



# NEWS & VIEWS

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Headteacher: Mr Jamie Foster  
& Deputy CEO

## Headteacher's Comment:

From the initiative shown by our Year 7 pupils in establishing their own Litter Picking Club, to the excellent engagement of our students on the Schroders visit, the ARU work experience trip and the Year 10 Geography fieldwork in Stratford, there is much to celebrate this week. In addition, the Spring concert showcased incredible musical talent, some of which you can view via our school Instagram. These opportunities reflect the breadth of experience on offer at St Martin's and the maturity and ambition with which our pupils embrace them.

There has also been outstanding success in sport. A huge congratulations to Mr Bennett for leading both our Year 7 boys' and girls' basketball teams to become Essex Cup champions, a tremendous achievement and a reflection of the commitment, teamwork and resilience shown by all involved. This success sits alongside the excellent wider sporting achievements featured this week, including the fantastic performances at the British Schools Trampoline Finals.

We are incredibly proud of all of our pupils who continue to represent the school with such distinction.

As we head into the weekend, I would also like to wish our Year 7 girls the very best of luck in today's Essex Cup Netball Final at Newhall. We are all behind you.

The Headteacher's gallery goes to **Hetty F, Rosa M, Evelyn H, Hannah P, and Precious I** in **Year 7** for creating and running their own **Litter Picking Club**. Your initiative and commitment to keeping our school clean is truly appreciated and sets a great example for others.

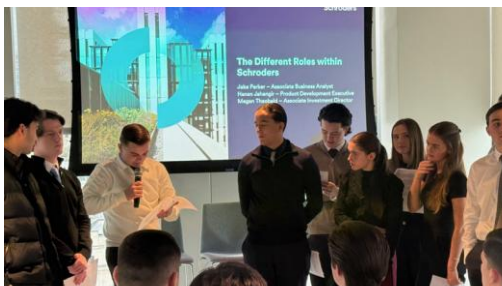


## Visit to Schroders in London

Thirty Year 13 pupils had the opportunity to spend a day at Schroders in London to take part in work experience. They learnt about the investment management industry, pathways and careers in investment management and how apprenticeships in the sector work. The event was organised by Investment 20/20, who invited our pupils to this exclusive St Martin's event after a recent Sixth Form careers talk.

Pupils learnt from some recent graduates of apprenticeships and traineeships at Schroders, who launched their careers with Investment 20/20, had a networking event with a wider group of early career employees, took a tour of the building, and then had a work experience task. Our pupils gave a wonderful account of themselves and took away great inspiration for the next few years.

Thanks to Mr Shoker and Mrs Frappell for organising the event.





# SAINTS Success!

## British Schools Trampoline Finals Success!

This year's British Schools Trampoline Finals were held at the Derby Arena on Saturday 14 March.

Molly T (Year 10) qualified as an individual through the 1st two rounds of the competition, alongside our U14 team of Isla G, Seren I and Pheobe F. Unfortunately, Isla was unable to attend the finals, so Gracie O stepped in!

All the girls performed exceptionally well on the day. A special congratulations goes to Molly, who **WON** her event giving her the title of **U19 British Champion!** The U14 team also delivered outstanding performances, earning **Team Bronze Medals!** What a phenomenal achievement.

We are incredibly proud of all the gymnasts for their hard work in training and routines on the day.

A huge thank you goes to everyone who contributed to this success, including officials, coaches, teachers and family supporters. It truly was a team effort!



## Two Essex Cup Titles in one week for SAINTS Basketball Academy

Congratulations to our Year 7 girls' and boys' basketball teams on both winning their respective Essex Cup trophies this week.

The boys' team kicked things off with a hard-fought 57-53 victory over The Gateway Academy (Thurrock) on Monday. In a game that went right down to the wire, SAINTS held their composure and demonstrated exactly what a champion team looks like. The following evening, the girls' team continued the success with an impressive 51-36 win over Woodlands School (Basildon). Taking an early lead, St Martin's never looked back and confidently secured the title, surrounded by family and friends supporting.

This is a fantastic achievement for both teams and a true testament to their dedication and hard work since September. Mr Bennett, who is in charge of our SAINTS fire Basketball Academy Programme, said "I was a St Martin's pupil myself and loved representing my school on the court. To bring home 2 trophies to St Martin's as their coach makes me incredibly proud.

The future is bright for these young players!"



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## ★ ARU Work Experience Trip

On Friday, sixty Year 8 pupils visited ARU Chelmsford for a Work Experience visit, organised as part of the Work Experience Pilot by the Greater Essex Careers Hub

The day began with an engaging and interactive session introducing pupils to university life. Our pupils asked thoughtful and enthusiastic questions, clearly demonstrating how the session sparked their curiosity about higher education.

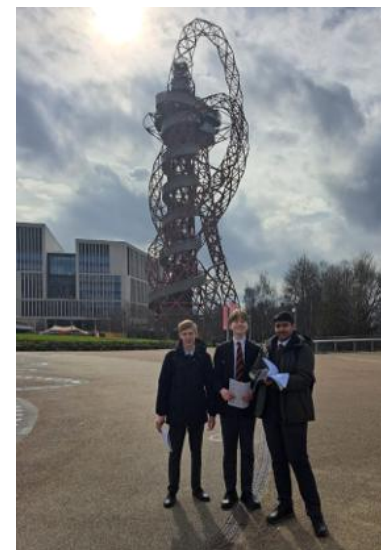
Following a campus tour showcasing ARU's state-of-the-art facilities for engineering, nursing, game design, and architecture, pupils took part in two hands-on sessions. These activities helped them explore the roles of recruitment and outreach officers, with tasks designed to mirror real working scenarios.

The visit provided an invaluable opportunity for our pupils to gain insight into both university life and career pathways.



## ★ Year 10 Geography Trip

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday last week, our Year 10 Geography pupils visited Stratford for their GCSE field work. While in Stratford, the pupils collected data to help them investigate 'How successful has the London Olympic regeneration been in the Stratford area?'. Our pupils conducted interviews of the public, pedestrian counts, environmental quality surveys and much more! Those who attended were a real credit to St Martin's School and we were very proud of their confidence when dealing with the public and their high levels of effort shown throughout the day. Well done to everyone on completing their data collection and analysis of results!



## 📅 Dates for the Diary

- 23.03.2026 – Year 13 A Level Business Grade Booster
- 24.03.2026 – Year 12 BTEC Business Grade Booster
- 25.03.2026 – Year 10 Royal Veterinary College Trip
- 26.03.2026 – Year 8 Theatre Trip  
Honours Assembly Years 9 & 10
- 27.03.2026 – Year 7 and 8 Honours Assembly  
Early finish

**Word of the Week**  
**Week 24 resolute**



**adjective:** firm and determined; not changing your mind easily.

**Sentence:** she was a resolute champion of the poor and oppressed.

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



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# EASTER

## Baking Competition



Years 7-9 House competition  
Create an Easter themed bake. Take a photo and email it to Mr Baxter or Miss Searle.

Prizes and house points for the best entries.

Please send entries by the end of the Easter holidays

