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NEWS & VIEWS

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Headteacher: Mr Jamie Foster
& Deputy CEO



Headteacher's Comment:

This week our Student Leadership Team brought the school community together for Remembrance - an occasion that always reminds us of the strength, unity and respect that define St Martin's. Thank you to Mr Shoker for his diligent organisation, as well as the Cadets from Warley Squadron who supported the event.

Our Year 11 and Year 13 Art and Photography pupils also returned from an inspirational trip to Paris. From the Musée d'Orsay to a street-art walking tour and a visit to Disneyland, the experience brought their curriculum to life and broadened their cultural understanding.

In addition, we have launched our new House Captain team, whose energy and commitment are already evident. They will play an important role in shaping our five-house system as they prepare for the first pupil-led assemblies in December.

As we enter the second half of the term—with PPEs, rehearsals and a busy calendar ahead—I continue to be impressed by the way our pupils rise to every challenge. Thank you for your continued support in helping every young person *Be the Best They Can Be*.

This week's Headteacher's gallery goes to: **Hardeep P**, in Year 10 Nobel 1, in recognition of his outstanding work and insightful contributions in English lessons and **Ryan W**, Year 11 Aristotle 1 in recognition of his consistent positive attitude towards all aspects of school life.



Trip to Paris Year 11 & Year 13

Year 11 and 13 Art and Photography pupils had a wonderful time in Paris over the October half term. They crammed a lot into the 4 days and 3 nights. They visited a sculpture garden, the Musée D'Orsay, and then had a river boat cruise to view the Eiffel Tower which looked amazing all lit up with sparkly lights. Our pupils then took part in the Street Art walking tour which they found fascinating, showing them some of the most prolific Artists in Paris; they even witnessed a little bit of live graffiti on the way!

No visit to Paris would be complete without a pit stop in Disneyland, where they all thoroughly enjoyed the rides and shows, especially the fireworks and projection show at the end of the night!



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St Martin's House Updates

Last year we overhauled our house system, moving from 4 to 5 houses. We introduced house assemblies and house competitions. This year, we have hit the ground running and the house system is going to grow even further! Here are some of the key updates:

House Captains:

This year, we have reintroduced House Captains! Last half term, pupils in Year 10 put themselves forward to be a House Captain. The nominees from each tutor group were asked to prepare a short manifesto. This was then presented to rest of the school to vote for.

Going forward, they will work as a team with Mr Shoker, and in houses with their House Leaders.

As our first cohort in the house team, they will be the ones to drive the house system forward and leave an exciting legacy for future captains and leaders.

I am thrilled to announce that this year's House Captains (see opposite).

House	Captains	Leaders
Seacole	Zoe S Spencer Y	Mrs Davis & Mr Gee
Aristotle	Eliza H Emilio D	Miss Newson & Mr Lister
Ivor	Darcey W Reggie W	Miss Cox & Miss Askew
Nobel	Megan J Charlie B	Miss Gray & Mr Bennett
Turner	Ruby-Anne G Dylan B	Miss Ashwell & Mr Oyewobi

House Points Update:

The gap has widened slightly since our last house assembly, but it's all to play for.

Here are the overall results:

1 st Place	Seacole	17,774
2 nd Place	Aristotle	17,512
3 rd Place	Ivor	17,370
4 th Place	Turner	16,445
5 th Place	Nobel	15,766



Moving Forward

This term, we will have the first house assembly that will be led and driven by the House Captains and Leaders. These take place the week beginning 3 December.

Dates for the Diary

- 17.11.2025 – Year 11 PPEs continue
Disability History Month
- 18.11.2025 – Production rehearsals
- 19.11.2025 – LAMDA exam day
Production rehearsals
- 22.11.2025 – Art Coursework Sessions

Word of the Week Week 9 Remembrance



noun: the action of remembering something.

Sentence: Remembrance Day marks the actual day World War One ended, at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month, in 1918.



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House Competitions 2025/26

Subject/Faculty	Year Group	Competition	Date/Month
English	KS3	World Book Day- Photography competition	March 2026
English	Year 7	Creative writing competition: Ancient mythological figure in the modern day!	Jan 2026
English	All	Halloween horror writing competition	October 2025
English	Year 7	Mary Seacole leaflet competition	October 2025
English	All	Young Writers Creative writing	Various 25-26
Maths	Years 7/8	Memorising digits of pi	March 2026
Maths	Years 9/10/11	Drawing a mandola with a compass	March 2026
Maths	Years 12/13	Pi & Buffon's matches problem	March 2026
Science	All	Themed photo competition	Jan 2026
Science	KS3	Science week poster competition	March 2026
History	Year 7	"Time Travelers Wanted: Explore the _____ Era": Travel ad/movie poster	Due 5 December
History	Year 8	"Museum of Lost Civilizations" – Create an artefact.	Due 5 December
History	Year 9	Greatest Individual and/or Influencer (Male or Female) during the 20th century.	Due 5 December
Geography	KS3	Shoe box model of a Geographical process	March 2026
Geography	KS4	Sustainable cities – design a sustainable city	April 2026
PRE	KS3	Spirited Arts (launches in 2026)	July
PRE	Year 10	Philosopher Fact File	June
PRE	Years 10-13	Royal Institute of Philosophy – annual essay prize! Best Saints entries from each year group will be submitted.	Launch: January Deadline: March
MFL	Year 7	European Day of Languages cake sale	26 th September
MFL	Years 7-11	Quizlet competition	End of each term
MFL	Years 7-11	Language Nut competition	End of each term
MFL	Years 7-8	MFL Christmas card competition	December
Computing	Years 7-13	UK Bebras	October
Computing	Years 7-13	Pi Coding competition	March
DT	Year 10	Rotary Chef – Food	November
DT	Year 7-9	Easter Bake - Home bake bring in photos	March

DT	Year 9	Trashion – recycled plastic fashion	July
Art	Years 7-13	Christmas card design – winning card chosen by Mr Foster!	Wed 26 November 2025
Art	Years 7-13	Create your own landscape painting, inspired by the artist Turner	Wednesday 13 May 2026
Drama	Years 7-8	Monologue Challenge	January 2026
Drama	Years 7-13	Theatre Design Challenge	March 2026
Drama	Years 7-13	Production cast, crew and band will all receive points	February / June 2026
Drama	Years 8-13	LAMDA pupils will all receive house points when taking their exams	Summer 2026
Music	Years 7-13	Concert and Honours performers will all receive points	Various
Music	Years 7-13	GarageBand songwriting competition	Summer Term 26
PE	Years 7-10	Sports Day – Take part in the big end of year event!	July 2026
PSHE	Year 7	Rail Safety Competition	June