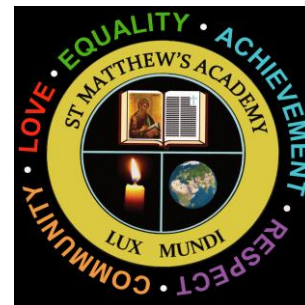


St. Matthew's Academy Parent Council Newsletter

AUTUMN 2023



CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT (Abridged)

I would like to start by welcoming everyone to our AGM for St. Matthews Parent Council meeting for the 2022-2023 session. On behalf of the whole Parent Council, I would like to begin by acknowledging the commitment shown by our Headteacher Mr Colligan, the senior team and the staff within the school. There has been a real drive to get St. Matthews back to normal after the Covid 19 disruptions of previous years. I am sure you will agree with me when I commend the support and commitment from the whole of St Matthew's community. I would also like to thank all members of the Parent Council, who generously give their time to support the Parent Council of St Matthew's, Fr Willie Boyd for his time in the role as Church Representative and for his presence in school with our young people and his assistance in helping Mr Colligan recruit for the senior team.

To help improve communication the Parent Council are currently updating the school website page and a regular newsletter is produced to communicate directly to the Parent Forum.

I extend my thanks to Aileen McDermott, Jan McGarry and Donna Hunt who are standing down this year. On behalf of us all I thank you very much for all your efforts.

Paul Meechan

Chairperson

Full version of the Chairperson's report can be found on the school website.

The Parental Involvement Act 2006 gives parents the right to receive information about their children's education and to be represented and have their views expressed through the Parent Council. All parents/carers/guardians are members of the Parent Forum; the Parent Council are the representatives, elected on behalf of the Parent Forum.

We currently have several vacancies on the Parent Council. If you would like to join please email us at:

stmatthewsparentcouncil@gmail.com

Current PC Members

Paul Meechan (Chairperson)
Lisa Vint (Vice Chairperson)
Tracey Yuille (Treasurer)
Fr Willie Boyd Church Rep
Suzanne Gillion Secretary (signatory)
Andrena Hughes Minute secretary

MaryAnn Gibson
Vicky Corbett
Ryan McQuade
Louise Lowden
Helen Cowan
Andrew Livingstone
Jacqui Quirk



Grants

We have applied for several grants from companies like Millar Homes and Arnold Clark without whom we would not be able to provide support for all of the wonderful opportunities that are presented to our young people.

What have we supported this year?

We were successful in securing funding from the North Ayrshire Council Participatory Budget to continue to fund a fantastic initiative of Mr Taylor's to bring in a company called Dual Fitness Foundation who will work with our young people to improve mental health.

<https://www.facebook.com/thedualfitnessfoundation/>



people at St. Matthew's.

The pupils were very excited to be able to have prom in the summer and we were delighted to support with funding towards pre prom events as we do every year. With your support as a parent council member we can continue to support such worthwhile events for all of our young

If you would like to attend a Parent Council meeting or let us know the kind of things you would like to see in our next newsletter please email us at:

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Parent Council meetings are approximately every 6 or 7 weeks in school or online.

This year's meetings will take place on:

Monday 27 th Nov (In School)	Monday 15 th Jan (Zoom)
Monday 19 th Feb (In School)	Monday 18 th Mar (Zoom)
Monday 22 nd Apr (In School)	Tuesday 20 th May (Zoom)
Monday 17 th June (In School)	