



Grammar⁺ Programme

High expectations, outstanding achievements

St Matthew Academy is a fully inclusive caring Catholic community where every child has the opportunity to 'let their light shine'.

We recognise our high achieving pupils through our Grammar + programme, a stream where our most able pupils are able to be fully stretched and challenged to achieve exceptional results at GCSE.

As an inclusive academy we understand that children can adapt and change therefore access to and from the Grammar stream is fluid, pupils must continue to achieve exceptional progress throughout their learning journey at SMA to continue to access the G+ offer.

All G+ pupils must make a minimum progress of one whole grade each academic year to remain in the stream.

Application process



All potential applicants will need to complete a Faith supplementary form and the CAF required by Lewisham admissions and register their interest in the pathway via email.

All applicants are welcome to attend a Grammar + taster workshop in early October where they will be fully immersed in academic activities which will ignite curiosity and extend deep and critical thinking.

Once the place at our academy has been confirmed via the relevant local authority, Grammar + applicants will be invited to sit our assessment in June alongside the rest of their peers. It is expected that they meet the benchmark grade in order to be accepted on to the Grammar + pathway.



Our offer

Curriculum

- Access to high quality teaching and learning as part of the daily diet.
- Full EBacc offer at GCSE
- Additional GCSE qualifications including Statistics and Chinese
- Rigorous and high level ranking assessments twice yearly
- Highly aspirational target grades
- Bespoke and targeted intervention breakfast sessions each term
- A level tasters in our Outstanding partner school, St Thomas the Apostle.

Enrichment

- The Brilliant club— Pupils work with PHD students at Russell group universities
- University summer schools and visits
- Astronomy course
- Classic book reading challenge
- Independent learning fundraising project in partnership with Lewisham Hospitals children's ward
- Access to the academy's diverse range of extra curricular provision including successful sporting teams and the visual and performing arts
- Mini lecture programme
- 1:1 music lessons with visiting peripatetic teachers
- Entry to Duke of Edinburgh programme

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