



10 July 2026

NEWS & VIEWS

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Headteacher: Mr Jamie Foster
& Deputy CEO



Headteacher's Comment:

Over recent weeks, pupils have showcased their creativity through our outstanding Art and Design Technology Exhibition and Summer Concert, inspired others during Aspirations Week, and represented St Martin's with distinction in sport. Our athletes' success at the Brentwood District Championships, including several new district records, alongside the exceptional achievements of our U13 girls' cricket team, are wonderful examples of what can be achieved through hard work, teamwork and determination.

It has also been a pleasure to celebrate the achievements of former pupils through our Alumni Wall of Fame. Seeing the wide range of careers pursued by St Martin's pupils over the past 25 years provides our current pupils with powerful examples of where their own talents and aspirations might take them.

With Culture Day, our Summer Honours celebrations and several final trips and events still to come, there remains much to look forward to before the summer break.

I hope pupils enjoy these final days, celebrate all they have achieved and continue to demonstrate our values by being kind, safe and responsible.



Celebrating 25 Years of St Martin's Alumni

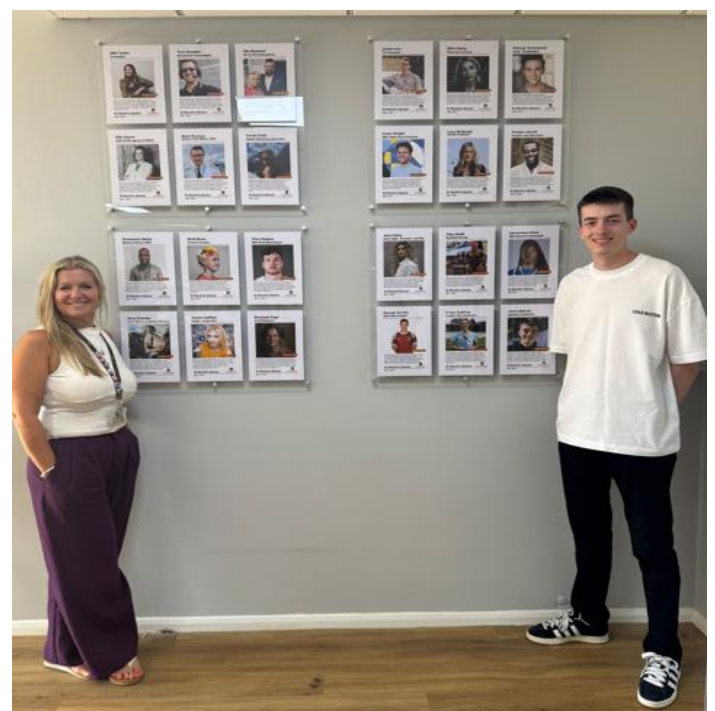
Over the past 25 years, St Martin's has seen many former students go on to achieve success in their chosen careers, with some becoming leaders and well-known figures in their industries.

This display celebrates just a selection of our outstanding alumni, whose achievements span a wide range of professions, including actors, pilots, doctors, basketball players, footballers, comedians, influencers, presenters, singers, and CEOs.

Our latest alumni addition is **Jack L**, who, at just 19 years old, is running his own lighting company and working as a freelance lighting technician.

We are incredibly proud of all our former students and look forward to continuing to grow our Alumni Wall of Fame, celebrating the achievements of future generations of St Martin's.

Mrs Page Director of Sixth Form.



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Art & DT Exhibition

St Martin's School was buzzing with excitement as we welcomed families, staff and members of the local community to our annual Art and Design Technology Exhibition. The evening celebrated the incredible creativity, dedication and skill of our pupils, with a stunning display of work from Year 11, Year 12 and Year 13 pupils.

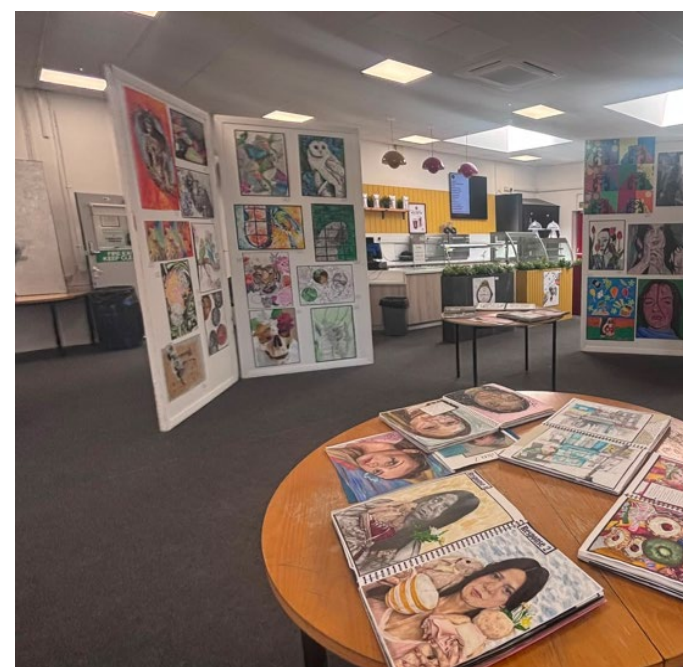
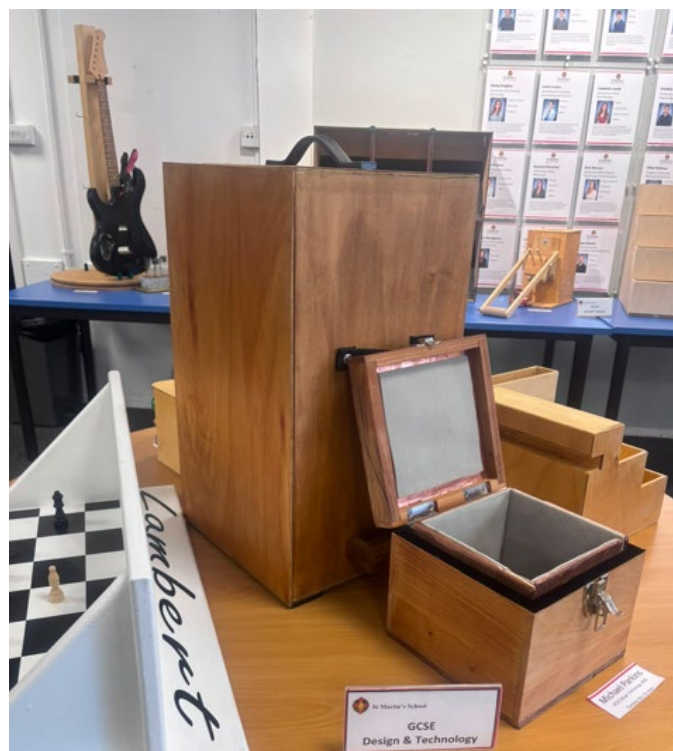
Visitors had the opportunity to explore an impressive collection of artwork, photography, textiles and product design projects. The quality of the work on display was truly exceptional, highlighting the talent, imagination and hard work of our pupils across a wide range of creative disciplines.

The exhibition was extremely well attended, and guests were full of praise for the high standard of work. It was wonderful to see so many people taking the time to appreciate and celebrate the achievements of our young artists and designers.

Adding to the vibrant atmosphere, talented Year 9 pupils provided live musical performances throughout the evening, creating a warm and welcoming environment for all who attended. Guests also enjoyed a selection of delicious refreshments prepared by our Food Department, helping to make the event feel even more special.

We were delighted to welcome the Mayor of Brentwood, whose presence helped to recognise and celebrate the outstanding achievements of our pupils and the importance of creative education within our community.

The evening was a tremendous success and a fitting celebration of the exceptional talent at St Martin's School. We are incredibly proud of all the pupils who exhibited their work and would like to thank everyone who attended and supported this memorable event.



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Science Day Event

As part of Aspirations Week, we were delighted to welcome **Ian Dunne from Do Science** to school on **Wednesday 8 July**, where he presented his exciting show, **"Science Magic – Magic Science"**, to our Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils.

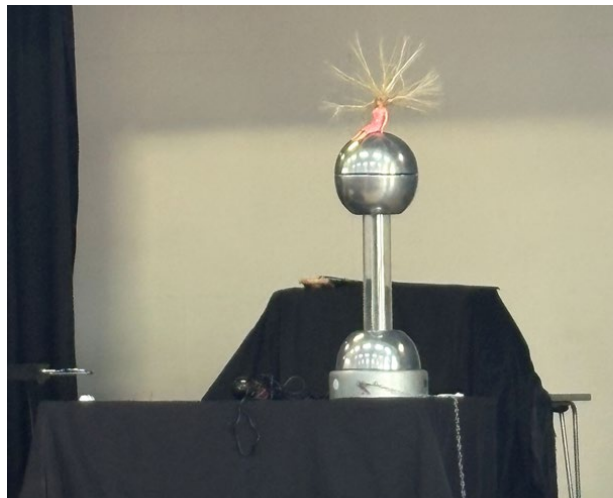
Ian captivated the audience with a series of impressive magic tricks, while also revealing the fascinating science behind them. Pupils discovered how scientific principles can create seemingly magical effects and even learnt how different musical notes can be played using a saw!

One of the highlights of the show was seeing the effect of electricity on Barbie's hair, which provided a memorable demonstration of static electricity. Pupils were also intrigued to learn that one of the strongest forces they encounter in everyday life is **electrostatic attraction**.

The event was thoroughly enjoyed by all. A Year 9 pupil described the experience as **"captivating"**, while a Year 7 pupil said it was **"amazing and very cool!"**

Despite the exceptionally warm conditions in the Hall, our pupils behaved impeccably throughout the presentation. The Science Department was extremely pleased with the enthusiasm, engagement and respectful conduct shown by everyone who attended.

We would like to thank Ian Dunne for delivering such an entertaining and educational show and for inspiring our pupils to see the magic in science.



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U13 Girls Cricket

It was an incredible tournament for our girls, winning all of their games against the County Champions from Norfolk, Suffolk, Hertfordshire and Cambridge. A huge shoutout to our captain Mimi T and vice-captain Amelia S, who led by example with outstanding performances with both bat and ball. Their leadership inspired the team every step of the way.



The whole squad were brilliant, with some exceptional fielding in every game. Every single player played their part in this fantastic achievement. Special congratulations to Ava W, who was voted Tournament MVP by the girls!



SAINTS Brentwood District Athletic Overall Champions

Over 130 of our fantastic athletes competed for St Martin's at the annual Brentwood District Athletics Championships. Their performances blew us away!

In addition to our brilliant team results, there were countless individual medal winners. Of note, **four** district records were broken, all by St Martin's athletes. Isabelle H, year 9G - Hammer (37.08m), Ruby C, year 10G - 100m (12.22), Katie Lowe, year 10G - 200m (25.76) and, Ruby, Katie, Eliza & Erin, year 10G - Relay (51.43). District Records have been in existence for over 30 years, so they are a real part of Brentwood District Athletics history!

To conclude our celebrations, Katie L (Year 10) won the Georgia Cordery Memorial Cup for the highest podium places out of all the female performers in the Championships. She won two gold and one silver medal and broke two District Records!

Our super SAINTS have worked incredibly hard in training this season to achieve these outstanding results against extremely tough opposition. The PE department would like to thank everyone who competed, especially those who conquered their nerves, those who stepped in at the last minute and each & every team member who supported their peers on the day.



Katie L - Victrix Ludorum

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Year 7 Girls = CHAMPIONS / Year 7 Boys = CHAMPIONS
 Year 8 Girls = CHAMPIONS / Year 8 Boys = Runners Up
 Year 9 Girls = CHAMPIONS / Year 9 Boys = 3rd
 Year 10 Girls = Runners Up (by 1 point)
 Year 10 Boys = Runners Up

Overall Girls = CHAMPIONS / Overall Boys = Runners up
 Overall Boys & Girls = CHAMPIONS



★ 2026 Summer Concert

Last Thursday, we hosted our 2026 edition of the Summer Concert. After rescheduling due to weather and football, we finally hosted our own exciting scorcher of an event, with performances from pupils across our year groups.

The evening's programme included pupil soloists on piano, euphonium and bass guitar, along with a wide variety of singers and even some of our extracurricular clubs. Some highlights included Year 12 pupil Samantha performing in her first concert, Year 10 pupils continuing to run through their catalogue of 2000s pop-punk covers, and Year 8 pupil Chloe stepping up to turn her expected duet into a solo with very little warning!

Our thanks go out to the pupils, parents and staff who have helped us put on an exciting programme of events across this academic year, and we look forward to welcoming you back for more next year.



Dates for the Diary

- 13.07.2026 – Sports Awards Evening
- Tanzania Expedition returns 03.08.2026
- 14.07.2026 – Natural History Museum KS3 Science Club trip
- Year 7 Anti-bullying event
- 16.07.2026 – Culture Day
- 17.07.2026 – Summer Honours Years 7 -10 & 12
- Early finish 13:25

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

Word of the Week Week 37 accomplished



adjective: Having achieved something successfully through skill, effort or determination.
Sentence: He felt accomplished after performing confidently in front of the whole school.



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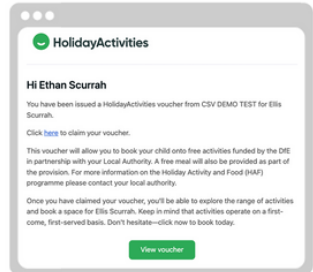
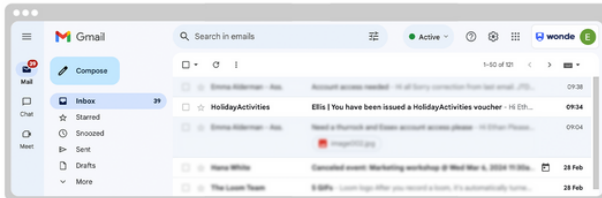


HolidayActivities

A guide on claiming your voucher and booking activities

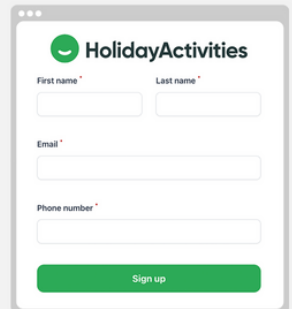
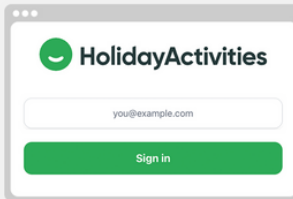
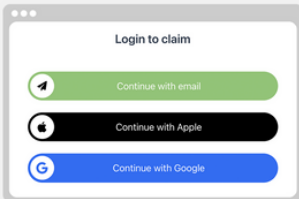
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Step 2 – Select *Continue with email* and log in/sign up

After selecting Continue with email, you will be asked to enter your email address. If you do not have an account, you will be asked to sign up



Step 3 – Making a booking

Clicking the green arrow on the voucher of your child will take you to a list of providers. From here, you can browse available activities and, once you find one suitable, you will be asked to complete a booking form.

