



4 September 2026

NEWS & VIEWS

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Headteacher: Mr Jamie Foster
& Deputy CEO

Headteacher's Comment:

It has been a fantastic start to the new academic year, following some exceptional results this summer at both GCSE and at A Level, where our pupils achieved progress outcomes placing St Martin's within the top 20% nationally. This is a tremendous achievement and reflects the hard work of our pupils, staff and the support of their families.

This week we have also had the pleasure of welcoming our new Year 7 pupils and Year 12 students. As they begin the next stage of their journey at St Martin's, it seems particularly fitting to recognise **Mrs Jackson and Mrs Swan**, who have each now completed an incredible **25 years of service to the school**. Their commitment represents everything that is special about St Martin's – generations of young people supported, encouraged and inspired to be the best they can be.

I wish everyone a happy and successful year ahead.



Tanzania 2026 – Expedition

In July, a group of Sixth Form students travelled to Tanzania with Bug and Zee from Outlook Expeditions and Mr Smith.

After acclimatising in Arusha, the team travelled to Longido, experienced Maasai culture and successfully climbed Mount Longido, with everyone reaching the 2,637-metre summit.

They also enjoyed a safari in Tarangire National Park, where they saw a range of wildlife, including a rare leopard. In Lushoto, the group worked with The Friends of Usambara, learning about community forestry and taking part in tree planting.

The expedition ended with time to relax in Bagamoyo before a final day in Dar es Salaam and the journey home. Overall, it was a fantastic and memorable experience for everyone involved.



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★ Young Athletes Shine at Essex Schools Champs

We are incredibly proud of all of our talented young athletes who represented **The Brentwood District** last summer at the **Essex Schools Track & Field Championships**.

There were so many outstanding performances. Here are a few highlights.

Jess B (Year 9)	4 th in the Junior Girls 300m
Katie L (Year 10)	4 th in the Inter Girls Triple Jump (a year young)
Isabelle A (Year 10)	4 th in the Inter Girls Shot (a year young)
Amelie S (Year 11)	Bronze in the Inter Girls 1500m
Daisy W (Year 11)	Bronze in the Inter Girls Triple Jump
Erin Ke (Year 10)	Silver in the Inter Girls 800m
Isabelle H (Year 9)	Silver in the Junior Girls Hammer
Joseph P (Year 11)	Gold the Inter Boys Long Jump



A massive thank you must go to Mrs Swan and Miss Hiskett for organising the Brentwood District Trials for all of the local secondary schools and taking on the mammoth task of team selections.

Also thank you to Mr Hallahan, Mr Day & Miss Ashwell for giving up your time to run the Brentwood District team on the day.



Dates for the Diary

- 07.09.2026 – Year 9 Parent Information Evening
- 08.09.2026 – Whole School Photos
Year 8 Parent Information Evening
- 09.09.2026 – Year 10 Parent Information Evening
- 10.09.2026 – Early School Closure 13:25
Open Evening
- 11.09.2025 – Late Start 10:50

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

Word of the Week Week 1 belonging



noun: The feeling of being accepted, valued and included as part of a group, place or community.

Sentence: Feeling a sense of belonging at school helps people feel safe, confident and ready to learn.



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