



# NEWS & VIEWS

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Headteacher: Mr Jamie Foster  
& Deputy CEO

## Headteacher's Comment:

As we move further into the summer term, I would like to highlight two important updates for parents and carers.

Firstly, our phone pouches have now arrived, and you will see a photograph of them in this week's edition. They will be launched when we return after the half-term break and will support our existing expectations around mobile phones in school, helping pupils stay focused and supporting a calm learning environment.

It has also been another positive week at St Martin's. Well done to our Sixth Form pupils who travelled to the Peak District in preparation for their summer expedition to Tanzania, and congratulations to our Year 8 Penathlon team, who won gold and now progress to the County Round in June.

It was also lovely to see Year 11 pupils visiting the Charles Dickens Museum to support their GCSE Literature studies. As the exam season continues, we wish all pupils sitting assessments over the coming weeks the very best.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I hope everyone enjoys the bank holiday weekend.



## Outlook Expeditions Weekend

Last weekend a small team of sixth form pupils travelled to the Peak District to train for their summer expedition to Tanzania. Along with Mr Smith, the team were put through their paces by their instructors, Bug and Zee, who will be leading the expedition in Africa. The weekend focussed on developing the skills they will need in Tanzania, as well as providing the opportunity to test the kit they will be taking. On expedition the team will be attempting to summit Mt Longido, so a trek to the top of Mam Tor was built into an 11km hike around the stunning national park. Overall, the team really impressed their instructors, and their teacher – it promises to be an exciting summer!





## Growing Together Our School Garden

We are incredibly proud of our key pupils, **Hettie H, Chloe B and Precious I**, who have been doing a fantastic job supporting our school gardening project. They have shown excellent leadership by guiding and encouraging other pupils, while ensuring plants are carefully tended and regularly watered. Their commitment and teamwork are helping the garden to thrive and are fostering a strong sense of shared responsibility across the school.

We are also pleased to announce an **after-school planting session on 11 June**, which will give pupils further opportunities to get involved. This will be followed by the **official launch of our garden area on 23 June**, a celebration we are very much looking forward to sharing with the wider St Martin's school community.



Parents who are interested in supporting the gardening project, particularly on the dates above, are warmly encouraged to get in touch by emailing [enquiries@schoolreadinglist.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@schoolreadinglist.co.uk)

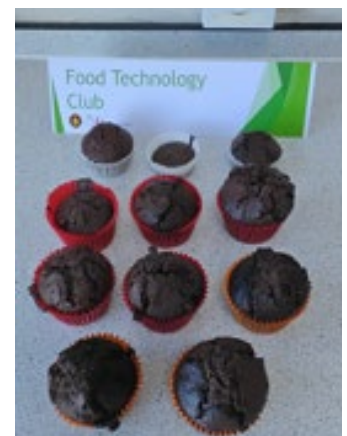


## KS3 Food Technology Club

Each Wednesday from 15:15 – 16:15, pupils in Years 7 and 8 attend the KS3 Food Technology Club in room S013. Recently, we enjoyed another very successful session, during which the boys produced an excellent batch of double chocolate muffins.

Over the past few weeks, students have also made burgers, cookies and brownies, and they are looking forward to making beef burritos next. The boys have shown great enthusiasm, teamwork and improving practical skills in every session.

Well done, boys—keep up the good work!



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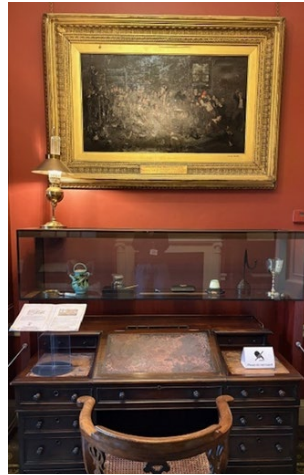
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# ★ Year 11 Visit To The Charles Dickens Museum

Year 11 pupils visited The Charles Dickens Museum to further their understanding of the author's life and the contextual influences on him writing A Christmas Carol. They were given a tour of the museum, which was actually one of Dickens' residences when writing Oliver Twist, and participated in a GCSE Literature workshop in preparation for their paper 1 exam. The pupils really appreciated the opportunity to speak with the historian experts conducting the tours; it certainly deepened their knowledge of this prolific writer of books that so many people enjoy reading.



# ★ Year 8 Panathlon Team Success

A huge congratulations to our Year 8 Panathlon team, who recently brought home gold medals at the Secondary Xtend event.

The team competed in seven challenging events, testing their skill, speed and teamwork throughout the day. Their fantastic performance saw them crowned overall winners, an outstanding achievement to be proud of.

As a result, the team will now progress to the County Round on 24 June. We wish them the very best of luck and look forward to cheering them on!



# 📅 Dates for the Diary

- 27.04.2026 – Year 13 A Level Photography Exam (27.04.2026 - 28.04.2026)
- 30.04.2026 – Year 11 GCSE Art Exam commences
- 01.05.2026 – Year 10 Berlin Trip

## Word of the Week Week 27 **perceptive**



**adjective:** quick to notice small details

**Sentence:** The group made some perceptive and intelligent comments.

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