

St Matthew Academy

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

Headteacher: Ms Miranda Baldwin

Head of Primary: Ms Joanna Chick



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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.

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. Our dance pupils have enjoyed the 'Step into Dance' event; the Film Studies department staged our annual 'Oscar Night' and SMA continues to benefit greatly from our close relationship with KPMG, who mentor pupils in both Years 9 and 10.

This Year has also seen the SMA Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme Bronze and Silver awards go from strength to strength; the History Department have led trips to local museums and the Media Scholars programme have had guest speakers and practical film projects to get stuck into as well as a trip to the Sky Studios.

There have also been rewards trips in each Year Group; the MFL Department has staged plays in both Spanish and French for pupils and a large number of children had the chance to visit the West End to watch the musical 'Sister Act.' Add to this rewards lunches; Year 11 prom, Lewisham Book Awards; New Intake Day, a Mock General Election, Sports Day, Sporting Brilliance and Media Scholarship trials, a national Debate Mate title, spelling bees, the filming of the Year 7 Shakespeare production and of course the End of Year Rewards event – it has been a packed summer term and an indication of how much opportunity our pupils have at St Matthew Academy!

In Year 8, we are particularly proud of our pupils who have made it through this year with a perfect punctuality record. Well done to the pupils below who have been on time to school every day since September!

Chloe Akinmade	Elijah Lake	Tiago Goncalves Allen	Haruka Takeda
Antony Alapatt	Thomas Lee	Thisanth Jegan	Lucas Wang
Ian Augustine	Waylon Lee	Jakub Khan-Beckinsale	Amalia Garces De Freitas
Abdul Bah	Ibraheem Mahmood	Temani Wilks-Hamid	Albion Gjora
JoJoe Boshier	Erin Marshall	Xingzhe Wu	Lucas Wang
Rico Da Silva	Polina Maziar	Elijah Lake	

A massive well done also to these pupils who have made it through the year without accruing a single Behaviour Point. An impressive achievement, of which they should be proud!

Chloe Akinmade	Amalia Garces De Freitas	Martha Newton Osagie	Georgina Dickson
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Finally, I would like to commend the following pupils who have worked hard all year round, and have achieved our Ambassador Award, achieving over 400 NET Achievement Points this academic year!

Temi Abikinda	Thisanth Jegan	Gohar Rehman	Kyron Wilson
Chloe Akinmade	Wilfred Nana-Ampaw	Vladyslav Stepaniuk	Glory Omorogieva
Great Celestine-Ebenuwa	Olivia Obafese	Roberto Toader	Georgina Dickson

Your achievements this year are a testament to your perseverance and a growing passion for learning. Whether it was mastering a difficult subject, excelling in a project, or helping a classmate, your efforts have been noticed and commended. I am incredibly proud of you all and all that you have achieved this year!

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, 4th September. Further details and timings for the day will be sent at the end of August.

Have a great summer.

Yours faithfully



Mr M Magar
Deputy Headteacher



Mrs T Skelton
Director of Learning