

St Matthew Academy

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

Head of School: Ms Miranda Baldwin

Head of Primary: Ms Joanna Chick



12 September 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we enter a new academic school year, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome your son/daughter back to the Academy for yet another successful school year. This academic school year we have implemented a number of new protocols in an effort to further improve the school and ensure our pupils have the best experience here at the academy.

Health and Safety

All pupils at the academy has been issued identification cards which pupils will wear on a lanyard. This will now become part of their school uniform and must be worn at all times whilst on the school premises. Replacement lanyards/I.D cards will be paid for via Parent Pay.

Homework rota for KS3

A timetable has been put in place to ensure that pupils have two homework tasks per day to focus on and to get into the habit of always doing them on the same day. This will support you pupils, form tutors and parents/carers in the following ways:

Pupils will be able to quickly establish a homework routine which is consistent each week and ensures homework is spread evenly across the week. This will promote independent learning skills and ensure all pupils are able to complete homework to the expected deadline.

Parents and carers will be able to monitor the completion of homework, ensuring their child meets all deadlines. They will be able to use the rota to support their child at home by better organising their time alongside other commitments they have.

Year 8 Homework Timetable	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Subject 1	Maths	Religious Education	Science	English	Spanish
Subject 2	Technology Carousel	Literacy	Geography	History	Performing Arts & Computer Science Carousel

The rota identifies the day that the pupil should complete the homework

A copy of this can also be found on the school website.

Early school closure (open evening)

The academy will close early **Tuesday 24th September 2019 at 2:00pm** as we open our doors to prospective year 7 students and their families. Pupils picking up siblings from the primary phase will have to go home and return at 3:20pm. No pupils will be allowed to remain on the premises except pupils helping during the evening.

Key dates

Please be aware of the following date for this academic school year:

Friday 27th September	HPV vaccinations 1
Monday 14th – Friday 18th October	Rank 1 Examinations
Thursday 14th November	Parents evening
Friday 27th March	HPV vaccinations 2
Tuesday 28th May – Friday 1st May	Rank 2 Examinations
Thursday 25th May	Options evening
Wednesday 08th June	KS3 awards

Successes

I would like to highlight the following students who have been identified by their form tutors for making an exceptional start to the school year.

8R1	8R2	8M1	8M2	8T1	8T2
D'Angelo Pinnock	Kavin Premkumar	Lilia Yahioui	Fernanda Osorio	Dominic Jastak	Edibeth Matos Mendez
Shannon Williams	Naomi Albi	Romeo Dalmadge	Ayo Musibau	Kristiana Ozolina	Charlie Morrin

I look forward to working with you closely this year and being able to celebrate more achievements and successes of our students over this academic school year and in our annual KS3 awards.

Kinds Regards



Mr J Charlery
Director of Learning Year 8