

St Matthew's RC High School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Extraordinary closure

I recently wrote to parents/carers to inform them that as a result of the acquisition of a new building and extensive refurbishment and re-modelling it will be necessary to close the school to pupils on Friday 21st July. This has been done in order to manage the packing and moving of resources and equipment in a safe manner. **Therefore, the last school day for pupils will be Thursday 20th July.**

School Meal Charges

The school has always worked hard to try to keep the cost of school meals as low as it can. Since 2011 there has only been one increase of 5p in the cost of the set meal. Unfortunately, as you will no doubt be aware, the cost of food has risen significantly over recent years. We have been forced to review the price of school meals in order to ensure that we can continue to meet ever rising costs. Therefore, with effect from September, the price of the set school meal will increase by 20p from £2.20 to £2.40. This price compares favourably with other school meal providers across Manchester. We will continue to keep the cost of school meals under review and will do all we can to ensure that any future increases are kept to a minimum.

Uniform

Over the coming weeks parents/carers will be purchasing new school uniform. Please adhere to the school uniform regulations a copy of which is included in the 'Expectations' booklet that will be sent out with your child's report. **If in doubt contact school and ask for details.** I would remind parents/carers that the wearing of jewellery is strictly limited to one small plain gold/silver stud in the lobe of the ear. **The greatest number of uniform issues arises regarding footwear. Parents/Carers are reminded that students must wear plain, black, leather shoes. Not boots, not trainers, not canvas, no logos. If you need advice or help with this matter please contact school.** The standard of uniform this year has been excellent on the whole and I thank parents and carers for their support in this matter.

Sea Cadets

The school has been successful in its bid to establish a Sea Cadet unit at St Matthew's. Initially, the unit will be open to pupils from Years 8&9. Further information will be shared with pupils during assemblies at the start of the new school year. This is an exciting new venture and will open up a host of new opportunities for our pupils.

Bus Routes

Please check the school website for information on bus times/routes. Alternatively go to www.tfgm.com for further details.

Start of New School Year

Pupils will return to school on Thursday 7th September. Year 7 pupils should arrive for an 08.30 start. Pupils in Years 8-11 should arrive for an 11.10 start. **NB this is a change to the schedule previously notified** and is a result of the school acquiring new buildings and having to ensure they are ready for use.

Enjoy the holidays and have a great summer. K.Hogan



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TERM DATES 2017/2018

Autumn Term

Teacher Training Days:	Monday 4 September & Tuesday 5 September 2017
Term starts:	Wednesday 6 September 2017
	N.B. <i>Term starts for pupils on Thursday 7 September</i>
Half term holiday:	Monday 23 October 2017 - Friday 27 October 2017
Term ends:	Friday 22 December 2017
Christmas holiday:	Monday 25 December 2017 – Friday 5 January 2018

Spring Term

Term starts:	Monday 8 January 2018
MANCEP Training Day:	Friday 16 February 2018
Half term holiday:	Friday 16 February 2018 - Friday 23 February 2018
Term ends:	Thursday 29 March 2018
Easter break:	Friday 30 March 2018- Friday 13 April 2018

Summer Term

Term starts:	Monday 16 April 2018
Half term holiday:	Monday 28 May 2018 - Friday 1 June 2018
Last day of term:	Friday 20 July 2018

Public Holiday

- May Day - Monday 7 May 2018