



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy and productive fortnight at St Matthew's RC High, I want to begin by offering my sincere thanks for your continued support. Our partnership with families remains at the heart of everything we do, and your engagement helps shape a strong, caring, and ambitious school community. here are some of the highlights.

Phase 2 – Phone & Electronics Policy

We are grateful for your support with Phase 2 of our Phone and Electronics Policy, which asks students not to check their phones or devices between lessons—including checking Edulink for their timetables, as many were previously used to doing. This shift has already had a positive impact on behaviour, focus, and readiness for learning.

Thank you for encouraging your child to prepare for the day ahead, organise their timetable in advance, and keep their devices away during the school day. Your partnership is greatly appreciated.

Year 11 – Back to Lessons After PPEs

Our Year 11 students have now returned to normal lessons following their PPE exams, and they have done so with real maturity and determination. Teachers have been impressed by the focus, resilience, and work ethic shown. With continued effort and support, we are confident they will build on this strong start as they move closer to the summer exams.

Arbor App – Please Sign Up

We encourage all parents to sign up for the Arbor App if you have not yet done so. This is our main channel for sharing key information, updates, and reminders. Signing up ensures you don't miss important communication that supports your child's learning and progress. If you need any help accessing the app, please contact the school office.

In Memory of Mr John Goggins

It is with great sadness that we recently shared the news of the passing of Mr John Goggins, former Headteacher of St Matthew's. Mr Goggins served our community with dedication, compassion, and deep commitment to the values of Catholic education.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and loved ones at this difficult time. May he rest in peace.

Extra-Curricular Life

Our extra-curricular programme continues at pace, offering students opportunities to grow, discover new interests, and develop their gifts beyond the classroom. You can see the full range of activities in the pages that follow and on our social media channels. We are proud of how enthusiastically students are engaging, and we encourage all young people to get involved wherever they can.

Reflections from This Sunday's Gospel

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us of the importance of recognising God's presence in the ordinary moments of daily life. Jesus calls us not only to listen, but to respond—to be people of compassion, courage, and kindness in our homes, our school, and our wider community. As we navigate the busy weeks ahead, may we continue to live out these values with humility and hope.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support, encouragement, and trust. It is a privilege to lead this community, and I look forward to another term filled with growth, achievement, and shared purpose.

Warm regards,

Mr A. Nightingale
Headteacher

Voluntary Mass



Celebrant: Fr Nicholas

Staff Mass

● Chapel

● Thursdays

● 8:00 – 8:15 a.m.

Student Mass

● T1

● Thursdays

● 1.30 – 1.45p.m.

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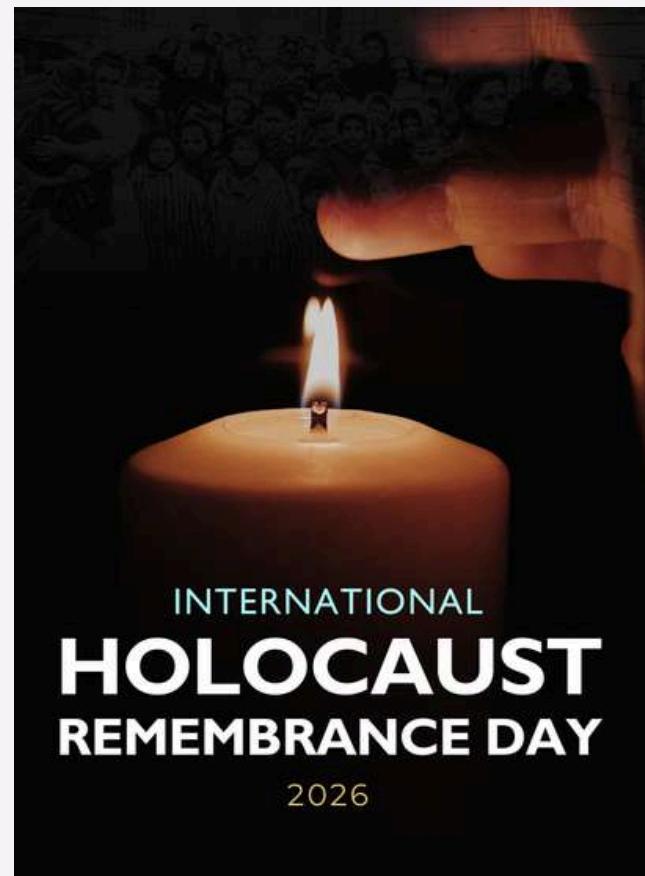


SMRCHS Chaplaincy

This week, pupils took part in a meaningful assembly to mark Holocaust Memorial Day, reflecting on the importance of remembering the past and standing against prejudice and discrimination in all its forms. The assembly encouraged students to consider their responsibility to promote dignity, respect and compassion in today's world. Looking ahead to this Friday, some pupils are preparing for a special upcoming visit to see the relics of St Carlo Acutis, offering a valuable opportunity for spiritual reflection and learning about a modern role model of faith, service and digital evangelisation. Keep a look out on the SMRCHS socials for some pictures.



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Attendance



Attendance Matters - Every Day Counts

Regular school attendance plays a vital role in your child's success, wellbeing, and confidence. Each day in school helps students build on previous learning, develop positive routines, and maintain strong relationships with staff and peers. Even short periods of absence can make it harder for children to keep up, particularly in subjects like English and Maths where learning is continuous.

We understand that illness and unavoidable circumstances do happen, and we always encourage open communication with school. However, we ask that appointments, holidays, and non-urgent matters are arranged outside of school time wherever possible. Our goal is to work in partnership with families to ensure every student has the best opportunity to achieve their potential.

If you have any concerns about attendance or need support, please don't hesitate to contact us. Medical evidence and absence information can be emailed to attendance@smrchs.com. Thank you for your continued support in helping our students attend, engage, and succeed.

Every day in school makes a difference.

Email: Attendance@smrchs.com

If you require any support or advice to help your child to improve their attendance, the please get in touch with us at school or email: Attendance@smrchs.com

- **G Matthew: Strategic Attendance Lead**
- **J Anderson: Attendance Lead**
- **S Ross: Attendance Officer /Safeguarding Officer**





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VOLUNTARY ACADEMY



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IN AID OF CANCER RESEARCH

FRI 15 MAY 2026

INTERESTED?!
SEE MRS HILL

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WITH A SERIOUSLY ILL CHILD

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20 January 2026

Dear Mary,

On behalf of all the families we support, and everybody at Rainbow Trust Children's Charity, I would like to congratulate you and everyone at St. Matthew's RC High School on your fundraising total of £405!

These donations help us to reach out to even more families, who need emotional and practical support as they care for a seriously ill child. The help from one of our Family Support Workers can be a lifeline for a family as they try to navigate a new world of hospital appointments and treatments, all the while trying to keep family life as normal as possible.

We really appreciate your support, and, thanks to your fundraising, we can continue to provide the best care and support to families so that they don't have to face childhood illness alone.

To give you an idea of the impact donations like these can make: £224 pays for a day's visit from a Family Support Worker to help families to cope

With many thanks and best wishes,

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KS3 GIRLS FOOTBALL

Club

Tuesday After School

3-4pm

Bring your kit!



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SMRCHS TRAMPOLINING CLUB



OPEN TO
ALL KS3 GIRLS
Every MONDAY
@ Lunchtime

First come.. First served!
Don't forget to bring your
socks!



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SMRCHS HANDBALL CLUB



OPEN TO ALL
KS3 STUDENTS
Every Mondays
@ LUNCHTIME



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Get creative and
raise money for
PROM!

Leavers Shirt PRINTING



ANY DESIGN ONLY:

£5

Deadline:
FRIDAY 29TH MAY

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Miss Ruane (F3)

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SMRCHS MATHS SUPERSTARS

We're delighted to celebrate the outstanding effort and achievement shown in Maths. These students have demonstrated exceptional problem-solving skills, determination, and a fantastic attitude toward learning. Keep up the amazing work, your hard work is truly paying off!

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Holly	Katie	Louie	Grace	Izabella
Olivia	Ghazal	David	Manuela	Salem
Safwaan	Hector	Germanus	Cody	Karina
Grace	Trinity	Germanus	Anne	Nico
Oluwole	Hazel	Retal	Neave	Bailey
Kian		Harley-Joe	Sonia	Daisy
Davey-Lee		Verity		
Sena				
Darcy				



SMRCHS TECHNOLOGY SUPERSTARS

Well done to all our
Technology Superstars!



Media Miss Elliott	Y10 Oliver Joe	Y11 Michael			
Food Technology Mrs Walsh	Y7 Bernice	Y9 Jamie	Y11 Obaloluwa		
Textiles Miss Raynes	Y9 Aneela				
Food Technology Miss Richardson	Y8 Ruqaiyyah				
Food Technology Mrs O'Leary	Y8 Faith	Y8 Omo			
Resistant Materials Mr Higgs	Y7 Kian	Y8 Sonny	Y9 Praise	Y10 Kelsey	Y11 Niamh

SMRCHS RE SUPERSTARS



The RE Department Stars of the Week

KS3 continue with the unit Jerusalem to Galilee with many classes completing their AIM lesson this week. Y10 are preparing for their mid-year assessment in RE this week and Y11 have received their PPE scores in RE. As always, staff found it difficult nominate just one pupil but find our winners below.

Teacher	HT3 2026
Mrs Callison	Saimon and Malachi (Y7)
Miss Cooper	Miley (11y3)
Mr Hall	Joel (11x4) and Zara (11y2)
Miss Higney	Mattea (8B)
Mrs Hill	Grace 8J and Cian (7H)
Mrs O'Leary	Shelia and Bernice (9E)
Mr Robinson	Omovbiye (8F) and Praise (8G)
Mrs Tormey	Rian (Y9)
Mrs Wrigley	Ali (9F) and Mohamedamin (Y8)



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SMRCHS TOP ART AWARD



Year	Miss Elliott	Miss Khalid	Mrs Lee
7	Adonai	Possible	Saifan
8	Jainaba	Uwra	Jacob
9	Shalom	Jaiden	Ava-Grace
10	Maisie	Shola	Lacey
11		Presley	Hana Sanati

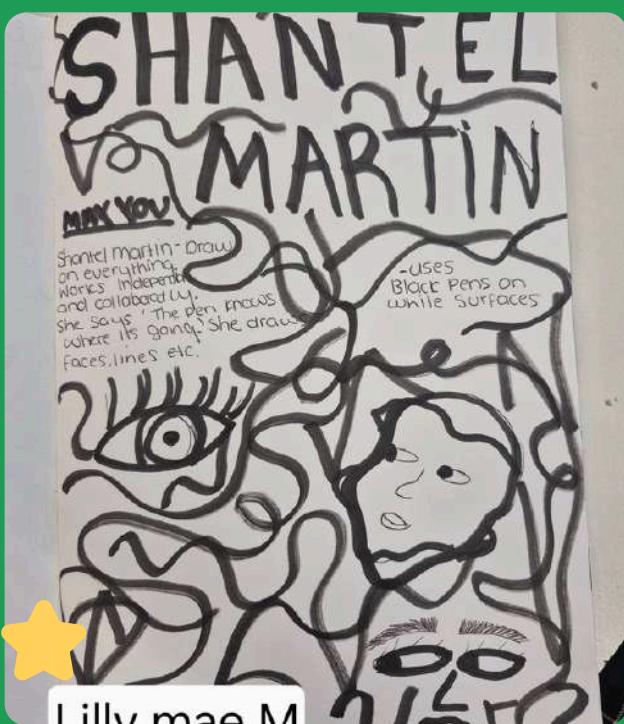


SMRCHS ROUNDUP

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Savio KS4 Art

KS4 Savio Students Discover the artist Shantell Martin



Miss Elliott would like to Shout Out to Savio!

This week, we experimented with doodle art in response to the artist Shantell Martin. Special mention to Timaya and Lily for their expressive doodles! Well done!



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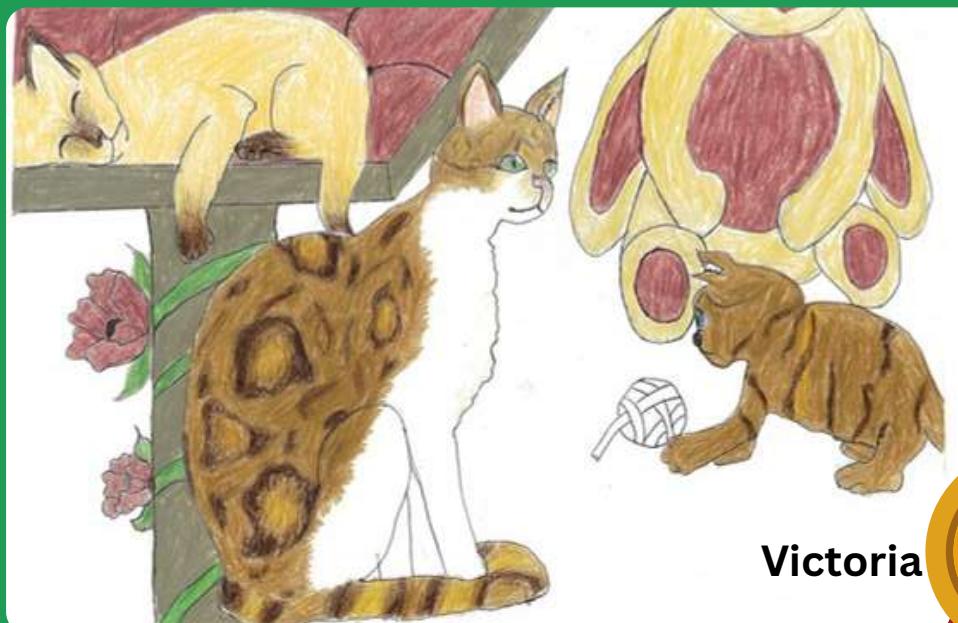
Miss Elliott's Art Competition

'Scenes of the Everyday'



Congratulations to the winners of the 'Everyday Scenes' Competition!

The brief of 'Scenes of the Everyday', encouraged students to create artwork that was personal and reflective of the things they encounter in daily life like, friends, family, pets, hobbies, journeys to school, favourite subjects, and more. Well done to Victoria, Michelle and Abishek for producing such beautiful art.



Victoria



Michelle



Abishek



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Year 7

Top 5 Achievers:

Ahmed 

Oscar

Possible

Safwaan

Mia

Top Attending Form:

 7A

100% Attendance

 209 Students



Year 7 Football Team



Miss Richardson

Huge congratulations to the Year 7 Girls' football team on a fantastic 3–2 victory over Trinity, securing their place in the semi-final of the Manchester Cup!



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Year 7

Year 7 Athletics Team



Well done to our Year 7 students for representing St Matthew's at this year's Manchester Excel Indoor Athletics event! An outstanding effort from all involved – we're very proud of you!



Year 7 Football Team



Our Year 7 girls came home with another fantastic win at Co-op Academy North!

Well done to all the pupils involved...
Keep up the momentum.
Congratulations!



Year 8

Top 5 Achievers:

Ahmed 

David

Mohammed

Surahya

Samuel

Top Attending Form:



8B

100% Attendance



211 Students



Year 8 Netball Team



Mrs O'Leary

A Shout Out to the Year 8 netballers, who last week played against Chorlton High and Wright Robinson A. Two really tough games against two very experienced sides, however, despite the score line the girls never gave up and battled hard to the final whistle. Well done to Urwa, Zoe and Poppy who were awarded Opposition Players of the Match and Coaches Player of the Match.



Mrs O'Leary

Shout Out to Mrs O'Leary's Food Technology groups for being amazing over the past two weeks during their practical work! A special mention goes to Faith O and Omo, who consistently go out of their way to support and help their peers. Your teamwork and positive attitude have not gone unnoticed... Keep up the fantastic work!



Year 9

Top 5 Achievers:

Francis 

Vincenzo

Kyllian

Mason

Abdul

Top Attending Form:

9A 

100% Attendance

200 Students 



GREAT JOB!

Mrs O'Leary 

A huge Shout Out to **9E RE** for their fantastic AIM assessment results! Every member of the class achieved 9/11 or above... A brilliant effort all around.



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Year 10

Top 5 Achievers:

Ornella



Shola

Brooke

Emilee

Ryan

Top Attending Form:

10G

100% Attendance

225 Students



Year 10 Netball Team



Congratulations to the Year 10 Netball team for a hard-fought 3–3 draw against St Bede's! An excellent match and superb determination from everyone involved.

Year 11

Top 5 Achievers:

Shazib

Oluwasemilure

Grace

Adnan

Asmaa

Top Attending Form:

11M2

100% Attendance

124 Students



Mrs O'Leary

Big Shout Out to the following students in Mrs O'Leary's CNAT class for their hard work and dedication on their Unit 187 coursework:

- Michael
- Nathan
- Maxwell
- Nico
- Kaitlyn
- Salem