

St Matthew Academy

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

Headteacher: Ms Miranda Baldwin

Head of Primary: Ms Joanna Chick



22nd July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

As we begin the summer holidays at the end of a very busy term it 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 7 we are particularly proud of the following pupils who have all achieved the incredible feat of amassing over 400 achievement points throughout the course of Year 7:

Mya LAM-BUTRON 7R2	Joshua AMASSE 7R2	Victoria OMOTOSHO 7M1	Simyah CHARLES 7T1
Precious IRABOR 7M2	Reiss EWENIGHI 7T1	Samaya MAY 7T2	Bolu OYEWUSI 7M2
Marbelys AGUILERA MONTERO 7R1	Lorraine NIAMIE 7R3	Nyasha ZVARIMWA 7T1	Taeasia WILLIAMS 7R3
Abigail JACOME ASQUI 7M1	Lilly UWAKWE 7T1	William MACHADO 7T2	Jessica WILSON 7T1
Iona MCVEY 7M2	Kairos BAILEY 7T1	Ania LAISSAOUI 7R3	Holly WELCH 7R2
Zion OLUREMI-ONOJOBI 7M1	Kibafory COULIBALY 7T1	Melael YOHANNES 7T1	Malo TAYLOR 7M1
Praise NEWTON OSAGIE 7T2	Yumiko ZALDIVAR 7R1	Wesley FILHO 7R2	Martin UMUNNA 7R2
Joyce BA 7M2	Ozioma EKE 7R3	Achiaa ANTWI 7M2	Levi OTA-OGIE 7T1
Yousef ELHUSSEINE 7M2	Anya MURIUKI 7T1	Andras CSONKA 7R3	
Naomilee WILLIAMS 7R1	Enkhlen ZOLBOO 7M1	Edward PEARCE 7R2	

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Please congratulate them on their resilience, hardwork and determination. We are incredibly proud of their efforts, and look forward to seeing what more they can achieve in Year 8!

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



Ms V Dunne
Assistant Headteacher