



NEWS & VIEWS

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Headteacher: Mr Jamie Foster
& Deputy CEO

Headteacher's Comment:

Thank you to the many families who have already supported our mobile phone pouch initiative. **Over 60% of families with pupils currently in Years 7–10 have already placed their order**, which is very encouraging.

This is a final reminder that the **deadline to order a pouch via ParentPay is Friday 13 March**. Ordering by this date will ensure your child receives their pouch in time for the **1 June rollout**.

After this deadline we will not be placing further bulk orders. **From 1 June, pupils in current Years 7–10 who do not have a pouch will not be permitted to bring a mobile phone onto the school site.**

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain a focused and positive learning environment at St Martin's School.

Rotary Young Chef Competition Update

On Saturday 28 February it was a great pleasure to go to Hertford Regional College (Broxbourne) to see two of our Food Technology pupils contest the next round of the Rotary Young Chef competition.

Our two boys Emilo and James produced food to a very high standard. They gained valuable real world cooking experience in a professional standard kitchen. The contest was very close between all the entries with only a few marks between them. They both performed exceptionally well and should be commended for their efforts.



I am delighted to inform you that Emilo went forward into the next round of the competition. He impressed the judges with his choice of dishes and the skills shown.

Well done and good luck in the next round of the competition.



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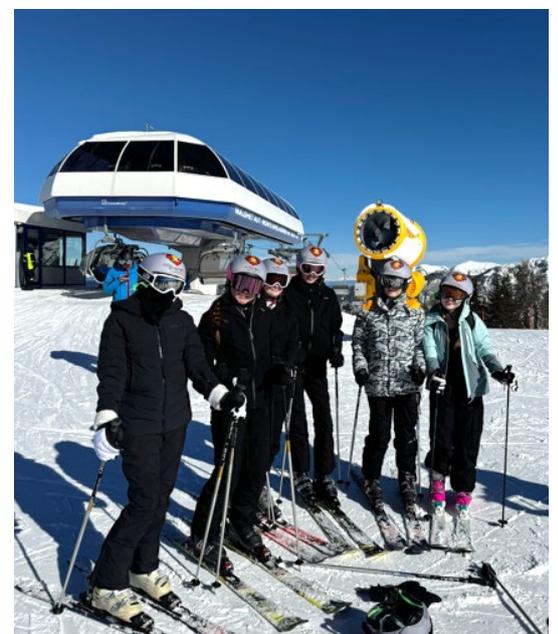


★ Ski Trip to Folgarida

We are delighted to share that our recent ski trip to Folgarida, Italy was a fantastic success! Pupils enjoyed excellent skiing conditions, beautiful weather and breathtaking views in the stunning surroundings of Folgarida.

Twenty beginners made outstanding progress, from their first chilly Friday night at Warley Ski Centre in January, quickly building confidence and mastering new techniques. By the end of the week, they were confidently tackling some challenging red runs. Our more experienced skiers refined their skills further and embraced new challenges across the mountain. It was fantastic to see all pupils pushing themselves and supporting one another throughout the trip, with a small group even exploring further across the mountain with their instructor on the final day.

The evenings were just as enjoyable, with a range of activities keeping everyone entertained and engaged. From witnessing Sophia's impressive karaoke performances to Mr Oyewobi's ice-skating talents, there was never a dull moment. Other highlights included quiz night — where staff proudly retained their number one status — and a brilliant Taskmaster evening, featuring Dimitris' unforgettable rap about Mr Brown, as well as swimming and spa sessions to unwind after a day on the slopes. Of course, we cannot forget the legendary pizza night, where the freshly baked pizzas were exceptional. Pupils made the most of every opportunity to bond and create lasting memories together.



★ Year 8 Attended Smashed Live

On Thursday 26 February our Year 8 whole cohort took part in an engaging PSHE enhancement experience delivered by Collingwood Learning.

Pupils watched Smashed Live, a fast-paced theatre performance exploring the social and health impacts of underage drinking, peer influence, and where young people can go for support. The programme combines drama with an interactive workshop to encourage reflection on real-life choices.

Our pupils were highly engaged throughout the performance, clearly enjoying the relatable storyline and lively delivery. They participated thoughtfully in the Q&A workshop that followed, asking insightful questions and reflecting maturely on the choices young people face.

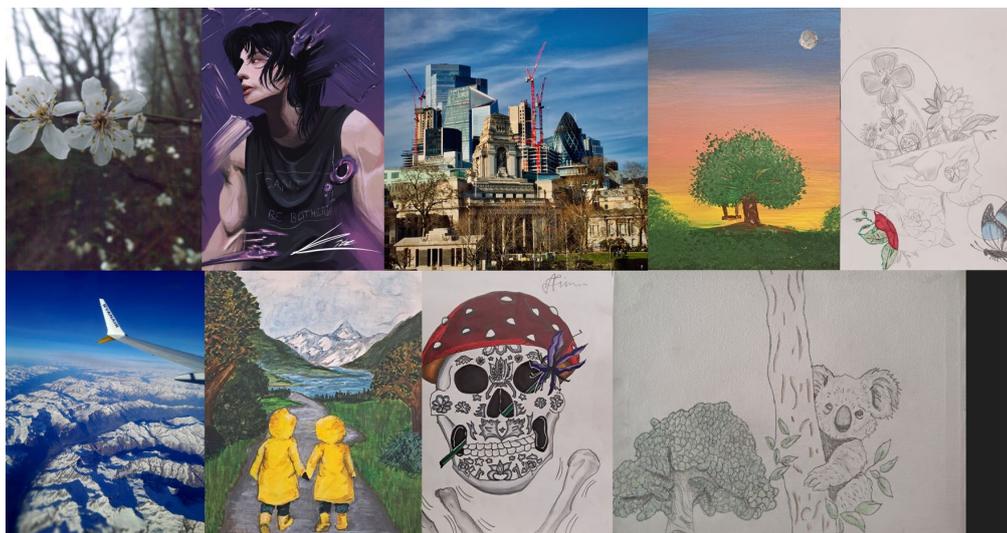
Staff praised the session as a powerful and memorable learning experience that supported important conversations around decision-making and wellbeing.



★ Young Artists' Update

A huge congratulations to:
Charlotte D, Connor G, Joshua W, Keith J, Lily H, Luke O, N Kumar, Olivia and Chloe B for their fantastic entries into the **RA Young Artists' Competition**.

We are incredibly proud of their creativity, hard work, and enthusiasm.



📅 Dates for the Diary

- 09.03.2026 – Year 10 & 12 Mock Interviews
- 10.03.2026 – Year 10 Geography Trip to Stratford
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- 11.03.2026 – Year 10 Geography Trip Stratford
- 12.03.2026 – Year 10 Geography Trip Stratford
A Level Drama Script Exam Day
- 13.03.2026 – Year 8 ARU Work Experience Trip

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

Word of the Week
Week 22 meticulous



adjective: very careful and precise about details

Sentence: She was meticulous in her science project, checking every detail twice to make sure nothing was incorrect.



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