

Message from the Senior Leadership Team

I am delighted to be writing the first newsletter message of the year after a very successful 'back to school' for all of our pupils. In fact this week we have already begun to show prospective year 7 pupils around our school—our pupil ambassadors have been impressive tour guides and it has been a delight to listen to them talk so confidently and positively about school life: their learning, new subjects, extra curricular activities, friendships, faith and of course school dinners!

One of the most frequent questions our pupils have been asked is about school trips and clubs and I am excited that this year we will be able to offer a wide range of activities with something to inspire and interest all of our pupils. Included in the newsletter is the new programme for primary clubs and the secondary sports programme with other secondary clubs to follow soon.

I'm sure many of you watched the US Open tennis final on Saturday when Emma Radacanu, a local teenager from Bromley, won her final match of the tournament to become the first ever qualifier to win a Grand Slam. She did not drop a set in her 10 matches, when she was put under pressure by her opponent she took it in her stride and throughout the whole tournament she looked like she was just having great fun getting to hit a ball around the court. Amazingly it was only a month ago that she picked up her A Level results (Economics A* and Maths A) having successfully combined life at school with hard work on the tennis court. Emma is an inspiration to all young people with big dreams—proving that academic study alongside pursuing a sporting passion is a possibility for anyone who is determined, hard working, focused and courageous.

Ms Baldwin, Headteacher

Prayer and Reflection

The 1st September 2021 was the first World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and marks the beginning of the Season of Creation which runs each year in the church from the 1st September to the 4th October, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. As we approach COP26 in November it is more important than ever that we pray for the care of our common home.

Living God,

have mercy on us,

for the times we forget that we belong to each other.

You call us to be still, to hear the whisper of our Sister Wind,

to feel the radiance of our Brother Sun,

and to be nourished by our Mother Earth.

Renew us in your healing love.

Inspire us to water the earth,

and nurture one another, so all may flourish.

Together, as one family,

may we always sing your praise.

Inspired by "Laudato Si"

Rachel McCarthy CAFOD



Welcome to Reception

Our Ladybirds have had a fantastic start to the term. They have settled in well, making new friends and learning about the world around them.

They've been utilising the outdoor area for messy play and have already started to learn some phonemes in phonics, as well as singing lots of number rhymes in their mathematical development learning.

What the children say...

I like coming to school because I like to play – Michael

I like phonics so I can teach my mum – Tove

I like my friends – Daniel

I like to go to the forest school to find some snails – Khaleb

I love singing the days of the week with Ms B – Brianna



Year 6 - Start of Term



Year 6 have started the year in an excellent fashion! Miss Roostan and Mr Kohlbeck are so impressed with their outstanding behaviour, impressive work ethos and their thirst for knowledge.

We are lucky to have welcomed four new pupils to our Year 6 cohort who are settling in perfectly. We can't wait to see all of the amazing work that we know this cohort is capable of and having lots of nice treats along



Primary After School Clubs

We believe enrichment activities are a key part of school life and support children's social and emotional development. Children have the opportunity to develop their communication, team work and life skills by attending our clubs. The range of clubs on offer are run by our dedicated team to provide a truly extensive offer. Our aim this academic year is for every child to have participated in the wider school life by attending a club.

Clubs will start week beginning **20th September** and finish the week ending **29th November**. **Clubs will start straight after school and finish at 4:20pm.**

After School Clubs and Intervention Timetable

Autumn Term

After School Clubs				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lego – Ms Toprak Years 2 & 3 (20)	No clubs or interventions take place due to staff training and CPD sessions	Multi Sports – Ms Toprak Years 2 & 3 (16)	Sewing – Ms Toprak Years 5 & 6 (16)	Board Games – Ms Toprak Years 2 - 4 (20)
KS1 Football – Mr Szejkowski (14)		Musical Theatre – Miss Norman-Mercer (20)	Chess – Mr Szejkowski (14)	Cooking Club – Miss Mraihy Years 5 & 6 (16)
Arts/Crafts – Miss Boileau (16)		Drama Club – Miss Bryan-Hesse (20)	Sign Language – Miss Boileau (16)	Messy Play Club – Mrs Ferrigan Reception/Year 1 (16)
Cooking Club Ms Pollydore/Mrs Holding Years 2 – 4 (20)		Construction Club – Mrs Ferrigan Reception/Year 1 (16)	KS2 Tag rugby – Mr Vandy (20)	KS2 Football – Mr Vandy (20)
KS2 Netball Club – Miss Ford (20)		Cup Stacking – Miss Ford (16)		
Interventions				
Year 1 Literacy – Mrs O'Neill		Reception Storytelling – Mrs Budzowska	Year 1 Maths – Mrs Ferrigan	Year 2 Reading – Ms Boileau
Year 3 Reading – Miss Bryan-Hesse		Year 2 Maths – Mr Szejkowski	Year 2 Writing – Miss Cassin	Year 4 Reading – Ms Pollydore
Year 6 Maths – Miss Mraihy		Year 3 Reading – Miss Butterworth	Year 4 Reading – Ms Pollydore	Year 6 Reading – Mr Kohlbeck
Year 6 Maths – Mr Vandy		Year 4 Maths – Mrs Baxter	Year 5 Maths – Mrs Holding	Year 3 Maths – Miss Bryan-Hesse
		Year 5 Reading – Mrs Holding	Year 5 Maths – Miss Lyambo	
		Year 6 Reading – Mr Vandy	Year 6 Maths – Miss Roostan	
		Year 6 Reading – Miss Mraihy		



Secondary After School Clubs



SMA Physical Education After School Clubs

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Girls Fitness Club - All Years Miss McCurdy Fitness Suite	No clubs - Staff meeting	Girls Football - All years Mrs Woodroffe / Miss Skelton Astro	Netball Club - All Years Miss McCurdy Sports Hall	Football - Year 10 & 11 Mr Saunders Astro
Football - Year 9 Mr Goksel / Mr Hawkins Astro		Sporting Brilliance - 7&8 Sporting Leadership - 9 Mr Saunders / Mr Salih Sports Hall	Rowing Club - 9, 10 & 11 Mr Simmons Fitness Suite	
Table Tennis Club Year 7/8 Mr Cole Sports Hall		Rowing Club - 7&8 Mr Simmons Fitness Suite	Football - Year 7&8 Mr Salih Astro	
Duke of Edinburgh Silver/Bronze Award Mr Saunders				

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

Scholars Programme

SEO Scholars Programme – Year 11

We are very pleased to announce that four of our current Year 11 pupils have been successful in their applications to SEO Scholars. Chioma Eze, Haja Konie, Khadijat Akintayo and Shekinah Abuwa all found out this week that they had been accepted onto this very prestigious programme.

The SEO Advance Programme together with the support of their partner businesses, organise and run events and opportunities that inspire pupils and provide them with the chance to explore their options and make informed choices about their futures. Pupils benefit from: multiple industry exposure; insight to higher education pathways; work readiness skill development and networking and mentoring opportunities.

The SEO Schools team has been delivering the successful SEO Advance Programme since September 2017, and as of September 2021, they have also been running a new programme called SEO Empower. Our pupils are extremely fortunate to be accepted as the organisation was inundated with applications. Chioma, Haja, Khadijat and Shekinah are fully deserving of their places and we look forward to sharing more news of their success on this programme with you.

The logo for SEO /SCHOOLS features the letters 'SEO' in a large, bold, teal font, with a stylized orange shape to the right of the 'O'. Below this, the text '/SCHOOLS' is written in a smaller, orange, sans-serif font. The entire logo is set against a dark blue rectangular background.

SMA Pupil Leadership Team

We are delighted to announce the new Pupil Leadership Team of Year 11 at St Matthew Academy. The students took part in a range of challenging house activities and tasks where they all demonstrated the school values of integrity, courage and service. Being a pupil leader is an important responsibility. They are tasked with letting their light shine at all times, (especially with their shiny gold ties), despite the challenges and obstacles they may face. We are incredibly proud to say they have taken on the responsibility with great enthusiasm.

Together as a team they will speak on behalf of the student body at St Matthew Academy, to ensure every voice is heard, and that we can make further changes and improvements to our school, and to enrich the life of every pupil.

Congratulations to the following pupils: Paris Agyemang , Ashni Sivanesan, Shekinah Abuwa, Shayla Antoine-Smith, Jamilah De Gale, Thierry Henry, Einas Hoveizi, Debbie Oluwole-Moore, Janae Daley, Haja Konie, Serena Tanagidah, Jasmine Adonri, Olatomiwa Babatunde, Mithu Krishnaraj, Miah Stevens, Stephen Umunnakwe, Poppy Clayson, Khadijat Akintayo, Chioma Eze, Tanitoluwa Soyombo, Daron Bajalan, Parfaite Balande, Mekeda Clarke, Rohanna Munda, Omeji Shuaibu and Leihani Williamson-Reid.



Art & Design & Technology

It's been a very positive start to the new academic year and an opportunity for pupils to demonstrate their creative skills within Art Design and Technology. The first week back has been an exciting chance for staff, both old and new, to see where students are currently working. Students have engaged in a fun, prompt and focused observational drawing task, which has challenged and encouraged many individuals to take risks when visually recording and show persistence in their approach to learning. It has been great viewing the outcomes and talent demonstrated by all; however, a special mention goes out to the following pupils for their level of creative flair and independence. Watch out for these budding artists!

Year 7: Naomi Gordon, Paige Hanson, Eldi Berisha, Maria Frimu, Minnesota Uju, Domonic Watson, Ayleen Teneda, Phoebe Maurer-Smalley, Hamish Thomson, Cavalli Fisher, Stan Element.

Year 8: Evan Sakole, Elise Talpalariu, Chelsey Tomlin, Muna Nwogwugwu, Alexander Minnoch, Jermain Elegunde, Yvonne He.

The images below were created by Phoebe, Maria, Naomi, Chelsey and Muna.



New Beginnings - Year 7

We were delighted to welcome our new year 7 pupils at the start of September. They all arrived looking extremely smart in their new uniforms and have made an excellent start to the term. There were many happy faces at the end of their first day when they all left school with an ice cream. The year 7's have enjoyed making new friends, meeting new teachers and beginning their new classes. Drama, DT and Science are always a particular hit at the beginning of the new school year.

This afternoon Year 7 are enjoying a reward assembly followed by the friendship afternoon and we are thrilled that parents and carers are able to join us on the field for games and a BBQ.



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

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

Summer Term 21/22

Tuesday 19 April 2022 to Friday 27 May 2022

Half Term: Monday 30 May 2022 to Friday 3 June 2022

Monday 6 June 2022 to Thursday 21 July 2022

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

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