



4 July 2025

NEWS & VIEWS

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Executive Headteacher: Mr Jamie Foster



Headteacher's Comment:

This term alone has shown what makes St Martin's such a vibrant and ambitious school. Our pupils have shone in so many areas — from the incredible performances at our Summer Concert, where pupils from all year groups showcased their musical talents with confidence and pride, to our budding engineers who represented us brilliantly at the UCL "Get Into Electronics" event, returning with well-earned accolades and newfound inspiration.

I am also delighted to see our pupils taking the initiative to enhance our learning environment, as demonstrated by the creation of a Business and Economics library, made possible by the efforts of Joe Tomalin, Kristopher Ibuaka and our dedicated Year 12 pupils. This is just one example of how our young people are going above and beyond to shape their own learning and leave a legacy for others.

Congratulations to **Joseph** and **Marvellous** in **Year 10**, who have earned a place in the **Headteacher's Gallery** this week for their outstanding achievement at the **District Athletics**! Both pupils won a **special award**, showcasing not only their talent but also their dedication and sportsmanship. A fantastic accomplishment—well done!

This week's *Make a Difference Award* goes to **Miss Lidbury** from **IT**! Miss Lidbury has gone above and beyond to ensure our IT systems run seamlessly. Her dedication, problem-solving skills, and constant willingness to help and support others have made a real impact across the organisation.

Thank you, Miss Lidbury!



★ UCL Computer Science Conference

UCL hosted St Martin's School for a fantastic "Get Into Electronics" event with UKESF. Pupils experienced university life, attending engaging lectures that demystified the world of electronics. The highlight for many was the hands-on session with Grove Arduino kits, which they were thrilled to take home! The day culminated in a thrilling robot maze challenge, pitting our pupils against 50 others. A huge congratulations to Jake, whose impressive skills earned him a superb 2nd place! It was an inspiring day, sparking curiosity and passion for electronics in all who attended.



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Summer Concert 2025

On 25 June, the Music Department proudly hosted our annual Summer Concert, celebrating the musical achievements of our pupils as the academic year draws to a close. Performers from almost every year group took to the stage, showcasing their skills both as soloists and in ensembles, across a broad spectrum of Musical styles.

Audiences were treated to performances from some of our extra-curricular clubs, including School Band, Flute Choir, Steel Pans and Junior Choir, as well as solos and duets from pupils at various stages on their Musical journey. We were delighted to see several pupils step into the spotlight as soloists for the very first time. Performing in front of a live audience is no small feat, and each of these pupils demonstrated remarkable confidence and composure, earning well-deserved applause for their bravery and talent.

An event of this scale would not be possible without the collective efforts of our community. Beyond the fantastic pupil performers, we also had the pupil AV team, pupil helpers, peripatetic tutors, and staff representatives from across the school making sure the event was as successful as possible, despite the heatwave.

Thank you for all of your support for the Music Department this year.

We wish you all a restful summer, and hope to see you at one of our events in the next academic year.



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Embracing Learning Beyond the Classroom

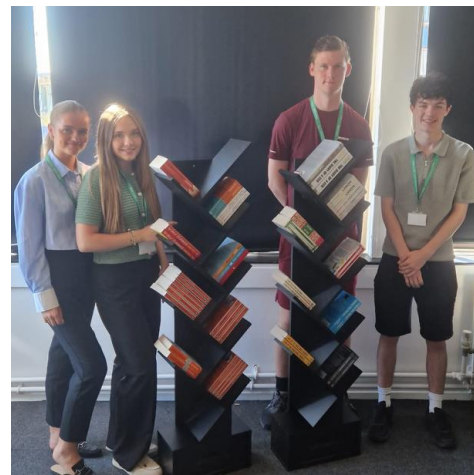
At our school, we are committed to encouraging pupils to take ownership of their learning, actively seeking opportunities that extend beyond the classroom walls. It was wonderful to witness the creative initiative spearheaded by our Business Studies Department, inspired by the generous Jack Petchey prize money awarded to Joe Tomalin and Kristopher Ibuaka.

Thanks to their efforts, we now have a small library within the Business and Economics Department that provides not only an engaging read but also thought-provoking perspectives that complement our school curriculum.

These carefully chosen books are designed to inspire curiosity and ignite a passion for self-directed learning among our pupils. We believe that nurturing a love for reading helps them develop critical thinking skills that will serve them well throughout their lives.

A huge thank you to Joe and Kristopher for their commitment to enhancing our learning environment and to the Year 12 Business Studies pupils for their hard work in making this vision a reality.

Join us in promoting this exciting initiative, and encourage our pupils to explore these wonderful resources. Together, let's foster a generation of enthusiastic learners!



Wambrook Close - Safety Concerns

We have been asked by residents of Wambrook Close, Hutton Mount, to remind parents that this is a private road with no public access, either by car or on foot. A large "No Entry" sign is clearly displayed at the entrance. Please be aware that the estate has private security and CCTV with ANPR, and all vehicle activity is now being recorded.

We kindly ask all parents to avoid Wambrook Close for drop-offs, pick-ups, or waiting. Afternoon parking is blocking access and reducing visibility, particularly near Ridgeway, creating a serious safety risk.

Thank you for helping to keep the area safe and for respecting residents' private property.



Dates for the Diary

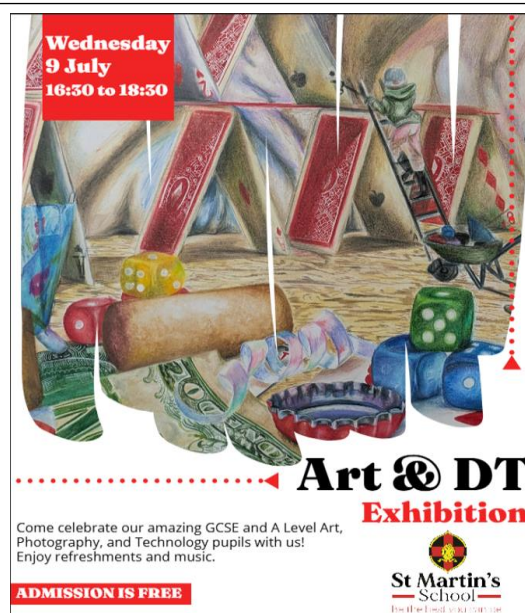
- 08.07.2025 – Science Club Reward Trip
- 09.07.2025 – Summer Art Exhibition
- Nuclear Races Year 7 Trip
- 10.07.2025 – Sports Day, at Brentwood School

Word of the Week Week 36 illuminate



verb: to light up or make something clear.

Sentence: The black sky was illuminated by forked lightning.



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



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WHAT IS ESSEX ACTIVATE?

Essex ActivAte is the name for the exciting activity clubs run by Active Essex! During school holidays, local club providers across the county deliver free holiday clubs and fun activities to get eligible primary and secondary children active, as well as support young people to make friendships and learn new skills, helping to enhance their wellbeing.

Please only book your child/ren a space at an Essex ActivAte club if they will attend. If they are booked on and do not attend, other children may miss out on this beneficial opportunity across the holidays.

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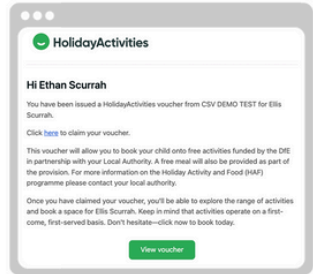
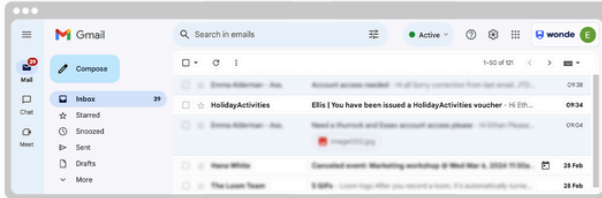


HolidayActivities

A guide on claiming your voucher and booking activities

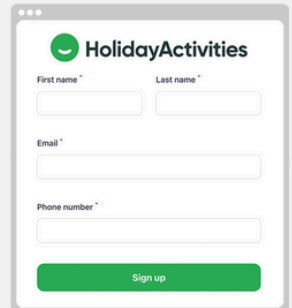
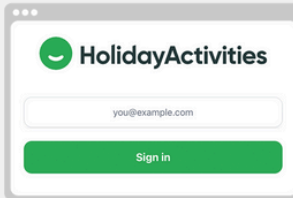
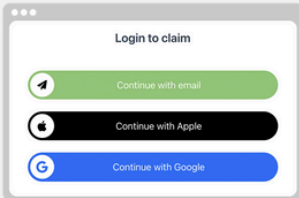
Step 1 – Open the email and click the green button

This voucher will come from hello@holidayactivities.com



Step 2 – Select *Continue with email* and log in/sign up

After selecting Continue with email, you will be asked to enter your email address. If you do not have an account, you will be asked to sign up



Step 3 – Making a booking

Clicking the green arrow on the voucher of your child will take you to a list of providers. From here, you can browse available activities and, once you find one suitable, you will be asked to complete a booking form.

