

# St Matthew Academy

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

Headteacher: Ms Miranda Baldwin

Head of Primary: Ms Joanna Chick



20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this letter finds you well. As we come to the end of the half term, I wanted to take a moment to celebrate the remarkable achievements of our Year 8 pupils. Your support, along with their dedication and hard work, have contributed to their success, and we are proud to share these accomplishments with you.

## Orange Ties and Achievement Points:

Pupils have shown exceptional growth and commitment to their studies. They have successfully earned orange ties as a recognition of their outstanding achievements and positive contributions to our school community. Additionally their accumulation of achievement points reflects their consistent effort and excellence in various aspects of their education. We are incredibly proud of their accomplishments and the positive influence they have on our school environment. The orange ties and achievement points are a testament to their dedication and character. Please see below the winners of the Orange Tie Award to date this year:

Jonathan Adekoya	Chloe Akinmade	Ian Augustine	Xingze Wu
Jacob Barclay	Chardonnay Beckford	Rico Da Silva	Avika Nair
Natalee Daley	Jack England	Emmanuel Ezeonu	Jayden Tyler
Joel Gbadebo	Kaamil Golding-Edwards	Waylon Lee	Haruka Takeda
Ibraheem Mahmood	Wilfred Nana-Ampaw	Ashantay O'Connor	Aneesha Sivananthan
Olivia Obafese	Daniel Okanlanwon	Nevaeh Pantry	Aridla Sela
Harrison Riley	Christopher Roolal	Marck Sanchez Vargas	

I am delighted to share the names of the pupils who have let their light shine bright this term and accrued 50+ achievement points. These will be added to the Headteacher's raffle to receive a reward next half-term:

Jayden Tyler	Ebenezer Wilson	Kyron Wilson	Alvin Sakole
Vladyslav Stepaniuk	Olivia Obafese	Ashantay O'Connor	Wilfred Nana-Ampaw
Muhammed Akinkunmi	Jonathan Adekoya	Jeremiah Owen	Juan Sanchez
Georgina Dickson	Mehari Tesfay	Chloe Akinmade	Jayden Outschoorn-Hallpike
Harrison Riley	Emmanuel Ezeonu	Souleymane Sow	Natalee Daley
Nicole Robinson	Glory Omorogieva	Jack England	Cassandra Fowlin-Kamara
Waylon Lee	Joel Gbadebo	Xingzhe Wu	Maria-Izabela Filip
Jai-Jai Lee	Omar Turay	Adam El Hari	Anjola Adeboya
Marck Sanchez Vargas	Kevin Guillen Ratti	Melissa Hosseini	Sami Ticino Gonzalez
Amy Zefi	Erin Marshall	Roberto Toader	Timon Gubijevs
Great Celestine-Ebenuwa	Ian Augustine	Kelis Ava	Alperen Moradaoglu
Rico Da Silva			

## Maths Update:

The Maths department are celebrating the following pupils for the most amount of time spent on their Sparx:

Ian Augustine	Jeremiah Owen	Emmanuel Ezeonu	Anjola Adebayo
Alperen Moradaoglu	Henry Solaja Esteves	Ebenezer Wilson	Vladyslav Stepaniuk
Amalia Garces De Freitas Morris	Adam El Hari		

## Reading Update:

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I would also like to shout out to these pupils who have spent the most time reading on SORA or by use of the library this term:

Olivia Obafese	Cassandra Fowlin-Kamara	Timon Gubijevs	Natalee Daley
Jack England	Roberto Toader	Noah Oshilaja	Devontae Roach-Clayton

#### **Face Masks:**

We continue to monitor the situation regarding COVID-19 and follow guidance from health authorities. Having considered this guidance carefully, we have concluded that facemasks are no longer permitted at the Academy however; we will continue to keep an eye on this situation in order to prioritize the safety and well-being of our pupils and staff.

#### **Primary Siblings and Detentions:**

Additionally, we have introduced a new policy concerning detentions at St. Matthew Academy. In the event that a secondary phase pupil receives a detention, it will no longer be permitted for primary siblings to accompany them to the detention. Instead, primary siblings will be required to attend one of our primary clubs or go to the library, where a designated Teaching Assistant will supervise. The expectation is that secondary phase pupils will escort their siblings to one of these two venues.

#### **SIMS App:**

To enhance communication and make it more convenient for you to stay informed about your child's educational journey, we encourage you to set up the SIMS Parent application. This app provides easy access to important information about your child's attendance, timetable, and school reports. If you do not have access to this already, please email [parentapp@stmatthewacademy.co.uk](mailto:parentapp@stmatthewacademy.co.uk) and we can look into getting this sorted for you.

#### **PGL Trip:**

We are looking forward to joining with 90 of our fantastic pupils on our PGL trip just after half-term. This trip promises exciting adventures, team-building activities, and memorable experiences that will further enrich your child's personal growth and development.

As we approach the half term break, we wish you and your family a restful and enjoyable time together. Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to your child's continued growth and achievements in the upcoming term.

Once again, thank you for your partnership in fostering a positive and productive learning environment for our Year 8 pupils.

Yours faithfully



**Mrs T Skelton**  
**Director of Learning**