

Message from the Senior Leadership Team

Appreciate what we have on our door step

We are almost there! The final weeks of another school year and excitement is building. Most of us are looking forward to long hot days relaxing and enjoying time with friends and family. This year will be different. Instead of the frantic last minute packing, sorting of passports and currency, most of us will find ourselves doing something 'new', called a staycation. Perhaps you feel disappointed going to Brighton instead of Barbados?

Each day as I walk to school I like to remind myself of the beauty of the things around us, nature in the local parks, the London skyline which attracts millions from overseas yearly or the rich history on our own doorstep. Perhaps it will make a refreshing change not to endure the airport experience, we can go at a more reasonable pace and enjoy the people and things we already have around us that perhaps we don't notice as we should.

With the departure of Year 11, there are new phases we can all look forward to; Year 10 are settling in to being the oldest pupils in the academy; you have the chance to improve your performance in rankings exams. There is also Windrush Day on 22 June and the Liturgy for the Feast of St Peter and Paul on 29th June along with other events.

As we end the year, let's remind ourselves of who and what are around us and appreciate what we already have here and now. Unless you are a fan of a team in the upcoming European Championships of course, good luck!!

Mr Quigg

Associate Assistant Headteacher

Prayer and Reflection

Seven of our world leaders met in Cornwall this week for the G7 Summit. We pray for them as they make decisions which will affect the future of our world.

A Prayer for our Earth

All powerful God,

you are present in the universe

and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love,
that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with your peace, that we may live
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor,

help us to rescue the abandoned

and forgotten of this earth,

so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives,

that we may protect the world and not prey on it,

that we may sow beauty,

not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts

of those who look only for gain

at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,

to be filled with awe and contemplation,

to recognize that we are profoundly united

with every creature

as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle,

for justice, love and peace.

A prayer for our earth was published in Pope Francis' encyclical, Laudato Si'. It is for all who believe in God who is the all-powerful Creator.

Whole Academy News

Appointment of our new Pupil House Leaders in the Secondary Phase

Our pupil house leaders were announced in assembly this Monday. They are all now sporting their green blazers and as you can see from the picture below they look great! The recruitment process was rigorous, involving a three-minute presentation, an interview and two group exercises. We are proud that each pupil has begun their journey to developing into a leader that can have a meaningful impact in the school. The first tasks are to recruit their prefect team and launch some research into the student experience. The leadership team is on the lookout for some more boys so do get involved if you want to make a difference. Recruitment for our Pupil House Leaders in the Primary Phase will begin shortly so watch out for more information.

Mandela

Khadijat Akintayo supported by Tani Soyombo and Chioma Eze

Romero

Paris Agyemang supported by Ashni Sivanesan

Teresa

Janae Daley supported by Haja Konie and Serena Tanagidah



In the Primary Phase...

Mr Egypt visits LKS2

On Thursday, 22nd May, LKS2 were treated to a special (socially distanced) visit by the very ancient, Mr Egypt. The children had great fun learning all about the mummification process as well as having a go themselves. They were also very lucky to examine ancient Egyptian artefacts and explored hieroglyphics.



The end of Assessment Week for Year 6

Year 6 have been celebrating the end of their assessment week with a great afternoon of sporting activities with Mr S. They really let off some of that SAT-steam with great games of bench ball, basketball and football!



Breakfast from Around the World

In our wrap around primary offering, we have been getting busy in the kitchen. The fantastic Breakfast Club have kicked off a 'Breakfasts from Around the World'. Just before the holidays, they tucked into some typically British eggs, bacon and hash brown and this week, will be looking forward to some tasty Spanish tortilla! Meanwhile, the Year 4 After-school Cooking Club has been busy making delicious jam tarts. They smelt absolutely fantastic!



House News

Weekly House Points Week beginning 7th June 2021

Achievement Points WB 24th May:

1st Teresa 1509 (10 pts)
2nd Romero 1441 (5 pts)
3rd Mandela 1354 (3 pts)

Attendance WB 24th May:

1st Romero 95.2% (10 pts)
2nd Teresa 94.5% (5 pts)
3rd Mandela 93.5% (3 pts)

Overall:

1st Romero 1269 pts
2nd Teresa 1250 pts
3rd Mandela 900 pts



The battle between Romero and Teresa House for 1st place continues to be a close one! With only 19 points in it, will Teresa House be able to catch Romero House before the end of term?







In other news, our Houses have their new House Leaders! Please keep an eye out for them, they are here to represent you and your House.



SMA Physical Education After School Clubs

Summer Term - 3-4:30pm (all pupils must be off site by 5pm)



Monday Year 7	Tuesday	Wednesday Year 9	Thursday Year 8	Friday Year 10
<p>Athletics - Year 7 Mr Goksel / Miss Cefai / Mr Vandy Astro / Middle Field</p> <p>Table-Tennis - Year 7 Mr Cole - Sports Hall</p> <p>Cricket - Year 7 Mr Mudge - Top Field</p>	<p>Fitness/Rowing Club - Yr 9 Mr Simmons - Fitness Suite</p>	<p>Athletics - Year 9 Mr Mudge / Mr Goksel Astro</p> <p>Table-Tennis - Year 9 Mr Cole - Sports Hall</p> <p>Sporting Brilliance - Yr 7+8 Mr Saunders / Mr Simmons Fitness Suite / Top Field</p>	<p>Athletics - Year 8 Mr Saunders / Mr Vandy Astro/Middle Field</p> <p>Year 8 - Football Team Mr Mullins / Mr Hawkins Sport Hall</p> <p>Rowing Club/Fitness - Year 8 - Mr Simmons Fitness Suite</p>	<p>Football - Year 10 Mr Mudge Astro</p> <p>Rowing Club/Fitness - Year 10 Mr Simmons - Fitness Suite</p>
 				

All School team fixtures/competitions will continue to take place - see individual PE teacher for details

Secondary Phase

On Friday 28th May we said goodbye to our Year 11 students, some of whom have been with us for 12 years! We are incredibly proud of their achievements, and in particular their hard work and dedication throughout such a difficult year. We wish them all the very best for the future, and look forward to letting our hair down and celebrating at Prom on the 24th June and then seeing them again on Results Day on the 12th August.



The Y8 Media and Communications Scholars are back with a bang this term!

They have been perfecting their journalism skills by working on an original school news bulletin for 'SMA NEWS'. Each pupil decided on which role they would undertake and have been 'putting in the hours' through researching, filming, scriptwriting, editing and chasing down members of staff and pupils during lunch and after school. Look out for the familiar faces of some of our Y10 and Y6 pupils who also got involved with the presenting.

You can watch the full video here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BQGJila1QF4>.



Extra-Curricular News: DoE

Year 9 Pupils volunteer for 52 Hours!

During the Coronavirus pandemic our SMA year 9 & 10 students have found some inventive and quite brilliant ways to complete their Volunteering sections for their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze awards. They have worked very hard within their communities completing a host of activities including; helping people pack at local supermarkets for free whilst following coronavirus safety guidelines, helping older neighbours within their communities with outdoor tasks such as gardening, clearing and cleaning tasks when they could not get outdoors, helping out in local charity shops and food banks to provide food to feed families and generate income to charities which were seriously underfunded and also within the home, tutoring siblings with Arts & Crafts, Core subjects and complex remote learning tasks. This is just some of the amazing volunteering that is taking place every week by students from St Matthew Academy



**YOUTH
WITHOUT
LIMITS**

Thank you

to the
Duke of Edinburgh's Award participants

from

St. Matthew Academy

who spent

52 hours

volunteering between
1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021.

Despite the challenges of the pandemic, we are immensely proud
of the dedication, effort and achievement of our participants.

The social value of these hours is

£236.60

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ruth Marvel'.

RUTH MARVEL CEO

May 2021

2021

Timetable of events

Young
Mayor
of
Lewisham

Get involved

Wed 9 June 5–6.30pm Zoom	Hey! The Young Mayor Election is back! What are your priorities? Whose borough is it? Meet with others to discuss what matters to you Find the zoom link at Insta @Lewishamyoungmayor or twitter@LewishamYCP
Wed 16 June 5–6.30pm Zoom	Why get involved? How to get involved? Talking about what's important to you.
Wed 23 June 5–6.30pm Zoom	What does Anti-racism mean to you? Why Windrush Day? Take part in a workshop and discuss the issues which are important to you.
Wed 30 June 5–6.30pm Zoom	How can we help with the climate emergency? As part of London Climate Action week, join us for a discussion about what we can do together.
Wed 7 July 5–6.30pm Zoom	Music, dance, art, drama is this you? Are you a creative? Find out how to get involved locally.
Wed 14 July 10am–12 noon Teams	Schools and Colleges Event Schools conference Young people's priorities for the year? Election Launch: Young Mayor Candidate Packs available
Wed 14 July 5–6.30pm Zoom	What matters to you in your future? How do you get work experience without experience? Join a discussion about what is available locally to support young people.
Wed 21 July 5–6.30pm Zoom	What next? Are you a leader? How do you stand to be young mayor? How do you join young advisors?
Mon 27 July – August	Look out for more activities and opportunities in the holidays!
17 September 5pm Closing date for Young Mayor Candidates	

More details

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Catholic World News

G7 Summit this week

The G7 summit saw heads of government of seven of the world's richest countries - including President Joe Biden - travel to Cornwall to discuss how the world can rebuild after the Coronavirus pandemic. Prime Minister Boris Johnson had a crucial role to play, with the UK holding the presidency of the G7. CAFOD has been campaigning to send a message to him and the other G7 leaders that people of faith in the UK and around the world expect them to put in place plans for a global and green recovery from the crisis which leaves no one behind.

The pandemic means that supporters of CAFOD couldn't all travel to Cornwall to send this message to the leaders at the summit. But that hasn't stopped people coming together on-line in an act of witness. Instead of traveling to Cornwall, people were able to join together on their laptops, tablets or phones on at an event streamed live from Truro Cathedral at 7pm on Thursday 10th June, 'G7 Interfaith Event: Building a better world after the pandemic'

They reflected on the impact of the pandemic, how we rebuild and sent a digital message to the presidents and prime ministers ahead of the start of their meeting the next day.



Safeguarding our pupils at St Matthew Academy

At St Matthew Academy our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Mr Young supported by Mrs Wickliffe (secondary) and Ms Chick (primary), and our Child Protection Officer is Mrs Laker. Pupils can contact any of our Safeguarding Team during the school day.

Worried about a child?

You can phone or write to MASH about your concerns. Phone immediately if you believe it is urgent.

- Lewisham MASH (Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub) **020 8314 6660**
- Or call **999** or **101** if you believe a child is in immediate danger
- Childline **0800 11 11** www.childline.org.uk
- NSPCC **0808 800 5000** www.nspcc.org.uk

Term Dates

Summer Term 20/21

Monday 19 April 2021 to Friday 28 May 2021

Half Term: Monday 31 May 2021 to Friday 4 June 2021

Monday 7 June 2021 to Wednesday 21 July 2021

Autumn Term 21/22

Friday 3 September 2020 to Friday 22 October 2021

Half Term: Monday 25 October 2020 to Friday 29 October 2021

Monday 1 November to Friday 17 December 2021

Spring Term 21/22

Tuesday 4 January 2022 to Friday 11 February 2022

Half Term: Monday 14 February 2022 to Friday 18 February 2022

Monday 21 February 2022 to Friday 1 April 2022

If you have any comments, queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.

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