



11 September 2026

NEWS & VIEWS

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Headteacher: Mr Jamie Foster
& Deputy CEO

Headteacher's Comment:

It has been another busy week at St Martin's, culminating in a hugely successful Open Evening. It was wonderful to welcome so many prospective families into the school and I was particularly proud of the large number of pupils who volunteered to support the evening. Their confidence, enthusiasm and pride in their school created a real sense of community. Thank you to our staff and pupils for making the evening such a success.

I would also like to thank parents and carers for their patience as we continue to work through some teething problems with our new **MCAS Parent App**. We appreciate some of the frustrations this has caused and are working hard to resolve these as quickly as possible.

Finally, this week's **Headteacher's Gallery** goes to **James Brentnall**. After achieving excellent GCSE results with us this summer, James has now taken up his full-time scholarship with Ipswich Town Football Club and last week scored for their U17 side in the Premier League Cup against Norwich City. We are incredibly proud of James and look forward to following his progress. Congratulations James!



Year 13 Leavers' Celebration

Last week, we celebrated and bid farewell to our Year 13 Class of 2026 at their Leavers' Ball. Following some excellent results this summer, it was wonderful to see them enjoying the buffet, 360° video experience and giant chocolate fountain.

They will now embark on the next stage of their journeys, whether at university, on an apprenticeship or in the workplace.

We are incredibly proud of their achievements and wish them every success for the future.



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★ Local Businesses Supporting St Martin's

We would like to extend a very special thank you to **Casablanca Florists, Shenfield** and **Little Tin Shed Flowers, Billericay**, for your incredibly generous donation of beautiful flower arrangements for our Open Evening.

The flowers were absolutely stunning, full of character and truly helped to beautify our school. We received so many lovely compliments from our guests, and we have decided to keep the arrangements in our reception area so that we can enjoy every last bit of their beauty and glory!

Their generous support made such a lovely difference to our event, and we are immensely grateful for their kindness, generosity and for helping us to make our school look so welcoming.

A very big thank you to you both!



★ St Martin's Uniform – Final Clearance!

PMG Schoolwear will no longer be stocking St Martin's uniform after the Autumn Term, so we are now reducing our remaining stock to clear. That means there are some **BIG BARGAINS** available for parents – but only while stocks and sizes last!

Examples include:

- ★ **School Blazers from £20**
- ★ **School Jumpers from £18**
- ★ **School Skirts from £15**
- ★ **Sports Polos from £13**

This is a great opportunity to buy ahead and make a significant saving. One individual sizes sell out, they will not be replaced. St Martin's uniform remains available from PMG throughout the Autumn Term – while stocks last using the following link <https://www.pmg-schoolwear.co.uk/school/stmartinsschoolbrentwood>



Dates for the Diary

14.09.2026 – Year 9 Trip DofE returns 15/09.2026
15.09.2026 – Year 11 Parent Information Evening
Tours for prospective parents commence
16.09.2026 – Year 13 Parent Information Evening
18.09.2025 – Whole School Photos Mop-Up

Word of the Week Week 2 discern



verb: To recognise, notice or understand something by thinking carefully or paying close attention.

Sentence: Good readers discern the difference between fact and opinion.

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



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