

St Matthew Academy

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

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this letter finds you in the best of health and spirits. It is with pride that I write to you today to celebrate the outstanding achievements and growth of our Year 10 pupils. Your support and guidance have played a significant role in their accomplishments, and we are thrilled to share their accomplishments with you.

Our Year 10 pupils have shown exceptional dedication, enthusiasm, and a strong commitment to their education and personal development. I am pleased to highlight some of their remarkable achievements and contributions over the past year:

- KPMG Program:** A group of our Year 10 pupils are participating in the KPMG program, where they are gaining valuable insights into the world of business and finance. This experience broadens their horizons and provides them with skills that will serve them well in their future endeavours.
- Duke of Edinburgh Award:** Many of our pupils have embraced the challenge of the Duke of Edinburgh Award and demonstrated their determination, resilience, and a sense of adventure while completing the program's requirements. This accomplishment is a testament to their character and willingness to go above and beyond. Pupils are looking forward to embrace the challenge of the Silver Award this year.
- Diligence in Lessons and Interventions:** Since the beginning of the year, our Year 10 pupils exhibited a strong work ethic by consistently engaging in their lessons and actively participating in interventions designed to prepare them for their Religious Education (R.E.) GCSE. Their commitment to their studies has been truly commendable.
- Collaborative Work and Acts of Service:** Our pupils have actively engaged in collaborative initiatives and acts of service. Their participation in Cultural Day, school liturgies, form assemblies, and the Harvest Collection for Lewisham Food Bank reflects their empathy, teamwork, and dedication to making a positive impact within our school community and beyond.

Achievement points celebration: I am delighted to share the names of the pupils who have let their lights shine bright this term and accrued 50+ achievement points:

Jahbarrie Watson	Crystal Bowling	Alfie Hawkins	Rihanna Carrington
Shumsana Nanthakumar	Jemimah Aikoroje	Wilson Zhou	

Pupils who have worn the orange tie proudly this half term:

Savannah Elliott	Evaluna Hernandez Molina	Alex England	Leah Riley
Carolina Candia Juarpena	Ayanbanke Ojo	Esther Adesanya	Yaroslav Nenych
Jahbarrie Watson	Jose Ribeiro	Siddarth	Abdul Komeh
Vinusha Ratnarajah	Ngozi Maduka	Riana May	Marin Ognyanov
Malachi Wedderburn	Jemimah Aikoroje	Eduardo Dascalu	Jolene Wilson
Shavantae Roach-Clayton	Shumsana Nanthakumar	Zion Daley	Love Nwabeze
Cyanna Johnson	Wilson Zhou	Georgina Felipe	Jada Abegunde
Max Le	Rihanna Carrington	Patrick Dow	Lauryn Campbell
Maya Bacha	Callum Agboks	Aayush Pathak	Harry Welch
Daniel Galvez Trucios	Crystal Bowling		

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

Shumsana Nanthakumar	Jemimah Aikoroje	Dihain Senanayake	Kaiky Lopes Alexandrino
Jodelee Owusu	Kaiky Lopes Alexandrino	Jahbarrie Watson	Daniel Galvez Trucios
Pablo Santos do Carmo	Shania Mullings	Siddarth Kalimuthu	

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Finally, a shout out to these pupils who have spent the most time reading on SORA:

Shumsana Nanthakumar	Evan Sakole	Emmanuel Oluwatusin	
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Attendance and Punctuality

We believe in fostering a strong and consistent learning environment for all our pupils, and attendance and punctuality are crucial aspects of this commitment. Regular attendance and punctuality are essential for your child's educational progress. When pupils attend school regularly and arrive on time, they benefit from the full spectrum of learning experiences, including teacher instruction, classroom discussions, and social interaction.

Consistent attendance and punctuality also teach important life skills, such as responsibility, time management, and accountability. It is our collective responsibility to ensure that our pupils develop these skills to succeed in school and beyond.

We kindly request your continued support in ensuring that your child attends school regularly and arrives on time for lessons. We understand that occasional absences due to illness or other valid reasons are inevitable, but we encourage minimizing unnecessary absences and late arrivals to help your child make the most of their educational opportunities.

Face Masks No Longer Permitted:

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.

SIMS Parent Application Setup:

To enhance communication and streamline the management of your child's educational information, we are implementing the use of the SIMS Parent application. This application allows you to access easily information about your child's attendance, timetable, and school reports. It also provides a convenient platform for you to monitor attendance and receive important updates from the school. Please email parentapp@stmattheacademy.co.uk to register for an account.

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.

As parents and guardians, your continued support, encouragement, and guidance have been instrumental in helping these pupils reach these milestones. We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for being active partners in your children's education journey. With the upcoming half term break, we encourage our Year 10 pupils to take some well-deserved rest and enjoy quality time with their families. We look forward to their return for the next phase of their academic and personal development.

Yours faithfully,



Ms K Migon
Director of Learning