



3 October 2025

NEWS & VIEWS

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Headteacher: Mr Jamie Foster
& Deputy CEO



Headteacher's Comment:

It has been a brilliant fortnight for our community. Last Friday's Year 7 House Night saw 217 pupils throw themselves into activities with real spirit, thank you to the staff who made it such a success and to families for your continued support.

Our Year 12 artists and photographers also found fresh inspiration on their visit to Hyde Hall, developing new techniques and ideas they will build on this term.

Meanwhile, Year 11 and Year 13 Drama pupils deepened their understanding of Shakespeare with an RSC performance in Stratford-upon-Avon, an experience they will now draw on in assessments.

And a special well done to our Year 8 cricketers, who enjoyed a deserved celebration at the Essex Cricket ground following last year's county success.

In the New Year, we will move our Management Information System to **Bromcom**. In preparation for this transition, a number of data permissions, including photograph permissions will be sent out to parents, in line with updated data-protection guidance. From **October half term** we will move to an **opt-out** model for photo consent: if you **do not** want your child to appear in school photographs (including on internal platforms and school publications), you will need to notify us prior to 3 November by email.



This week the Headteacher's gallery goes to Year 9 pupil Oscar Rogers, who has been selected for the 22 player U14 Essex Football Team. With well over 100 boys across the County taking part in the trials - we as a PE department and a school are extremely proud of Oscar and his achievement.



Year 7 House Night - A Fantastic Evening of Fun and Team Spirit

Last Friday, **217 Year 7 pupils** took part in our much-anticipated **House Night**. The evening was filled with fun, energy, and friendly competition as pupils engaged in a variety of exciting activities. Highlights included **Ultimate Dodgeball**, where pupils showed great teamwork and enthusiasm, and a hands-on **rocket-making session** with the Science Department – sparking creativity and scientific thinking.



Pupils showcased their singing talents during Karaoke. It really was an evening to develop friendships and unite everyone together.

A huge thank you to all the staff and students who made the evening such a success!



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★ Hyde Hall Trip

This week, our Year 12 Art and Photography pupils visited Hyde Hall Gardens, an inspiring location that sparked creativity. The surroundings offered plenty of inspiration for pupils to explore their artistic interests, and hone their photographic skills. Pupils took part in workshops that focused on drawing and printmaking techniques, including the cyanotype process.



It was a valuable opportunity for learning and collaboration among pupils passionate about art and photography.

★ Year 7 Success

Congratulations to Amelia in Year 7, who performed in the Little Mermaid at Thameside theatre. Amelia will be auditioning for Moana & Grease in their next productions.

Well done!

If you have further success stories you would like to share, please email enquiries@st-martins.essex.sch.uk and the information will be shared with the relevant HOYs & Departments.



★ Educational Trips Information and Calendar

Please look at the new section of the St Martin's School website: [here](#)

At St Martin's School, we are proud of our rich extra-curricular offer and the wide range of trips and visits we offer. The aim of the website is to keep the school community updated with planned trips for the academic year and allow parents to plan financial commitments as a predicted cost per student is included with our planned trips. Links to setup "MyEVOLVE" can also be located in this section of the website. As Albert Einstein famously quoted as saying **"Learning is an experience. Everything else is just information."**



	Name	Year Group	Predicted Cost
October 2025	Oxbridge talk at Brentwood School	Year 10	£0
	Hampton Court 2025	Year 13	£33
	Hollywood	Year 10	£1,830
	Barcelona Basketball Academy	Year 7, Year 8, Year 12	£950
November 2025	Paris Art Trip	Year 11, Year 12, Year 13	£749
	BTEC National Business Unit 2 Grade Booster, Stratford	Year 13	£37
	A-Level Business Strong Foundations- Westfield Stratford	Year 13	£37
	Art in Action- Emmanuel Centre London	Year 12	£29
	Economics Conference 2025- Friends Meeting House	Year 12, Year 13	£39
	Othello Theatre Trip- Theatre Royal	Year 12	£29
December 2025	Poetry Live 2026- Apollo Theatre	Year 11	£43
	STEM Day- University of Essex	Year 12	£0
January 2026	GCSE & A Level/BTEC - ABBA Voyage	Year 10, Year 11, Year 12, Year 13	£36



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★ Stratford Upon Avon Trip

On Thursday 25 September, Year 11 and Year 13 Drama pupils travelled to the picturesque Stratford Upon Avon, to take part in a tour and see a show. The tour took us along the river Avon to the church where Shakespeare is buried and to the sites of 13 former and current theatres, ending with the history of the Royal Shakespeare Theatre. The pupils then watched the RSC's new production of Shakespeare's 'Measure for Measure', starring Adam James, which had been updated to comment on modern politics. Pupils will use this production in their forthcoming exams as they analyse and evaluate the choices made by the creative team and the actors' performances.



★ Year 8 Cricket Reward Trip

Our Year 8 pupils were invited to the Ambassador Cruise Line Ground to watch Essex take on Somerset, in celebration of their fantastic achievement of winning the Essex Cricket Competition last year.

They enjoyed the chance to watch an exciting match, explore the ground, and purchase merchandise, receive their winners' medals, and even take part in a parade to celebrate their success.

A huge thank you to Essex Cricket for the invitation and for hosting such a brilliant event to recognise all the winners.



★ Key information & Updates for Parents

- Trips can now be viewed on our website.
- Key pastoral contacts have been updated on our website.
- Extra-Curricular Information has been updated on our website



Dates for the Diary

- 06.10.2025 – Dyslexia Awareness Week
Year 7 MESSA Rugby Festival 14:00 – 16:30
07.10.2025 – Oxbridge talk at Brentwood School
08.10.2025 – Flu Vaccinations
09.10.2025 – Inclusion coffee morning

For PE fixtures please follow twitter @STMartinsSchPE for further PE updates

Word of the Week Week 5 Autumnal



adjective: characteristic of, or occurring in autumn

Sentence: The view was rich with autumnal colours.



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