



6 February 2026

NEWS & VIEWS

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Headteacher: Mr Jamie Foster
& Deputy CEO



Headteacher's Comment:

It has been another exciting and enriching week for our pupils, with opportunities to inspire ambition, celebrate success and encourage creativity.

On Tuesday, a small group of Year 12 pupils visited Emmanuel College, University of Cambridge. The visit provided a valuable insight into Oxbridge and Russell Group pathways, addressing common myths and clearly explaining the application process and college system. A guided tour led by current undergraduates helped pupils to see these opportunities as both accessible and achievable.

Thursday, we held our Year 9 Options Evening, which was extremely successful. It was very positive to see so many parents attending and engaging with the process as pupils begin to consider their next steps.

We are extremely proud of our Trampoline teams who competed in the Zonal Finals of the British Championships in Cardiff. Despite injury preventing the U19 team from scoring collectively, Molly T (Year 10) won an outstanding GOLD medal as an individual. Our U14 team — Seren, Isla and Phoebe (Year 9) — secured TEAM GOLD once again, with Seren also qualifying for the solo finals. We will be looking forward to them competing in the National Finals in Derby on 14 March.

Finally, a reminder that **phone locker pouches are now available to purchase on Parentpay for Year 7 - 10** for those pupils wishing to bring a phone on site in September.



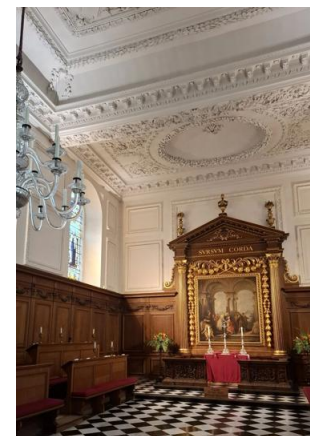
Year 12 Visit to Emmanuel College

On Tuesday, a small group of our Year 12 pupils had the privilege of visiting Emmanuel College at the University of Cambridge.

The visit provided an inspiring insight into the opportunities available at Oxbridge and Russell Group universities. Common myths were addressed, and the application process, including an explanation of the college system, was clearly outlined, helping pupils to see these pathways as both accessible and achievable. Pupils then enjoyed a guided tour of the college led by two enthusiastic current undergraduates, who spoke openly about their own application journeys and their experiences of studying at Cambridge.

Following a delicious lunch, pupils took part in a workshop focused on personal statements. This session offered valuable early preparation for Year 12 pupils, emphasising the importance of super-curricular activities and academic curiosity beyond the classroom.

We were delighted to be invited back and are excited to welcome the Emmanuel College Outreach Team to St Martin's in March, when we will host a local schools' information evening for parents and pupils. Our aim is always to encourage pupils to dream big, and we continue to aspire for more of our pupils to achieve Oxbridge offers each year.



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Upper school production, *We Will Rock You*

Tickets are now on sale for the Upper School production of 'We Will Rock You' and can be purchased via ParentPay.

Tickets are priced at £10, with a discounted rate of £5 for St Martin's pupils. It would be great to see as many pupils as possible supporting their peers, especially those who auditioned for the Lower School production of 'High School Musical'.

We are also appealing for any donations from local businesses to support our raffle, which will be held during the interval of the performances. All proceeds will be in aid of the charity SNAP.

If you are able to donate, please email JPAGE@st-martins.essex.sch.uk or drop any donations into reception.

St Martin's School Presents

**WE WILL
ROCK
YOU
SCHOOL EDITION**

Music & Lyrics by
QUEEN
Story & Script by
BEN ELTON

11th & 12th
February 7pm
South Hall

Ticket price £10
available via
Parent Pay
St Martin's Student £5

"WE WILL ROCK YOU School Edition" is presented through special arrangement with and all authorised performance materials are supplied by Theatrical Rights Worldwide (TRW). www.theatricalrights.co.uk



★ SAINTS Bounce into British Schools Trampoline Finals

Having won the East Region Championships before Christmas, our U19 and U14 Trampoline teams travelled to Cardiff to compete in the Zonal Finals of the British Championships. Unfortunately, our older girls were unable to score collectively as a team due to injury. However, Molly T (Year 10) competed as an individual and delivered a superb performance to bring home a **GOLD medal**.



Year 9s, Seren, Isla and Phoebe also executed their routines brilliantly, securing **TEAM GOLD** once again. Seren narrowly missed out on an individual medal, finishing in an impressive fourth place, but still qualifies for the solo finals.

All of the girls will now compete in the **National Finals**, taking place in Derby on **14 March**.

Good luck **SAINTS**. We are incredibly proud of you.



★ St Martin's Steel Band

Our Steel Band is open to **all year groups and staff** and takes place **every Wednesday after school until 15:45**. It's a fun, inclusive group—no previous experience needed, just enthusiasm!

The band is currently rehearsing **Let It Be** and **Whistle While You Work** in preparation for the **Spring Concert**, and they're sounding fantastic already. New members are always welcome to come along, give it a try, and be part of a lively musical community.



📅 Dates for the Diary

- 09.02.2026 – Upper School Production Tech & Dress rehearsal
- 10.02.2026 – Upper School Production Parental Meeting – Barcelona Football Trip 16:00 – 17:00 South Hall
- 11.02.2026 – Upper School Production
- 12.02.2026 – Year 7 Mid Year Assessments English/Maths & Science Upper School Production

Word of the Week Week 19 **endurance**



noun: The ability to keep going over time.

Sentence: Running the marathon is a test of endurance.

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