

Message from the Senior Leadership Team

As we come to end of another term, I am amazed by the amount that our pupils have achieved in what is really only a matter of weeks since the end of our last term. Our pupils across the phases have been involved in a host of sporting themselves, winning many and doing us proud in all. Our Debate Mate Team, Media Scholars, dancers, musicians, mathematicians, Light Bearer's, to name just a few have been letting their light shine in all of their competitions, activities and performances. Of course, all of our pupils have been working so hard in lessons to acquire new knowledge and skills and for Year 11 to prepare for the upcoming GCSE exams and Year 6 for the SATs.

The upcoming GCSE and SATs exams mark a significant milestone in pupils academic journey, I have full confidence in pupils abilities to perform exceptionally well. Pupils remember, preparation is key, and I encourage pupils to utilize all available resources, seek support when needed, and approach the exams with confidence and a positive mind-set.

Amidst the academic rigor, let us also take a moment to celebrate the spirit of Easter. This season is not only about chocolate eggs and bunnies but also a time for reflection, gratitude, and renewal. It's a reminder of the importance of family, community, and embracing new beginnings. May the joy and positivity of Easter inspire you as you navigate through your exams and beyond.

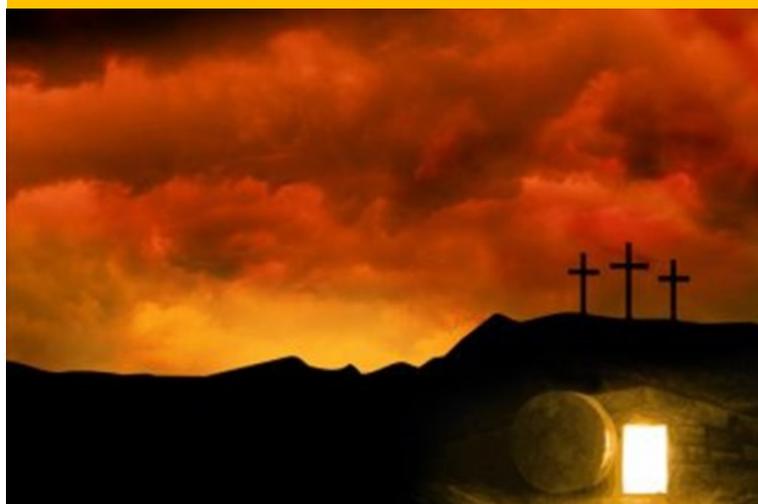
We wish all of our amazing pupils and their families a restful Easter break. We very much hope that the sun will begin to shine as the clocks go forward this weekend and we can all enjoy the delights of Spring.

Mrs S Guest
Deputy Headteacher

Prayer and Reflection

Easter is the greatest and the most important feast in the Catholic Church. It marks the birthday of our eternal hope. "Easter" literally means "the feast of fresh flowers" and we celebrate it with pride and jubilation. This weekend we as a Christian community will celebrate the victory of Jesus' death and resurrection. The great mystery of our Easter faith is that Christ has died, He has Risen, and Christ will come again. As we participate in this joyful celebration of Easter, we acknowledge that Jesus' resurrection gives us hope. His victory over sin and death offers us salvation and a new commitment to a life in Christ. His victory over death gives all of humanity a new chance. We wish all of our St Matthew Academy family a happy and blessed Easter. Christus surrēxit! - Surrēxit vere, allelúja "Christ is risen!" - "He is risen indeed, Alleluia!"

Heavenly Creator, we lift up these gifts to You, grateful for the gift of life. We give thanks for this meal as we pray for peace in our world and the renewal of society. Amen. Bless us, O Lord, and these Thy gifts, which we are about to receive, from Thy bounty, through Christ, our Lord. Amen



Primary News

Year 1

The children have loved Spring Term, they have had a jam-packed term with many wonderful opportunities, the children particularly loved World Book Day and Science Week.

For World Book Day, the children dressed up as their favourite book characters. Never before have we seen so many princesses and superheroes, twirling, jumping and showing fantastic moves on the annual Cat Walk. The children enjoyed meeting author, Holly Webb, who shared some extracts from her amazing books about the wonderful life of pets! A highlight was the children reading with Years 5 and 6. It was wonderful to have the year groups mix and the children were so proud reading their stories to the older years!



Science Week was another great success, you might even say, it went off with a bang! The children made snow, blew up balloons with a chemical reaction, learnt about germs and for the grand finale, of course, we made nappies out of different materials to see which one was the most absorbent! Turns out, paper nappies, may not be the best idea!



Girls Football Team

The Year 5 Girls Football team received a brand new kit courtesy of the Premier League Primary Stars and Nike.

This was courtesy of the Premier Leagues initiative to empower girls across the country to believe that football is everyone's game. The children are super excited to wear their new kits with confidence at their next football tournament.



Secondary News

Business

Year 10 visited Chelsea FC as part of their GCSE course, "Business of Football Tour." The trip started with a look around the Museum where pupils took shots at the goal, played on PSP football related games and had a look at all the trophies and kit that Chelsea have won and worn through the years. During lunch we watched a film about Chelsea and how the stadium was the oldest in the world and the club had been around since 1905.



After lunch we took a tour of the stadium - first stop was a look at where the media watch the game and the media suite. Pupils were invited to practice their commentating skills on the mike, post game as seen on TV. Pupils completed a booklet and discussions were centred on sponsorship and its worth. We focussed on Chelsea's premier partners Nike and how branding and partnering up can bring global recognition and benefits to both sides. Pupils visited the changing rooms and wondered at the many very famous footballers that had been changing



there. Pupils simulated the walk onto the pitch for the players and sat in the dugout to discuss how income streams from VIP seating and matches added to the turnover that Chelsea makes, which was over £500 million last year. Finally a quick trip to the Chelsea shop to browse the merchandise with a few treats bought, and our tour guide Len said that we were one of the best schools he had toured, well behaved and asking lots of the right sorts of questions - Business pupils letting their light shine !

Dance

Dancers from Year 8 enjoyed being 'put through their paces' by professional choreographer Poppy Tremlett from Trinity Laban. Working alongside Poppy, the dancers created a dynamic and exciting dance piece which challenged them creatively and technically. The project funded by Trinity Laban's Children and Young People Department, culminated in performances at both the St Matthew Academy Christmas Showcase and as part of 'Live Dance' at the Catford Broadway Theatre.

Over sixty 3rd Year Bachelor of Arts Dance pupils from Trinity Laban performed to a captivated audience of 150 pupils from Year 7 and 8. Created by renowned choreographers, these highly professional dance pieces wowed our pupils, giving them an insight into the exciting, high energy world of Contemporary and Hip Hop Dance. St Matthew Academy would like to thank Trinity Laban for their continued support in providing such rich opportunities for our pupils.

Dancers from across the Secondary schools have been letting their 'lights shine' in weekly dance workshops with Zoe Elliot from the Royal Academy of Dance's 'Step into Dance' programme. This year the dancers will be performing at Townley Grammar as part of the 'Step Around Town' performance showcase. We are extremely proud of the dancers who have worked with great energy and professionalism throughout the term. Well done to all involved!



Welcome to the Class of 2029

On Tuesday 26th March, St Matthew Academy opened its doors to the next cohort of Year 7 pupils and their parents who will be joining us in September 2024.

Pupils went to the drama studio for a taster of what's to come in September and parents stayed in the main hall, where they heard from two of our fabulous year 7's, Elizabeth and Elijah on their experience so far at the Academy. Ms Baldwin also spoke to the parents and there was a question and answer panel. Parents snacked on delicious cakes baked by Olive and sipped on tea and coffee, served by our wonderful Year 10 pupils. All in all it was a wonderful evening and it left everyone very excited for September and the new school year!



Easter Liturgies



Going Above and Beyond!

Primary phase

Pupils with the most achievement points during the month of March

Reception - Ladybirds

Qadhijah WHYTE

Thierno Ibrahim DIALLO

Jerely AGUILERA RAMÍREZ

Year 1 - Dragonfly

Amya DAVIS-ROCHESTER

Abigail KUFANDADA

Galilee VASANTH

Year 2 - Butterfly

Rayyaan ZAWAR

Azziah LYNCH

Ian FARINTO MARTINEZ

Year 3 - Cheetahs

Daniella AGBAROLI CLARKE

Daniel WHYTE

Maisie HAMILTON

Year 4 - Tigers

Deborah OMASOMBO

Daniel MMADUABUCHI

Seryah ROCHESTER

Year 5 - Lions

Cyril OIGBOCHIE

Deborah KIMPA

Emily FERRO FERNANDES

Year 6 - Leopards

Bella CODREA

Michaela SEKA

Paris DUNCAN

Well done to these pupils for all their hard work!

Staff Stars



Mr Grattton

“For all his hard work in the MFL department and being a supportive member of the team..”



Mr Kamara

“For all his hard work on keeping the IT in the Academy running smoothly.”



Ms Adjei

“For all her hard work with the children.”

Safeguarding our pupils at St Matthew Academy

At St Matthew Academy our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Mr Chick supported by Mr Gunningham, Mr Magar, Ms Dunne and our Child Protection Officer is Ms Dryden. 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 2023/2024

Spring Term Dates

Tuesday 9 January 2024 to Friday 9 February 2024

Half Term: Monday 12 February 2024 to Friday 16 February

Monday 19 February 2024 to Thursday 28 March 2024

Easter Holiday: Friday 29 March 2024 to Friday 12 April 2024

Summer Term Dates

Monday 15 April 2024 to Friday 24 May 2024

Half Term: Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May

Monday 3 June 2024 to Tuesday 23 July 2024

Autumn Term Dates 2024/2025

Tuesday 3 September - Year 7 pupils only

Wednesday 4 September to Friday 25 October

Half Term: Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November

Monday 4 November to Friday 20 December

Christmas Holiday: Monday 21 December to Monday 6 January

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

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SUMMER MENU

WEEK 1

MON

TUES

WED

THURS

FRI

MAIN

PIRI CHICKEN LEG,
SPICY RICE &
TOMATO SAUCE
(CE)

CLASSIC BEEF LASAGNE
WITH GARLIC BREAD
(E*, G, MK)

HOT DELI

BEEF MEATBALL
TAGINE WITH
FRUITY COUSCOUS
(CE, E, MU*, SO*)

FISH & CHIPS WITH
FRESH MINTED MUSHY
PEAS & HOMEMADE
TARTAR SAUCE
(E, F, G, MU, SU)

VEGGIE

PIRI PIRI
CAULIFLOWER,
SPICY RICE &
TOMATO SAUCE
(CE)
V

ROASTED MUSHROOM &
SPINACH LASAGNE
WITH GARLIC BREAD
(E*, G, MK)

HOT DELI

FALAFEL & SMOKEY
RED PEPPER
HUMMUS PITTA
BREAD
(G, SU)
V

CLASSIC MARGHERITA
PIZZA & CHIPS
(G, MK)

MEAL
DEAL
£2.80

Theme
Days

ALL DISHES SERVED WITH SEASONAL VEG OR CHEF SALAD

PUD

PEACH UPSIDE
DOWN SPONGE &
VANILLA SAUCE
(E, G)

LEMON CHEESECAKE
(E, G, MK, G, SO*)

MIXED BERRY
CRUMBLE CAKE &
CUSTARD
(E, G)

STRAWBERRY &
CREAM TOPPED
SPONGE CAKE
(E, G, MK)

CHOCOLATE &
ORANGE TRAYBAKE
(E, G, MK, SO)



STREET

CREAMY PESTO
PASTA WITH
GARLIC BREAD
(G, MIK)

SWEET CHILLI BEEF
NOODLES WITH
PRAWN CRACKERS
(CR, E, G, SO*, SU)

SRIACHA CHICKEN
GOUJONS, WEDGES &
ROASTED SWEETCORN
SALSA
(CE*, E*, G, MK*, MU*,
SO*, SU*)

CHICKEN FILLET
BURGER WITH
LETTUCE & MAYO
(E, G, MU, SE*, SO)

CHEFS CHOICE

Go
Vegan

ALLERGENS KEY...

CE - CELERY

F - FISH

MK - MILK

N - NUTS

SO - SOYA

CR - CRUSTACEAN

G - CEREALS CONTAINING GLUTEN

MO - MOLLUSCS

P - PEANUTS

SU - SULPHUR DIOXIDE

E - EGGS

L - LUPIN

MU - MUSTARD

SE - SESAME SEEDS

* - MAY CONTAIN



SUMMER MENU

WEEK 2

MON

TUES

WED

THURS

FRI

MAIN

BEEF CHILLI CON CARNE WITH STEAMED RICE (CE, MK)

CLASSIC SAUSAGE & MASH WITH ONION GRAVY (CE, G, MK, SO, SU)

HOT DELI

TANDOORI BEEF KEEMA, PICKLED PINK ONIONS & RIATA SERVED WITH PILAU RICE (MK, SU)

FISH & CHIPS WITH FRESH MINTED MUSHY PEAS & HOMEMADE TARTARE SAUCE (E, F, G, MU, SU)

VEGGIE

VEGGIE CHILLI WITH STEAMED RICE & TORTILLA CHIPS (CE)

CLASSIC VEGGIE SAUSAGE & MASH WITH ONION GRAVY (CE, G, MK)
V

HOT DELI

FIRE ROASTED CAULIFLOWER, POTATO DHAL, PICKLED PINK ONIONS & PILAU RICE (CE, G, SU)
V

CLASSIC MARGHERITA PIZZA & CHIPS (G, MK)

ALL DISHES SERVED WITH SEASONAL VEG OR CHEF SALAD

PUD

CHOCOLATE FUDGE CAKE (E, G, MK)

LEMON DRIZZLE CAKE & LEMON SAUCE (E, G, MK, SU)

APPLE CRUMBLE & CUSTARD (E, G, MK)

ORANGE & BERRY CAKE WITH CUSTARD (E, G, MK)

ICED SPONGE TRAYBAKE (E, G, MK)



STREET

TOMATO & BASIL PASTA WITH CHEESE & GARLIC BREAD (G, MK)

ROASTED CHICKEN DRUMSTICKS WITH KATSU SAUCE & PICKLES (G, SO, SU)

BBQ CHICKEN GYROS, PITTA BREAD, GARLIC YOGHURT & WEDGES (G, MK)

CLASSIC MAC & CHEESE WITH GARLIC BREAD (G, MK)

CHEFS CHOICE

MEAL DEAL
£2.80

Theme Days



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SUMMER MENU

WEEK 3

MON

TUES

WED

THURS

FRI

MAIN

JERK CHICKEN WITH RICE & PEAS

LOADED CHEESEBURGER, BURGER SAUCE & PICKLES (E, G, MK, MU, SO, SU)

HOT DELI

CHICKEN TIKKA DHANSAK & PILAU RICE (G* MK)

FISH & CHIPS WITH FRESH MINTED MUSHY PEAS & HOMEMADE TARTARE SAUCE (E, F, G MU, SU)

VEGGIE

CARIBBEAN VEGETABLE CURRY WITH RICE & PEAS

SPICY BEAN BURGER, VEGAN MAYONAISE, LETTUCE & PICKLES (G, SU)

HOT DELI

ROASTED VEGETABLE DHAL, PILAU RICE & POPADOMS (CE, G, MU*)

CLASSIC MARGHERITA PIZZA & CHIPS (G, MK)

ALL DISHES SERVED WITH SEASONAL VEG OR CHEF SALAD

PUD

BANANA & CINNAMON LOAF CAKE WITH FROSTING (E, G, MK)

STICKY TOFFEE PUDDING & BUTTERSCOTCH SAUCE (E, G, MK)

SUMMER BERRY & PEACH CRUMBLE WITH CUSTARD (E, G, MK)

LEMON MERINGUE PIE (E, G)

CHOCOLATE MARBLE CAKE WITH CHOCOLATE SAUCE (E, G, MK)



STREET

BEEF BOLOGNAISE PASTA WITH GARLIC BREAD (CE, G, MK)

CHICKEN CHOW MEIN WITH PRAWN CRACKERS (CR, E, G)

SOUTHERN FRIED CHICKEN POPCORN WITH COLESLAW & WEDGES (E, G, MK, MU)

BBQ BEEF LOADED NACHOS WITH PINEAPPLE MANGO SALSA (CE)

CHEFS CHOICE

MEAL DEAL £2.80

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