



# NEWS & VIEWS

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Executive Headteacher: Mr Jamie Foster



## Headteacher's Comment:

As we approach the end of the academic year, I am once again filled with immense pride as I reflect on the many achievements of our school community. This term has showcased all that makes St Martin's so special – talent, commitment, creativity, and above all, a strong sense of togetherness.

From the inspiring Art and DT Summer Exhibition to our triumphant show at the National Athletics Finals, and of course, the energy and joy of Sports Day – our pupils continue to represent our values in every field, studio and classroom. Their passion, resilience and ambition have been clear to see, and I am grateful to the staff who support and encourage them every step of the way.

A particular highlight has been seeing our pupils shine during Aspirations Week, engaging with workshops, speakers and opportunities that broaden their horizons and raise their ambitions. It reminds us that education is not just about academic outcomes, but about preparing young people to thrive in a complex and changing world.

As we head into the summer break, I would like to thank our staff, parents and carers for their continued support. You will have read my end of year letter with details regarding the start of term, as well as the uniform and the equipment expectation for September. Please help us by ensuring that no time is wasted on dealing with these issues on our return, as I want my staff time spent supporting your child to flourish. I wish you all a restful and enjoyable holiday, and look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year at St Martin's.

This week's Headteachers gallery goes to Laya & Jenna in Year 9 for their dedication in achieving a high level of ATL and excelling in Music, April in year 10 for her commitment to Drama and Nathaniel in Year 12 for being at the top of the Year in his PPEs.

This week's Make a Difference Award, goes to Mr Laundry and Miss Edmeades for the hard work and support for the Year 6 induction day.



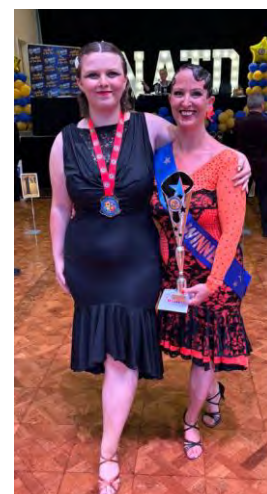
## Success in the National NATD

### Congratulations to Miss Goulding and Olive!

A huge well done to Mrs Goulding, who proudly won the **National NATD Champion of Silver** for the **Paso Doble** and also secured **Third place** in the **Silver Quickstep** yesterday. What a fantastic achievement!

We are also thrilled to celebrate her daughter, **Olive**, who reached her **first Grand Final** in the **Bronze Rumba** and placed **sixth**—a remarkable milestone!

**Well done to you both – we are extremely proud of you!**



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## ★ Young Sporting Stars Honoured at Awards Evening

The achievements of our young sporting stars were recognised at our annual Lower School Sports Awards evening this week. The PE department enjoyed another exceptional year of sporting success and proud families watched as over 300 pupils were honoured in the presentations.

During the evening each pupil received a certificate from Brentwood Mayor, Cllr Jay La Plain, listing the sports in which they had been involved throughout the year. The second half of the night featured over 60 trophies being awarded to pupils who achieved 'Player of the Year' status. Here, our winners had the opportunity to meet St Martin's Alumni, U23 England Football, star Freya Godfrey.

The most committed pupils in each year group were also honoured with a special award. In Year 7, Eva and Harry were recognised. In Year 8, the trophies went to Mollie and Daniel. The Year 9 recipients were Freya and Joshua.

In addition, The Freddie Felton Memorial Trophy was presented for overall contribution to Rugby. This very special accolade went to Andrew. Two Young Helper prizes were given to Year 12, Mia and Year 11, Oliver for their contribution to coaching and officiating football and cricket.

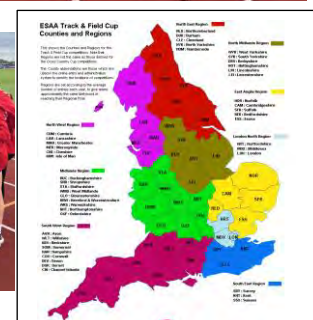
Team of the Year was announced as the Intermediate Girls' Athletics squad, who placed 8<sup>th</sup> at the National Track & Field Cup Finals. To finish the evening, two Lower School Overall Contribution Awards were given to the pupils who we feel have made the most significant impact in physical education and sport over the past three years. The worthy winners were Sophie and Elliot.



## ★ National Athletics Finals

With approximately 600 state and private schools entering each age group of the ESSA National Track & Field Cup every year, it was a phenomenal achievement for our Intermediate Girls team to make the 2025 National Finals! Competitions are scored on a points basis where better performances gain more points. Having performed brilliantly in the 1<sup>st</sup> round competition, our girls qualified to the Regional A Finals where they were up against the very best athletes from Essex, Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire and Bedfordshire.

Here, SAINTS were on fire, scoring almost 500 points to secure a place at the prestigious National Finals, ranked 6<sup>th</sup> in the whole of England! On the day we were, unfortunately, not at full strength, with some key athletes missing. Last minute changes to the team meant that some girls had to compete in their non preferred events and reserves stepped up. Despite these challenges the team competed with class and real determination. Out of the 13 finalists, St Martin's came 8<sup>th</sup>! Mrs Swan and Miss Ashwell could not be more proud.







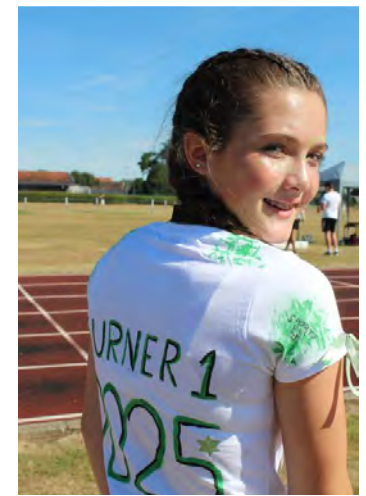
# Sports Day 2025

Last Thursday the whole school donned their house colours, excited to see who would be victorious at St Martin's Sport Day 2025! Years 7-10 competed in red, purple, yellow, blue and green for Seacole, Aristotle, Ivor, Nobel and Turner. It was a wonderful day with many pupils competing for the first time on a synthetic track. Of course, there were some nerves but there were also many outstanding performances, personal bests and proud parents watching. The sense of school community could be felt all around with team mates and spectators supporting their peers, encouraging each other to 'be the best they could be'.

We were very lucky to have food vans serving burgers and ice creams whilst the Performing Arts team played music and commentated on the fast moving track and the medal podium presentations.

The day culminated with a staff relay that was arguably the biggest crowd pleaser of the event! The overall house champions will be decided by adding up all the points from the track and field. This will be announced on Tuesday period 5!

Congratulations to everyone involved and a big thank you to the PE team for organising such a wholesome event!



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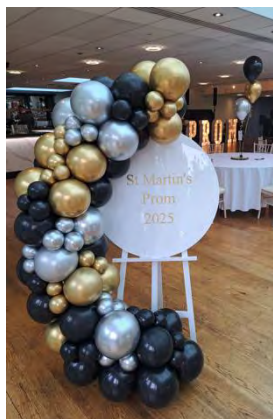


## Year 11 Prom 2025

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended the Year 11 Prom 2025. The students looked absolutely fantastic celebrating together, marking the end of their journey together and reflect on all they've achieved. We are



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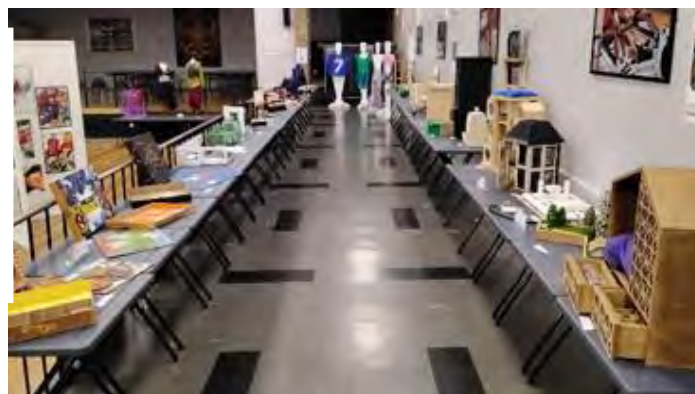
## Art and DT Summer Exhibition

The annual Art and DT Exhibition was a wonderful occasion, showcasing the remarkable talents of our GCSE and A-Level pupils in Art, Photography, Textiles, Graphics, DT and Product Design. As the doors opened, parents, pupils, and visitors from the community gathered to appreciate the creativity on display.

The halls featured a diverse array of striking artwork, crafted textile products, thoughtful graphic games and innovatively designed products. Each piece reflected the effort and skill that our pupils have invested throughout the year. Visitors engaged with the work on display, sharing their perspectives and showing support for our talented pupils.

The atmosphere was inviting, with background music provided by St Martin's music pupils accompanied by culinary delights produced by our Food pupils.

It was a delightful evening showcasing the fantastic work from the Art & Technology Faculty who champion the importance of creativity in education.



## Dates for the Diary

17.7.2025 – 22.7.2025 Aspirations Week  
23.07.2025 – Summer Honours  
Early Closure 13:25

### Autumn Term

01.09.2025 – Year 7 & Year 12 return back to school a normal school day  
02.09.2025 – All remaining Year groups return back to school  
Year 7 Information Evening South Hall 17:00 – 18:00  
03.09.2025 – Year 10 Information Evening South Hall 17:00

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

### Word of the Week Week 38 revel



**verb:** to take great pleasure or delight in something.  
**Sentence:** Pupils revelled in their sports day victory



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