (Kent and Old Colliers Rugby Link): 'Whatever the significance of the numbers, as far as this match between the U13 girls' teams from St Matthew Academy and Trinity Lee goes, I can't recall a scoreline that better reflected the quality of the attacking play and that old cliché of 'neither side deserving to lose.'



This match was different but made an equally lasting impression. The balanced running and athletic ability there again. But what set this game apart was the skill of vision and passing every one of the 17 girls showed.

Offloads out of contact proliferated, barely a dropped pass, but most pleasingly to this coach's eye, the acknowledgment of when to pass to a teammate in a better position before contact. You don't see that too often after a mere 6 weeks of rugby!'

SSMA 11 v 11 Trinity

SMA 12 v 12 Harris Greenwich

SMA 14 v 14 Trinity

TABLE-TENNIS

There has been continued interest in table tennis for Year 7 and Year 8 since the launch of the after school club. Over 25 pupils have continuously attended the club regularly and have all shown fantastic enthusiasm and great competitive spirit.

Mr Cole has hosted a number of table tennis tournaments for Year 7, in which the proceeds have gone to Lewisham Hospital Children's Ward. Mr Cole and the PE team would like to thank all the pupils for their excellent sportsmanship and regular attendance.



MR SIMPSON WINS TEACHING AWARD!

Mr Simpson has won a Silver Teaching Award in The Award for Teacher of the Year in a Secondary School - a fantastic achievement and one which was celebrated with the whole school community on 'Thank a Teacher Day' on 16th June. Staff and students paid tribute to Mr Simpson and the wonderful service he has given to all the pupils, past and present, in the Media Studies Department.

As a Silver Teaching Award winner Mr Simpson will now be considered for a Gold Teaching Award which will be announced at the UK Ceremony in October – an event which Mr Simpson will be invited to. In the meantime, Mr Simpson can look forward to tea at the House of Commons on 13th July and the televised UK ceremony at the East Winter Garden, Canary Wharf in October.

Well done Mr Simpson! A fantastic achievement.



ST MATTHEW ACADEMY WIN 'HARRISON CUP' AT STATIONERS' HALL.



Six budding journalists from St Matthew Academy, having spent months planning, writing, and designing their new magazine 'OPTICS,' won the prestigious 7th National 'Shine' School Media Awards, held at Stationers' Hall in London.

This fantastic competition, run by The Worshipful Company of Stationers and Newspaper Makers, asks young people across the country to create a school newspaper or magazine; the entries are then judged by a panel of industry experts. The winners from St Matthew Academy, Blackheath were presented with the Harrison Cup, and £1000 to spend on resources at the Academy!

The Shine School Media Awards said: 'We love it when a school enters Shine for the first time and shows us a publication full of raw energy, compulsive enthusiasm

and grit. This is the case with St Matthew Academy's 'Optics.' Every year Shine gives the Harrison Cup to a school that has done something wonderful; that we feel drawn to recognise - but perhaps hasn't won another award. 'Optics' is the perfect example of such an entry - and we can't wait to find out what St Matthew Academy comes up with next year!

Congratulations to the young people from St Matthew Academy for creating such an amazing magazine and to the Worshipful Company of Stationers and Newsmakers/ Shine Awards team for inspiring so many young people!

For more information about Shine Awards and The Stationers' Foundation contact: Annie Hotton, Chair, Shine School Media Awards info@shineschoolmediaawards.org

ABOUT THE SHINE AWARDS

The Shine School Media Awards are designed to encourage team working by pupils to produce a school magazine, newspaper, newsletter, digital edition or website and to:

- Encourage an interest in developing publishing skills in young people, helping them to improve literacy, nurture creativity, develop commercial and business skills, encourage teamwork and develop leadership skills
- Recognise achievement and reward winning entries at a special gala awards ceremony at Stationers' Hall in London in June

Supported by BBC Worldwide and the Hearst Corporation along with the TES as Media Partner and Quark Systems as Technology Partner, the awards are organised by The Stationers' Foundation, the charity arm of the 600 year-old Stationers' Company, one of the great Livery Companies of the City of London, in association with the industry bodies for magazines and regional and local newspapers, the PPA and the Newspaper Society, and training body Skillset.

TRANSITION

At St Matthew Academy, we realise that transitioning from Primary to Secondary can be a daunting experience and we endeavour to make this transition as seamless as possible. We organise a series of events at the Academy, to give all our new intake of pupils - and their parents - the opportunity to find out as much as possible about what they can expect when they come to us. These events include a transition evening for parents, carers and children; an induction event and taster lessons.

The Head of Year 7 and Senior Leadership Team play a key role in ensuring that new pupils at St Matthew Academy have a structured and successful transition from Primary into Secondary School. We have worked closely with Primary schools in Lewisham and as an all-through academy, pupils who attend St Matthew Primary phase are able to act as 'buddies' for the new intake pupils from other primary schools.

This has proved to be a very successful way of welcoming new and returning students to the secondary phase of St Matthew Academy.

YEAR 11 PROM

A great evening was had by all who attended the Year 11 Prom. This year, the prom was held at the Greenwich Yacht Club. We had many teachers supporting the event and it was a final chance to wish our Year 11 pupils all the best for the Summer.

The next time we see them, it will be results day in August! The students looked absolutely fantastic and made us proud. Thank you to all who helped to make this event a special and memorable farewell.

Ms Koranteng
Director of Learning Year 11



TAKE A LOOK AT ST MATTHEW ACADEMY!

Owing to expansion, we still have places for pupils to be part of our caring Catholic community. At SMA you will find:

- S** Successful, confident learners
- H** High expectations, outstanding achievements
- I** Inclusive, caring, Catholic community
- N** Nurturing of talent, cultivation of ambition and
- E** Excellence for all

For further information email us at info@stmatthewacademy.co.uk or phone us on 020 8853 6250. We look forward to hearing from you.

ART DEPARTMENT

It has been a fantastic and very busy year for all the pupils in Art ranging from Years 5 and 6 in primary through to Year 11.

Our Primary pupils in Years 5 and 6 have created first hand observed drawings from natural forms and have then collaborated in pairs to produce detailed large scale organic form silk hanging. These intricate pieces can be viewed in the Primary hall and demonstrate how creative and hard working our primary pupils are at SMA.

Our Year 9 Art and Textiles pupils designed and created

hand-made punk inspired headpieces that were worn by the Year 10 actors in their performance of Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream at Greenwich Theatre. Year 9's have been very busy in art creating large scale acrylic self-portraits and learning how to analyse and evaluate artists work in their sketchbooks.

Our Year 10 pupils in Art have had a very busy and interesting year. They have completed a drawing workshop at the Courtauld Gallery at Somerset House and have also added to their coursework sketchbook research whilst visiting the Victoria and Albert

Museum. At the V and A the pupils experienced the "Records, Rebels and Revolution Exhibition" in which they interacted with a contemporary drawing workshop and responded to different genres of art from the 1960's.

The year in Art has ended with an excellent Artist in Residence Sculpture Project via Bowarts Trust in June, whereby both art and textile pupils worked with contemporary artist Haidee Drew for 6 weeks to produce designs and final sculpture pieces that were either, functional, wearable or sculpture in response to the artist's own work

and the genre of Brutalist Architecture. Pupils will be finalising and refining their actual final pieces ranging from laser cut jewellery pieces to contemporary sculpture forms in September and their excellent designs will be on display in the art and textile room.

Year 11 pupils made large scale contemporary drawings as final pieces in response to this year's exam theme of Beginning and/or End.

Pupils worked diligently to produce detailed sketchbook preparations for these pieces which can be seen currently in the art and textile room.



YEAR 9 KPMG VISIT

On Friday 30th of June, 44 Year 9 students attended their last mentoring session at KPMG's Head Office in Canary wharf. Students were treated to a working breakfast before starting their session reflecting on their past objectives and their achievements this academic year. They were also able to evaluate which areas of the programme they found the most useful and identify areas that they would like to focus on for the following year. The KPMG programme finale will take place on Friday the 7th of July with a Pizza and Mocktails Party at Canary Wharf.



YEAR 10 SEO SCHOLARS ADVANCED PROGRAMME 2017/2018.

We had a fantastic response from Year 10 students and a huge number of applications in for a small number of places on the inaugural programme cohort.

I am pleased to say that SEO Scholars reviewed all of the applications from St Matthew Academy, and the successful applicants are listed below:

- A.J. Wynter
- Erica Appiah
- Jessica Pereira
- Libby Barry
- Kingdavid Ogbodo
- Oluwatimileyin Kalejaiye

Their first induction session will take place on the 2nd of September where students will meet Joe Summer (programme co-ordinator) and his team.

Ian Gunningham
Assistant Head

ST MATTHEW PRODUCTION COMPANY & SMA NEWS

SMA NEWS

Every day at tutor time the Media Centre works with a selected group of SMPC members – entitled the News team. In order to produce the fortnightly SMA News. The team has to write the script, report on the news stories, capture the footage and then edit it in order for the deadline. The final product is put up on the SMA YouTube channel for Staff, students and parents to enjoy.

ST MATTHEW PRODUCTION COMPANY

The St Matthew Production Company is a thriving hub of creative activity. All secondary students are invited to join the SMPC. In order to join the production company students register interest and then get invited to a job interview, which will always take place at 8.15am. If they pass the interview they

will then receive their media portfolio, where they keep track of the media projects they have conducted, and their production member number.

Students then register an interest in completing Media Projects on a weekly basis to take part in a media project. The projects involve producing promotional films, photographs, edit posters, enter media competitions, news stories for the SMA news, writing articles for 'Optics' the SMA student magazine and supporting the GCSE Media Students coursework.

We have an SMPC leader board that is updated fortnightly and members rewarded with certificates and awards for 5, 10 and 30 projects completed by the students.

0-4 projects
= Production Assistant

5-10 projects
= Producer
(Intermediate level award)

11-29 projects
= Executive Producer
(Advanced level award)

30+ projects
= Wall of Fame
(Nominated for Jack Petchey Award)

Opening Times
Tuesday-Friday lunchtimes
Monday-Friday after school
15.00-16.30
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday Mornings

Number of students signed up: 185

Achievements
Double Finalist
Cut Films 2017

Finalist
Shine Awards 2017

Winner
Locke 85 Lionsgate and Picturehouse Competition 2015

Winner
Sigmatak 'Staying Safe Online' 2015

2nd and 3rd Place
Cut Films Competition 2014

2nd and 3rd Place
Out of Your Hands
Competition 2013

Winner
Be Creative Copyright
Competition 2012

Partnerships
Mama Youth Project, BBC, Shine Awards, Stationer's Company, Lionsgate, Sky, LEAN, Out of your Hands, Childnet, Sigmatak, YMCP, Into film, Film Club, Cut Films, Skillset, Reuters, KPMG, Jack Petchey, British Council, British Safety Council, Sport Relief, Reel Deal HD, MB Films, Richie Rich, Age Exchange, Amnesty international, Urban Synergy, Udance, XMA, Picturehouse, Archdiocese of Southwark, International Womens Day, LIDF, STAC, Be Creative, Labour Inspection and Occupational Safety and Health Branch.

BUSINESS STUDIES



At the beginning of the academic year we entered 5 teams from Year 9 into the Mosaic Business Enterprise Competition. This is a competition that is run round the whole UK, whereby pupils run their own business on line and compete to raise the most profit. The competition is open for Year 9 – 13. The top 5 teams are taken on to a regional final. Out of 175 schools competing in the South East region our results were:

Team 5 ranked 9	Team 4 ranked 28
Team 2 ranked 16	Team 3 ranked 121
Team 1 ranked 26	

To be in the top 10 is an amazing achievement and Year 9 worked so hard putting in extra hours “running” their businesses during lunch and after school getting very competitive. Business Studies pupils have also completed their first ever enterprise program with Charlton Football Club and the feedback from the pupils was it was a great success. Here is what some of our pupils had to say:

“I feel like this experience was a fun way of learning as we were given what we needed to understand but we didn't have to write a lot. We also contributed a lot, making it easier to understand and learn effectively” *Andreia*

“Great experience and very motivational” *Laila*

Ms Green

YEAR 10 MFL PUPILS VISIT THE JAPANESE EMBASSY



‘The JE was a very interesting trip we had a great experience learning and practising new Japanese skills. For example, Japanese drawing and dancing.’

Glory

‘I really enjoyed the trip and it was a great experience. I would recommend it to a lot of people to go on the trip.’

Vincent

‘The Japanese Embassy was a very good experience. It allowed me to explore the cultural differences between Japan and England. Furthermore, it gave me insight into the writing style of Japan. Finally, I got to learn a dance that Japan is known for.’

Davina

LEWISHAM SUMMER READING CHALLENGE!

The English department are pleased to announce the launch of the Lewisham Summer Reading Challenge 2017! In partnership with Lewisham Libraries, we are setting the children of St Matthew Academy the challenge of reading a book a week this summer. Yes, that's right – six weeks, six books!

The theme of the challenge is ‘Animal Agents,’ with the characters illustrated by the UK's best-selling children's illustrator Tony Ross. ‘Animal Agents’ is a detective agency manned by all kinds of clever animals – furry, scaly and slippery – and these guys are out to crack the case with a little help from their friends: you!

By collecting clues in their detective folder, you can solve the case of the graffiti writing or the strange case of a missing lunch, and join in the fun with the Animal Agents by reading along.

Who can get involved?

- Children aged 4-14 can participate – just tell the library that you are a pupil at St Matthew Academy

How can I get involved?

- All you need is a valid library card for any of Lewisham's libraries – if you don't have one, just pop into your local library anywhere in the borough and register for one – they are free!

What are the benefits of taking part?

- Reading for a minimum of 20 minutes a day is proven to improve your reading age, and we know that reading is at the heart of all of our learning so what better way to progress in your learning, than reading a book of your choice from the comfort of your own home or library?
- For each book you complete, you will collect stickers and rewards!
- Once you have completed the challenge, you will receive a medal!

If you have any further questions about the challenge, please contact your child's English teacher or your local library. Join in and let's get St Matthew Academy reading this summer!

ST MATTHEW ACADEMY - A BRIEF HISTORY

St Matthew Academy opened in September 2007. The new Academy replaced two previous schools: St Joseph's Academy secondary school and Our Lady of Lourdes primary school. It was built on the site of the previous school's playing fields, with the St Matthew Academy playing fields created in turn on the site of the old St Joseph's buildings. The new Academy was built as a completely new state of the art school at a cost of £38 million budget.

St Joseph's Academy was an all-boys Roman Catholic academy, founded in 1860 as an extension of the work of the De La Salle Brothers at St Joseph's College, Clapham - a school in St George's Parish, Kennington. The Brothers who originally taught in the Academy initially belonged to the Clapham Community and travelled each day to Kennington. It became a separate school in 1865 and operated in Kennington for 56 years. In 1916 it moved to Camberwell, and finally it moved to Lee Terrace in 1919 to become St Joseph's Academy, Blackheath. In 1977 St Joseph's Academy made the transition from grammar

school to comprehensive school. St Austin's Boys School, Charlton merged with St Joseph's Academy in the early 1980s and for some time the St Austin's site was used for the lower school. Eventually, the site in Charlton was repurposed as the site for Christ the King Sixth Form College before it moved to its current site on Belmont Hill.

In 2007, St Matthew Academy formed one of the original academies created under the then Labour government to replace failing schools. The results in the final year of the old secondary school of just 26% of Year 11 students gaining at least 5 A*-Cs (including English and Maths) in their GCSEs improved quickly to reach nearly 60% in 2014. After slipping back somewhat in 2015, the results are back up again near 60%, with expectations in 2017 and beyond of further increases. Similar trends have been seen in the key measures in the primary phase of the Academy.

The school's original Principal, Monica Cross, was followed on her retirement in 2012 by Michael Barry, who in turn was succeeded in 2016 by our current Head of School, Miranda Baldwin.

MATHS

UK MATHS CHALLENGE

The UK Mathematics Trust (UKMT) organises national mathematics competitions and other mathematical enrichment activities for 11-18 year old UK school pupils. This year more than 650,000 pupils took part in the challenges which form the UK's biggest national maths competition. Congratulations to all our wonderful mathematicians in Year 8 and 9 who took part and especially to those who have scooped bronze and silver certificates in this very challenging maths

competition. Well done to the high achievers listed here:

YEAR 8

Aaron Lunguma
Silver Award and Best in Year
Jack Morrin
Silver Award
Tade Olanrewaju
Bronze Award

YEAR 7

Omarion Byfield
Silver Award and Best in Year
Priscilla Mitange
Bronze Award
Elizabeth Obukohwo
Bronze Award
Daniel Christopher
Bronze Award
Santiago Molina
Bronze Award

JACK PETCHY SPEAK-OUT

Twenty students took part in an all day workshop as part of the Jack Petchey, Regional Speak-Out Challenge. Two students were selected for the regional finals, Erica Appiah and Timi Kalejaiye. On an astonishing night judged by a selection of dignitaries including Mayor Steve Bullock and Local Labour MP Heidi Alexander, Timi came second and Erica third out of 21 competing students from leading schools in the region. Please see the link below to watch their winning speeches.

<http://www.speakoutchallenge.com/lewisham-regional-final-2016-17/>



DEBATE MATE CLUB

It has been another successful year for SMA's Debate Team. This was the first year of competition for most of the team members. Two of the three teams were made up of 18 students from Years 7, 8 and 9 and one student representing Year 10. (Jack Petchey speak-out winner, Erica Appiah).

The three teams qualified for the semi-finals of the Urban Debate League coming 14th nationally and fourth in the Debate Mate Cup - a competition against 250 schools! The judges were particularly impressed that such a young team got so far. If this is what they can achieve in Year 7 and 8 we can only hope that they will be filling the shoes of last year's Year 10 Debate Mate Championship Winners!

GREENWICH MATHS TIME!

On the 27th and 28th of June a group of Year 8, 9 and 10 students visited the Department of Mathematical Sciences at the University of Greenwich to attend the 2017 IMA Festival of Maths which comprised of popular talks, workshops, hands-on displays and exhibitions to help explore the wonderful world of maths. The students got to enjoy a number of stimulating talks and demonstrations from lots of interesting people including well-known mathematicians and university lecturers.

The activities ranged from learning about Enigma coding to how maths could help with spinal chord injuries. The students also had fun and learnt a few tricks with the "Maths Magic" workshop whilst the "Jammin' with Maths" workshop looked at the links with maths and music and how computers can be used to make songs. A few brave souls also attempted the walking on custard challenge where they found out that the viscosity of a fluid can be greatly affected by the force applied to it! Thankfully not too much mess was made.

The students had an excellent time and hopefully learnt a little bit about maths and its endless applications in the real world too. We will be looking forward to going back next year.