



NEWS & VIEWS

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Headteacher: Mr Jamie Foster
& Deputy CEO

Headteacher's Comment:

This edition highlights just a few examples of the experiences that help make St Martin's such a vibrant and successful school community. Whether exploring Tudor history at the Tower of London, preparing for future pathways at the UCAS Fair, or challenging themselves on the Year 7 Stubbers residential, our pupils continue to demonstrate the qualities that we value most highly: curiosity, resilience and a willingness to step outside their comfort zones.

The Year 7 Stubbers trip was a particular highlight, with pupils showing tremendous enthusiasm, teamwork and determination throughout the week. Experiences such as these help young people develop confidence, independence and friendships that will last throughout their time at school and beyond.

I am also delighted to see our Year 12 pupils beginning to consider their next steps after sixth form. The UCAS Fair provided an excellent opportunity to explore the many pathways available and to start making informed decisions about their futures.

As always, none of these opportunities would be possible without the dedication of our staff, who give their time generously to organise and support such experiences, and the continued support of parents and carers.

This week's Headteacher's Gallery recognises Akash V (10T2), Iyla C (10S2), and Jack N (10N2) for their outstanding resilience and teamwork during the DofE expedition.



Year 12 Trip to Tower of London

Year 12 pupils recently took part in an enriching visit to the Tower of London as part of their study of the Tudor period. Exploring this iconic historic site, with its strong links to key Tudor events and figures, helped bring their learning to life.

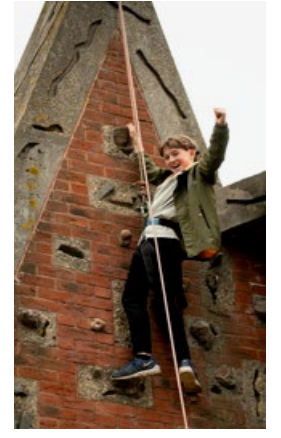
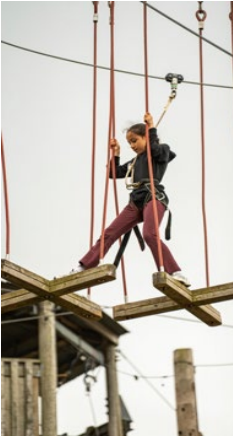
By experiencing the setting firsthand, pupils were able to deepen their understanding of the political and religious changes of the era, while also gaining a greater appreciation for the individuals who shaped it. The visit provided a memorable and engaging way to connect classroom study with real historical contexts.



★ Year 7 Stubbers Trip

From the 1–5 June, 247 Year 7 pupils visited Stubbers Adventure Centre for an exciting week of outdoor activities. Pupils took part in a wide range of challenges, including paddleboarding, high ropes, abseiling, rock climbing, laser combat, archery, and the ever-popular banana boat ride.

Pupils behaved impeccably throughout the trip, showing great enthusiasm as they embraced new challenges—even the unpredictable British weather! Staff were extremely impressed by their resilience, teamwork, and the encouragement they showed one another. It was a fantastic experience for all involved and a memorable highlight of the year.



★ Year 12 UCAS Fair

Our Year 12 pupils recently attended the UCAS Fair at the University of Essex, where they explored a wide range of post-18 pathways. The event brought together universities, apprenticeship providers, and employers, giving students the opportunity to learn more about courses, career options, and progression routes after sixth form.



Throughout the day, pupils engaged confidently with exhibitors, asked questions, and collected information to help guide their future decisions. They also attended talks on student finance and the apprenticeship application process, gaining valuable insight into the steps ahead.

In addition to the fair, pupils experienced university life by exploring the campus, enjoying the facilities, and taking in the vibrant atmosphere. Overall, the visit was both enjoyable and informative, helping pupils to broaden their horizons and feel more confident about their next steps beyond sixth form.



Dates for the Diary

- 15.06.2026 – Year 9 Leap Programme
Year 10 PPE Practical's start
- 16.06.2026 – Year 12 Trip to Devon
- 17.06.2026 – Year 6 Transition Meeting
UCAS Fair NEC
- 18.06.2026 – Year 10 Rewards Trip Stubbers
- 19.06.2026 – Year 10 Rewards Trip Stubbers

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Word of the Week Week 33 prudent



adjective: Acting with care, wisdom, and good judgement, especially when making decisions.

Sentence: It was prudent to save some of her earnings rather than spend all of her money immediately.



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Art & DT Exhibition

Work on display by pupils in
Year 11 GCSE Art, DT

A Level Art, Photography, Product Design, Textiles

North Hall
Wednesday 8 July 2026
16.00 – 18.00

Everyone welcome

Free entry / Refreshments / Music

Lucy Harris, Yr13 A level Art