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NEWS & VIEWS

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& Deputy CEO

Headteacher's Comment:



It has been a pleasure to welcome everyone back following the half-term break. This edition of *News & Views* highlights some of the fantastic opportunities our pupils enjoyed during the holiday, including our Sixth Form visit to New York and Washington, D.C., and the Year 8 and 9 rugby tour to Paris. I would also like to thank the staff who gave up their time during half term to support these experiences and provide additional coursework sessions for our examination pupils.

As we approach the festive season, I would encourage families who are able to support the **Brentwood Foodbank's November appeal**. Their work makes a real difference to local families, particularly at this time of year. Please see the attached shopping list for items currently needed. Any contribution, however small, would be greatly appreciated.

Finally, this week's Headteacher's Gallery celebrates Ollie H, Year 10 , who recently won a silver medal in the Random Attacks category at the United Nations of Ju-Jitsu World Championships in Gibraltar. We are incredibly proud of Ollie and look forward to following his future success. Congratulations, Ollie!

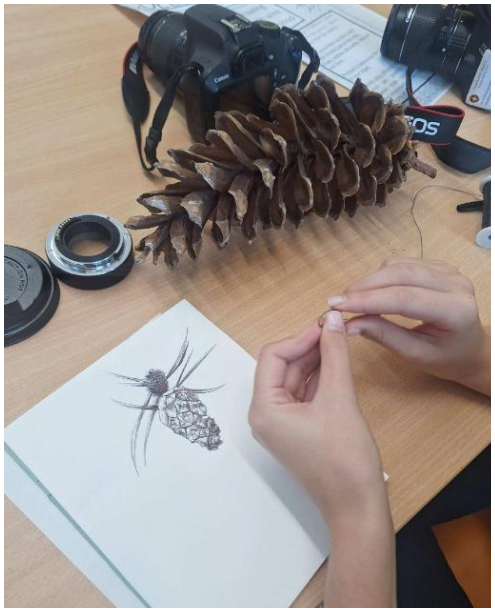
Year 12 Art & Photography Trip to Hyde Hall

Our Year 12 Art and Photography pupils recently visited Hyde Hall for an enriching creative trip designed to deepen their understanding of natural forms and develop their practical skills across a range of media.

During the visit, pupils took part in a series of engaging workshops focused on surface printing, wire drawing, and composition in photography.

The natural surroundings of Hyde Hall provided an ideal setting for experimentation, allowing pupils to observe texture, shape, line and pattern first-hand.





Year 8 & Year 9 Rugby Trip to Paris



Over half term, our Year 8 and Year 9 rugby teams enjoyed an unforgettable five-day tour of Paris.

The boys took part in two excellent training sessions with professional coaches from Racing 92, developing their rugby skills and experiencing the club's impressive facilities. They also explored Paris' famous landmarks, including the Eiffel Tower, Louvre and Notre-Dame Cathedral.

The highlight was undoubtedly the two fixtures against local French clubs. The boys performed brilliantly, with a particularly courageous second-half comeback in our second game demonstrating outstanding resilience, determination and team spirit. I could not have been prouder!

Tour Award Winners:
A Team MOTM (Game 1): Hayden B
B Team MOTM (Game 1): Thomas O
A Team MOTM (Game 2): Ruairi W
B Team MOTM (Game 2): Marcus Y

Year 8 most improved: Stan B. Year 9 Most Improved: Vaughn R. Best Kept Room: Cameron T-B Jayden B and Jacob H. Joker: James C. Overall Tourist: Tadhg B.

A huge thank you to Miss Vanlint, Miss Haskett, Mr Brown and Mr Hallahan for helping make the trip such a success. The boys represented themselves, their school and their families impeccably throughout. I am incredibly proud of every single one of them.







Sixth Forms New York & Washington, D.C Trip us

Over the half term, our Sixth Form students enjoyed an unforgettable trip to New York and Washington, D.C.
We began in New York, shopping in the iconic Times Square, taking in the spectacular skyline from the Top of the Rock, exploring Central Park by bike and enjoying a boat trip to the Statue of Liberty, with breathtaking views of the city along the way.

We then headed to Washington, D.C., where we visited the White House, Lincoln Memorial, Capitol Building, Jefferson Memorial, Iwo Jima Memorial and Pentagon 9/11 Memorial. We also witnessed the moving Changing of the Guard ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery.

An incredible half-term adventure filled with sightseeing, history, culture and unforgettable memories!







October Half Term Art Catch up Day

The Art department were pleased to welcome 45 pupils from Year 11 GCSE and Year 13 A-level Art when they attended an October half term coursework catch-up session. The session gave pupils valuable time to make progress on their Art coursework, refine ideas and develop their creative work with focused support from staff.

The day session also helped pupils to use the time effectively, finalising outcomes, improving work and responding to feedback. The session provided a positive opportunity for pupils to stay on track and build confidence in their work.

We would like to thank pupils for their commitment and families for their continued support.







Celebrating Excellence



Congratulations to **Andrei C,** in **Year 9**, who represented SX MMA at the Windsor Fright Fight 2026 Wrestling Competition on 31 October and secured **1st place in his category**.

Andrei's achievement is a fantastic example of dedication, determination and commitment beyond the classroom. We are proud of his success and look forward to seeing what he achieves next. **Well done, Andrei!**





Congratulations to **Molly S, Year 10,** who competed in the Essex Schools Golf Championship on 13 October. Playing against girls up to the age of 18, Molly finished an impressive **2nd in the Nett competition** and **8th in the Scratch competition**.
Congratulations to **Alfie B, Year 9,** on his achievements at the Essex Schools Golf Championship**; 6th in the Scratch competition** (no handicap) **4th in the Nett competition and 29th overall** in the country in Under-18s category.

Well done, Molly and Alfie!

Dates for the Diary

09.11.2026 – Y12 Biology in Action 2026
Y13 Parents' Evening: On-line Meetings
10.11.2026 – Y11 Alcohol awareness
11.11.2026 – Rememberance Day Event
Flu Vaccinations
12.11.2026 – KS3 Science club Eden Animal Oasis event
13.11.2026 – Y7 & Y13 St Martin's Day Service

Word of the Week
Week 8 integrity

St Martin's School



noun: Doing the right thing, even when nobody is watching.

Sentence: The pupil showed great integrity by admitting they had accidentally broken the classroom equipment, even though nobody had seen it happen.

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

Brentwood Foodbank
Together with Trussell

Foodbank Shopping List
NOVEMBER 2026

- Cake
- Mince Pies
- Puddings
- Selection boxes/Sweets
- Biscuits for cheese
- Sponge Puddings
- Biscuits
- Tinned Salmon
- Advent Calendars

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