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NEWS & VIEWS

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Executive Headteacher: Mr Jamie Foster



Headteacher's Comment:

I am pleased to share how wonderful it has been to read about the many exciting events that have happened recently, including the hugely successful Barbados trip; well done to all involved!

Looking ahead, there are a few key dates for your diaries: Tuesday 10 June, marks the opening night of **Mary Poppins Jr.** Please check the flyer for details on how to purchase tickets. On **Wednesday 9 July from 16:30 to 18:30**, we will be hosting our **Art & Design Technology Exhibition**, celebrating the incredible work of our GCSE and A Level Art, Photography, and Technology pupils. We hope you can join us to admire their creativity and dedication.

Lastly, I kindly ask that you check your emails for a recent communication regarding a parent survey. Your feedback is invaluable and greatly appreciated. The survey link is here: [Microsoft Forms Link](#)

The Head Teacher's Gallery goes to **Jessie Gordon** – First place in the **Motocross** at the **Welsh Youth Open Hare and Hounds National 2025**. **Dolci Hoyte** – Gold medal winner at the **European Aerial Hoop Championships**. **Zack Atkins** – Played a key role in leading the **U12 Mid Essex District team** to victory in the **Essex Cup Final** against Waltham Forest.



Creative Writing Pupils Visit the London MCM Expo

Sunday 25 May, our enthusiastic Creative Writing pupils had the exciting opportunity to attend the London MCM Expo, a celebration of storytelling in all its forms. The trip offered a unique and immersive experience, showing pupils how creative passions can evolve into exciting careers, community events, and even dedicated fans bringing fictional worlds to life.

Pupils were surrounded by stunning exhibits, intricate props, and vibrant cosplays from beloved books, games, and shows.

The pupils were truly inspired by the creativity and craftsmanship on display.

The highlight of the day was meeting talented writers, artists and voice actors, many of whom had already sparked the pupils' imaginations through their work. This unforgettable experience proved to be not only great fun, but also a powerful motivator in the pupils' own creative journeys.



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Barbados Sports Tour: A Trip to Remember!



Over the half-term break, 65 pupils and eight staff members set off on the long-awaited cricket and netball tour of Barbados — and what a tour it was!

The cricket team showed real determination and skill throughout their fixtures, securing two impressive wins and narrowly missing out on a third victory in a thrilling T20 night match, losing by just two runs. Max Proctor was named *Player of the Tour* for his outstanding bowling and smart decision-making while batting. Wiktor Berkowicz was awarded *Most improved Cricketer* and the *Best Male Attitude* prize went to Finley Pamment.



Meanwhile, the netball team lit up the courts with their energy and teamwork, winning an incredible six out of nine matches, with one draw, against strong and physical opposition. Bella Jones was awarded *Player of the Tour* for her calm, composed shooting across all of the A team victories. Evie Cross was awarded *Most Improved Netballer* and *Best Female Attitude* went to Freya Lee.



Beyond the sporting success, the tour was packed with unforgettable experiences. Pupils enjoyed a fun-filled day at the Boatyard Beach, fed monkeys at the Barbados Wildlife Reserve, and explored the island on an exciting off-road jeep safari. One of the most magical moments came aboard the Tiami Catamaran, where pupils swam with turtles and stingray in the crystal-clear Caribbean waters. The group rounded off their adventure dancing the night away at the Harbour Lights Extravaganza.

It truly was a once-in-a-lifetime trip, filled with friendship, fun, and memories to treasure forever. Our pupils represented the school with pride, positivity, and plenty of personality throughout.

Plans for the next tour in 2027 are already underway — we can not wait to do it all again!



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★ Year 12 Design & Technology Careers Trip

Recently, our Year 12 pupils from A Level Product Design, A Level Fashion & Textiles, alongside those with a keen interest in engineering, embarked on an enlightening careers trip to two notable engineering firms: Ipeco in Southend and Gardner Aerospace in Basildon. Both companies play a vital role in the aerospace industry, manufacturing essential components used in aeroplanes.

The visit provided an excellent opportunity for pupils to compare and contrast the different methodologies employed in the development, planning, and production of aeronautical parts. Engaging with industry professionals, pupils gained valuable insights into each company's unique business approaches, textile applications, manufacturing techniques, and quality control measures giving a real life perspective to studies in Design and Technology.

Furthermore, both Ipeco and Gardner Aerospace were exceptionally welcoming, eager to share information about their apprenticeship programmes, thereby offering pupils a glimpse into future career paths in engineering and design. This trip truly enriched our pupils' understanding of the professional landscape.



★ Year 10 Technology Project

This year, our Year 10 pupils have embarked on a Design & Technology project that showcases their talents across three distinct subject specialisms: Textiles, Graphics, and Resistant Materials. Each discipline has drawn inspiration from both historical and contemporary designers, culminating in an impressive array of outcomes that reflect engagement with theoretical knowledge and practical application.

The project encouraged pupils to explore and utilise technological processes, featuring Computer-Aided Design (CAD). All learners were able to experiment with laser cutting and could have employed 3D printing technology, which enabled them to bring their designs to life.

Drawing from iconic graphic designers, pupils from textiles developed skirts, resistant materials storage boxes and graphics board games. Their final outputs reflect their understanding of material properties and construction techniques, further highlighting the multidisciplinary nature of this project.

Overall, the Year 10 Technology project has been an outstanding success, fostering creativity and independence while equipping pupils with valuable skills in preparation for their final GCSE Non-examined assessment which commences this week.



📅 Dates for the Diary

- 09.06.2025 – Catchup Sessions Year 8 HPV Immunisations
Year 10 PPEs (Practical) commence
Lower School Production Rehearsal
- 10.06.2025 – Lower School Production (Primary School) 09:55
Lower School Production evening 18:00
- 11.06.2025 – Lower School Production (Primary School) 09:55
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- 12.06.2025 – Year 10 GCSE PE Rock Climbing
- 13.06.2025 – Year 10 GCSE PE Rock Climbing
Emirates Stadium Trip
Year 9 Cologne Trip
Sixth Form Trip University and Apprenticeship Spring

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

Word of the Week Week 32 camaraderie



noun: Mutual trust and friendship among people.
Sentence: There has always been a strong sense of camaraderie among the hockey team.



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**Wednesday
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Art & DT Exhibition

Come celebrate our amazing GCSE and A Level Art, Photography, and Technology pupils with us! Enjoy refreshments and music.

ADMISSION IS FREE



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