

St. Matthew's R.C. High School

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Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the end of a very busy term I would like to update you on a number of issues relating to the school.

Building Programme

Recently St Matthew's has acquired the Manchester College building that is located on the school site. The building will undergo refurbishment over the coming months and will provide additional classroom and office space. Work on the building is due to be completed in time for the start of the new school year. The school will also benefit from an extension to the current dining room, this part of the project is due to be completed by October half-term. We are very grateful for the support provided by Manchester City Council in securing the building for our use.

Attendance

Thank you to all parents/carers for their support in ensuring that pupils get to school every day. Attendance has improved once again, a trend that I expect to carry on. I ask that parents continue to keep in mind the importance of attendance and the clear link between academic outcomes and pupils being in school every day. Please avoid booking holidays in term-time.

Standards

Next term there will be a particular focus on punctuality to school and to class. This is an extremely important issue as lateness to class has a negative impact on learning. Punctuality is an essential attribute for working life and good habits in this regard are important to foster and develop. I ask that you reinforce with your child the importance of punctuality.

St Matthew's RC High School – 40th Anniversary

September marks the 40th anniversary of the establishment of the school, which was an amalgamation of two pre-existing schools, St Anthony's and St Gerard's. Plans are being made to celebrate the occasion and the work of the school over the last four decades. Details will be published next term.

Congratulations

Well done to all those pupils who took part in the 'Race for Life' held at the school this week. Over 120 pupils and staff took part in the event and raised over £500 for charity. Four pupils from Y10 recently took part in a Maths Challenge, held at Bury College, and did extremely well coming 4th out of 21 teams. Last week the Year 8 boys football team won the Manchester Cup beating Chorlton in the final. The music department recently organised an Easter concert showcasing the amazing musical talent of our pupils. Well done to all the pupils who have taken part in the extra-curricular activities on offer at St Matthew's.

Happy Easter

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