

# St Matthew Academy

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

Headteacher: Ms Miranda Baldwin

Head of Primary: Ms Joanna Chick



22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

With the summer holidays hurtling towards us, Ranking Assessments and GCSEs done, Week 39 is always a great time to take stock of the academic year past and an opportunity to look forward to next year and the start of a new era at SMA.

However, as well as looking forward to a new era, it is inevitable that there is a little sadness around at the ending of the current era. After eight years at St Matthew Academy, Ms Baldwin is moving onto new challenges.

In her eight years at SMA, Ms Baldwin has led our community to a transformed sense of pride in our school. Pupils wear their uniforms proudly; enjoy a vast array of extracurricular activities and can look forward to great academic outcomes. Under Ms Baldwin's headship, SMA has consistently been at the top of the Lewisham progress tables - we all have Ms Baldwin to thank for leading the way. Everyone at St Matthew Academy wishes Ms Baldwin the very best of luck with her next endeavour.

As your children are about to begin Year 11, there is a great deal of information contained in this letter, including:

- **Attendance, Punctuality and Conduct**
- **Celebration of Achievement**
- **Summer Work**
- **Key Dates for September**
- **GCSE results day information**

## **Attendance, Punctuality and Conduct**

We have the challenge of meeting the national attendance and punctuality level, which unfortunately has not happened this year for Year 10. However, we have the benefit of a clean slate from September. I look forward to your continued support in making sure your child attends every day and is here on time. We still have quite a lot to work to ensure this does not have a detrimental impact in year 11. Punctuality in school life builds the path to success in a pupil's life by enabling them to plan ahead, making an efficient routine, and be prepared for their tasks. A punctual pupil is better equipped to deal with their day-to-day tasks than a person who leaves it for the last moment. This year has not been without its flaws, however the overall conduct and behaviour of the year group has improved greatly. It was amazing to see how well they conducted themselves with the pressure of their first official GCSE. As we venture into our final year here at SMA it is important that the sole focus is on their academic progress and not poor/disruptive behaviour. A reminder that good behaviour and discipline especially in lessons is crucial if pupils are to learn and reach their full potential.

## **Celebration of Achievement**

2023-2024 has been a packed year with so much to look back on with great satisfaction. Just this last term, our pupils been involved in so many exciting activities – it is difficult to know where to begin. The Film Studies department staged our annual 'Oscar Night' and SMA continues to benefit greatly from our close relationship with KPMG. This Year has also seen the SMA Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme Bronze and Silver awards go from strength to strength; with Year 10 completing their final expedition last week.

In Year 10 we are particularly proud of our new Pupil leadership Team. After a rigorous and demanding process, I would like to congratulate the following pupils for being successful in becoming part of the school's pupil leadership team. Being given the title and position is an honour and a privilege.

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Head of House	Deputy Head of House	House	
Aayush Pathak	Jada Abegunde	Teresa	
Manuella Barthalomew	Salvijus Brazdzius	Mandela	
Anayah Qaisar	Marin Ognyanov	Romero	
Prefect Team			
Teresa	Mandela	Romeo	
Esther Adesanya	Eriane Angwe-Nze	Fayth Agboks	Ayabanke Ojo
Shaqwan Blake	Carolina Candia Jauarpena	Jemimah Aikoroje	Victor Omorigieva
Lauryn Campbell	Bella Kumankumah	Hans Beekman	Jodelee Owusu
Patrick Dow	Alexander Minnoch	Amparo Daquilema Berrones	Arone Tchamou Nguemadje
Fabianna Johnson	Zemirah Ogudoro	Ngozi Maduka	
Muna Nwogwugwu	Vinusha Ratnarajah	Mya Michael	
Lena Skorupinska	Malachi Wedderburn	Shaely Jovial	
Rikyla Walters		Wilson Zhou	

### Summer Work

As part of our push to ensure all pupils are fully prepared for year 11. All pupils will be given bespoke tasks based on their latest assessments. It is important that pupils engage with this work to ensure any gaps are filled, and they are ready for learning in September. They should regularly check Google Classroom and their online learning platforms (Sparx, Educake, Language gym). I have also set a challenge to all pupils to do at least 1 hour of study every day over the holiday period. It is important that they are all engaging with some work over this period to keep their minds sharp and be fully prepared for year 11.

### Key dates

Key Events	Date
RE GCSE Results - 11:00am	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August
Pupils return	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September
Year 11 Information Evening	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> September
Half Term	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October - Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November
Year 11 GCSE Mock Examinations	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November
Year 11 Parent's Evening	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December

Finally, with so much to look back on and so much to look forward to, I think we are all going to need a good rest over the summer so we can come back in September and knock it out of the park again! Good luck and very best wishes to Ms Baldwin – we will miss you – and welcome to SMA, Mr Potter.

**We return to the Academy on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> September. Further details and timings for the day will be sent at the end of August.**

Have a great summer!

Yours faithfully



**Mr I Gunningham**  
Assistant Headteacher



**Mrs I Ige**  
Director of Learning

## **GCSE Results Day - Thursday 22 August 2024**

### **When to collect your results**

Results will be available to collect at Academy from 11:00am until 12:00. Staff will be available during this time to provide help and advice you may require. Pupils and parents are welcome to join in the celebrations in the main hall.

### **Results collected by nominated representative**

If you are unable to come and collect your results in person, you can nominate a representative to collect your results on your behalf (this includes your parents/carers). If you chose to do this, you must notify us in writing in advance. Please email the name of the person collecting and their relationship to you to [Exams@stmatthewacademy.co.uk](mailto:Exams@stmatthewacademy.co.uk) before 20<sup>th</sup> August 2024.

Please note that results will not be given out by telephone or given to anyone, including your parents or carers, without your written consent.

### **Results via email**

Results will be sent electronically during the afternoon via email to your **Academy email account** on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2024.

### **Statement of Results**

On results day you will receive a 'Statement of Results'. **This is not your final certificate.** The statement lists ALL the exams you have taken and the results.

### **What to do if you are not happy with your results**

If you are unhappy with your results, the first thing to do is talk to your teacher, the Head of Department or a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

## **Post Results Services**

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### **Access to Scripts**

Exam boards will provide a copy of your exam script for the Academy to either check the marking of the script or to use it for teaching and learning. This can be used to decide if a review of marking should be requested.

## **Review of Results**

### **Service 1 – Clerical check**

This is a re-check of all clerical procedures leading to the issue of a result. This service will include the following checks:

- that all parts of the script have been marked
- the totalling of marks
- the recording of marks

### **Service 2 – Review of marking**

This is a post-results review of the original marking to ensure that the agreed mark scheme has been applied correctly. **Reviewers will not re-mark the script.** They will only act to correct any errors identified in the original marking. This service will include:

- the clerical re-checks detailed in Service 1
- a review of marking as described above

It is very important to understand that:

- If a review of marking is requested, **marks can go down as well as up** – you could end up with a lower mark
- There is usually a cost involved; if a request for a review of marking is not supported by the Academy, you will be required to pay the fee.

All Reviews of Results (RORs) should first be discussed with the relevant Head of Department who will advise on the viability of such a request. In our experience, it is unusual for marks to change upwards by more than a marginal amount. However, the Academy reviews the marks that you and others have achieved and will advise candidates if we feel there is an anomaly and that the paper should be reviewed.

Please find information from JCQ regarding post results services 2024 enclosed.