



5 September 2025

# NEWS & VIEWS

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Executive Headteacher: Mr Jamie Foster



## Headteacher's Comment:

I would like to welcome back our older year groups and extend a 'welcome to the school' to our new joiners in both Year 7 and Year 12. The first week back has been organising new timetables, meeting new teachers and getting back into the routine of lessons and school standards and discipline. I do hope your child has felt comfortable being back in school and ready to take on the challenges in the new term. A whole school homework task is to cover books, ensure uniform is compliant and we are all equipped to learn.

Year 11 and 13 did fantastically well in their exams in the summer and I would like to pass on my congratulations to them all. Year 11 significantly outperformed National benchmarks and Year 13 increased results by 6% A\* to B as well as improving a whole grade on average across all subjects!

I would encourage all of our pupils to look at our extensive extra-curricular offer that will be promoted throughout the year. You will read that myself and Mrs Page took a group of pupils to China over the summer and there are many other opportunities to follow both through clubs and trips.

Mr Welton, Head of Year 7 would like to congratulate all the Year 7s on their excellent start to St Martin's.

The *Make A Difference Award* goes to our Admission Lead, Shelley Neal. A big thank you on behalf of all the new joiners for your tireless work behind the scenes!



## Knife Crime Awareness

On 17 July, our Year 10 pupils took part in a powerful PSHE enhancement day focused on the dangers of knife crime. Led by *Impressionable Minds*, the sessions used real-life stories, videos, and discussions to explore the impact of knife crime and the importance of making safe, informed choices.

Staff praised the pupils' engagement, while facilitators commended their maturity and willingness to participate. The day ended with an inspiring talk by *Chris Preddie OBE* and original rap performances by pupils, sharing powerful messages about making positive life choices.

This event forms part of our ongoing commitment to pupil wellbeing and safety. Our thanks to *Impressionable Minds*, *Chris Preddie OBE*, and our Year 10 pupils for making the day a success.



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# ★ Trip to China 2025

During the summer, ten Year 11, 12, and 13 pupils accompanied by Mrs Page and Mr Foster, travelled across the globe to take part in the Nanjing Sister Summer Camp in China, alongside peers from schools across Europe and Southeast Asia.

Throughout the trip, pupils engaged in a range of cultural and educational activities, including guided tours, sightseeing, team-building exercises, Chinese calligraphy, and gold leaf workshops. A memorable moment was the 400-step climb to the Sun Yat-sen Mausoleum, followed by a reflective visit to the Nanjing Massacre Memorial Museum.

A highlight of the week was the visit to our partner school, Hankai Academy, where our pupils delivered a presentation and performed selected Shakespearean monologues. The trip concluded with a fun-filled afternoon at Tangshan Water World, where pupils enjoyed the lazy river and water slides, a welcome break from the 40°C heat.

On the final day, the group travelled by high-speed train to Shanghai before returning home bringing with them unforgettable memories and a deeper appreciation for Chinese culture.







## Royal Institution of Science

On Friday 18 July, Year 7 and 8 pupils were lucky enough to witness a Science Show like no other thanks to the Royal Institution of Science. The Royal Institution has been around for 200 years and many a great scientist has passed through their doors and this is the first time that they have visited St Martins School.

The show that the pupils got to witness was titled "Explosive Food". It involved learning about the amount of energy stored within food that we eat and exploring how the digestive system works. Butane bubbles, corn flour bombs, coke and mentos along with rockets also added to the excitement of the session.

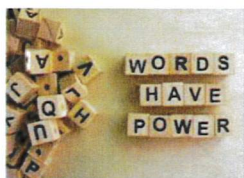
After school, we were lucky to have such a great turn out of parents who came to watch the community show with the budding scientists of the school! The presenter was very impressed and complimentary with our pupils' engagement levels during this session



## Dates for the Diary

- 09.09.2025 – Whole School Photos
- 10.09.2025 – Year 9 Royal navy Engagement  
Year 9 Parent Information Evening
- 11.09.2025 – Year 9 Royal Navy Engagement  
Early School Closure 13.25  
Open Evening 17:00 – 20:00
- 12.09.2025 – Late start 10:55

### Word of the Week Week 1 welcome



**noun:** to greet someone in a polite or friendly way.  
**Sentence:** Welcome back to St Martin's.

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