St Matthew Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you and your family are well and safe in this difficult time. I am writing to update you on the direction the school has taken in light of the unprecedented times we find ourselves in. A number of us may have fallen on difficult times and are in need of some assistance. Lewisham and the Trussell Trust have a few places that are open to aiding those in need.

https://lewisham.foodbank.org.uk/ https://www.trusselltrust.org/get-help/find-a-foodbank/

Please do not hesitate to contact the school via email or the SIMS in touch app if you require any further assistance.

As you may already be aware, the school has moved to the online learning platform Google Classroom. A centralised platform where your child can find post 16 links and other information useful for their post GCSE plans. It also allows them to interact with form tutors and I more easily. I would ask you to encourage your child to join their online form room and keep in touch. We are here to ask any questions they may have. I have asked year 11 students to inform us of their College or Sixth Form choices and the subject they will study from September. They can do so via Google Classroom.

In case your child is unsure of how to access Google Classroom, I have attached instructions below.

- 1. Go to www.RMunify.com
- Log in with their school email address and password
- 3. Click on the Google Classroom icon, and accept classroom invitations and get started.

In order to also support you in home schooling, please visit the Think U Know website, there are a number of resources which advise on e-safety during the home learning process. https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/

Our students have shown great resilience during this difficult time and we anticipate when we can celebrate them fully at the academy. As soon as we have any information about re-opening we will be sure to let you know.

Hope you continue to stay safe.

Yours faithfully,

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