



NEWS & VIEWS

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Executive Headteacher: Mr Jamie Foster



Headteacher's Comment:

Thank you to all parents and carers that have supported our continued drive to raise standards at our school. I do appreciate that many of you purchased new skirts over the Easter break, to meet the uniform policy and expectations. This is so important for many reasons including safeguarding our young people. While we have been lenient for an additional week to allow for orders to come in, I want to be clear that students will be sent home from Monday, should they not conform to the uniform expectations that have been communicated over the past four weeks. I know you want your child to attend an outstanding school and your support with this is vital if we are to move forward together.

This week's Headteacher's Gallery goes to the following students: Ryan Montgomery in Year 9, for his outstanding class discussions using all aspects of THRIVE in Technology. Charlie Davis in Year 7 and Summer Gredley in Year 8, for their outstanding personal development characteristics in Technology. Well done to you all.



Year 9 Trip to Ypres

On Friday 22 March, Mrs Frappell led an overnight Year 9 trip to Ypres in Belgium and the Somme region in France. Students visited the cemeteries where soldiers from the Great War are laid to rest, explored the trenches, and visited the key sites in the Battle of the Somme. It was a fantastic opportunity for our students to see the full effects of the war, and reflect on those who lost their lives in the war. Riley Hooper was able to locate the grave of his Great, Great, Great Uncle at Bedford House Cemetery. Students were particularly taken aback by how young some of the soldiers were and how there are graves with no names as the bodies could not be identified.

During lunch, the teachers nominated Poppy Adams to dress up in soldier clothing – with all the accessories! Our guide talked us through what it would have been like for soldiers to wear this and why they had all the equipment they did. Later, when we visited the Thiepval Memorial, Jacob Phillips was able to locate his great grandfather's name. The memorial was built for those who went missing in war. Our guide provided us with a poppy wreath that Jacob was able to lay, and we had a minute's silence. It was definitely a trip to remember!



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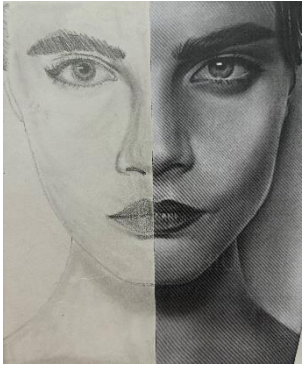
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★ Year 7 Portraits Project

Year 7 have currently been completing their Portraits Projects in Art. They have made excellent progress so far. The whole class is enjoying the project.



"First, we practised drawing eyes, noses and mouths, before learning how to draw the whole face. Then we learnt about Helen Hardin and made our own abstract portrait paintings. What I liked most was that the methods we used which really helped me to improve my drawing skills". Report by Jannani Saraganapavatheswaran 7B2



★ St Martin's Student Success

Hamish Baumber who joined St Martin's School for Sixth Form studying A Level Drama, Music and Psychology has been offered a place at Urdang to study BA in Musical Theatre, Urdang being one of the top schools in London for Musical theatre.

Eve Page who has been with St Martin's since year 7 and studies Drama, Music and Textiles at A Level has been offered a BA in Actor Musicianship at Rose Bruford, who are ranked in the top 5 Drama schools in London.

An amazing achievement for both considering only 1% of pupils who audition gain a place in these top drama schools.



★ Year 9 & 10 U15 School FA Cup

Congratulations to our Year 9 & 10 football girls who have progressed to the last 16 of the U15 English Schools FA Cup, by beating King John School (Benfleet) on Wednesday. The whole team played brilliantly but players' player went to **Penny Neall**, a new addition to the team who had an outstanding debut performance. Coaches' player went to **Lily Attree**, who was excellent in defence and took strong leadership of the back line. 162 schools entered the national competition and our girls are now through to Round 5. To progress to the last 16 in the country is a fantastic achievement. Miss Jackson and Miss Woolley are extremely proud of the girls. We all wish the girls the best of luck in their next round which will be at home against The Hertfordshire & Essex High School.



📅 Dates for the Diary

- 22.04.24 – 26.04.24 – Year 12 PPEs
- 22.04.24 – 23.04.24 – Year 13 Controlled assessments
- 23.04.24 – Year 12 BTEC National Business Grade Booster Trip
- 26.04.24 – Year 12 & 13 Careers Law Talk
- Year 13 Business & Economics Bank of England Speaker

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