



NEWS & VIEWS

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Executive Headteacher: Mr Jamie Foster

Headteacher's Comment:

This week I visited the technology department after school to see Year 11 students working hard on their GCSE coursework. Leo Adams demonstrated his skills to me with his jewellery box design. In this important run up to the start of the exam season for Year 11, a letter will follow shortly detailing the warm ups and masterclass programme from the 9 May. These sessions will finish on the 24 May at which point students will be accessing their study leave and will come together to celebrate as a year group in their leavers' assembly and BBQ.

On Wednesday I had the pleasure of seeing our Year 13 Drama and Theatre Studies students perform their final scripted performance in front of an external examiner and live audience. Students performed a Spanish comedy called 'A Dog in a Manger' written in the Golden Ages about Love, deceit and mistaken identity. The students did a fantastic performance and it was thoroughly enjoyed by the audience. This practical exam goes towards their final A level exam.

Next Wednesday we will be holding our annual Spring Concert in the South Hall. Parents are welcome to come along and support the students involved in this musical event.



Year 12 Information Event

On Wednesday 13 March St Martin's hosted a student and parent information evening for Year 12 students interested in applying to the most competitive universities. The event welcomed students from other local secondary schools as well as St Martin's students. The event was standing room only and a huge success. The audience was able to listen to Fran and Tom from Emmanuel College, Cambridge, explain the application process for Oxbridge and other competitive universities. Those in attendance were able to ask questions at the end of the talk and left more informed and confident about the application process. The event was organised as part of a wider outreach project which hopes to increase the number of successful candidates to the most competitive universities from state schools. St Martin's intends to build our relationship with Emmanuel College and hold events with Year 8 and Year 10 students later in the academic year.



★ Gardener Aerospace visit

On Monday 11 March Mrs Frappell and Mr Welton took 13 Year 12 and 13 students, that expressed an interest in engineering, to the local industry Gardener Aerospace. This company produces parts for aeroplanes for both Airbus and Boeing. Students were able to speak with the Managing Director along with a manager who had worked his way up through the company's apprenticeship programme. Students were given a tour of the manufacturing floor and able to ask questions about machinery and processes that they could observe. Students found the day insightful and inspirational. We hope to build more of these types of visits into our careers programme. Please do contact Mrs Frappell afrippell@st-martins.essex.sch.uk if you have a recommendation for future trips in any sector.



★ World Book Day – Reading Competition Winners

Over the past week, Year 7 and 8 students have been competing to find the best readers – by number of words read across lower school.

Starting on World Book Day, the individual and whole class competitions saw students reading and quizzing on completed books to add to their totals. Now, the results are in!

The top three individual readers in Year 7 are:

- 1st Isabel Challand – 118,796 words - £15 book token**
- 2nd Roshan Sangar – 100,045 words - £10 book token**
- 3rd Sienna Rugg – 82,683 words - £5 book token**

Prizes will also go to the best-read Reading class in Year 7, 7Rd Harry, who managed an impressive 520,515 words between them. Meanwhile, in Year 8, the best-read class prize goes to 8Rd Lewis, who amassed a whopping 831,831 words in total.

As for the top three individual readers in Year 8, they are:

- 1st Zac Amor – 185,235 words - £15 book token**
- 2nd Spencer Young – 169,441 words - £10 book token**
- 3rd Jack Newman – 150,442 words - £5 book token**

Well done to all of those involved and remember, the best readers make the best writers. So, keep picking up those books and reading for enjoyment.



Dates for the Diary

- 18.03.24 - Year 10 PPEs to 21.03.24
- 19.03.24 - Year 8 Queen's Theatre Trip
- 20.03.24 - Spring Concert
- 22.03.24 - Year 9 Ypres Trip

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