

## **Chaplaincy Update Sep 2018**

### **'Beginning of a New Year Service'**

On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September the Academy held a service to welcome in the new academic year and our new Year 7 cohort. Staff, parents and carers were in attendance of this special service led by the Chaplaincy Team and the RE Department.

### **'Beginning of a New Year Mass'**

St Matthew Academy had the pleasure of attending the 'Beginning of a New Year Mass' on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September at St George's Cathedral.

The congregation witnessed angelic singing from a host of schools including the gospel choir. With the start of the academic school year well and truly in full swing, it was imperative that schools within the Diocese of Southwark came together as a community to pray for pupils, Head teachers, teachers and Chaplains, asking God to bless them and the new academic year.

The mass was delightful and the presence of the Holy Spirit evident in the church.

### **St Matthew Day**

On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2018 the Academy celebrated its patron saint Matthew. There were a variety of activities across the day beginning with a Key Stage 3 and primary phase service. Other activities included a 'Staff and parents Maths quiz', bespoke Maths and RE tasks in lessons with a focus on the life of Matthew. Each primary class focused on a different aspect of Matthew's life and created displays to showcase his life.

### **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

On Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September, the Academy supported the Macmillan Cancer support through hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning. Parents and carers were invited to the primary hall for tea and cakes at 9.00am and encouraged to make a donation. Pupils at the primary phase also had the opportunity to grab a slice of cake!

### **St Matthew Academy Bake Off**

The Chaplaincy Team held a 'St Matthew Academy Bake Off'. At the secondary phase pupils were encouraged to bake a cake as part of the re-launching of the House system and first House competition of the year at the Academy. The sweet treats were judged by the pupils. This was a great event in which a great number of pupils participated particularly in Year 7. The winners were the Mandela House.