



# NEWS & VIEWS

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Executive Headteacher: Mr Jamie Foster

## Headteacher's Comment:

It was a pleasure to see many of our parents, staff and students attend our annual spring concert this week. It was great to see so many talented students involved in the performance and we look forward to hearing all about it in next week's News and Views.

This week's Headteacher's Gallery goes to Leo McTaggart in Year 7 for his great contributions to lessons, for being a polite young man and for being a positive member of our school community.

Further to my letter sent yesterday, please can I remind you to share any feedback you may have regarding the proposed changes to the school day. You can do this by clicking on this [link](#) and completing the Microsoft Form by Friday 3 May.

I would also like to remind the school community about the importance of road safety especially at the end of the school day when students are crossing the road. Hanging Hill Lane is a busy main road and has limited pavements directly outside the entrances of the school. I ask that everyone is vigilant when driving and crossing the road.



## Neurodiversity Week – The Umbrella Project

We all have superpowers!

This week, the St Martin's community have been celebrating Neurodiversity! Our focus has been on ADHD traits and turning on our superpowers.

We have put some of the entries on our wall display for all to review. Do feel free to join us in celebrating Neurodiversity by sending in your superpower to

[SENDCO@st-martins.essex.sch.uk](mailto:SENDCO@st-martins.essex.sch.uk)

We look forward to receiving your entries.

Mrs Bamigbele, SENCO





## Trampoline National Championships

A massive congratulations to our U14 Girls' Elite Trampoline Team who are 2024 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS! The girls travelled to Telford (Shropshire) last weekend to compete against the very best from across the UK having won the regional and central zonal rounds of the competition. Left to right, Seren Inman (Year 7), Chloe Fairest, Amaya Inman (both Year 9) and Molly Taunton (Year 8) performed with outstanding skill and confidence to take the title, having placed 2<sup>nd</sup> last year. To top off a brilliant weekend, Molly brought home the trophy as the British Gymnastics Individual Elite Champion. This is a phenomenal achievement as Molly is only in Year 8 and was therefore competing against girls up to a year older than her. Well done girls. We are very proud of you!



## Year 8 Theatre Trip to Queen's Theatre

On Tuesday 19 March, we took over 100 Year 8 students to the Queen's Theatre, Hornchurch to see *The 39 Steps*. (Based on John Buchan's 1915 novel and Hitchcock's 1935 film adaptation.) The stage production is a farcical retelling of the story and comprises of only four actors playing all 139 characters! Year 8 practically explored the play in their drama lessons, earlier this year, and it was a great opportunity for them to see the skills and techniques they had learnt, performed by a professional cast.

We were thrilled to see St Martin's alumni, Emily Bardwell at the theatre. She left St Martin's in 2019 having completed her A levels in Drama and Theatre, English Lit and Psychology. Emily studied Performing Arts at university and is now a freelance stage manager, currently stage managing *The 39 Steps* at the Queen's Theatre. Also working on the production as a lighting technician is, current Year 12 student, Jack Liddicott. Jack has been an integral part of our tech team at St Martin's since Year 7. Both Emily and Jack are great role models for our students, highlighting the technical, theatre making roles and career opportunities, that are available in the performing arts industry.



## Dates for the Diary

- 25.03.24 Year 9 PPEs to 28.03.24
- 27.03.24 - Year 8 & Year 12 Easter Honours
- 28.03.24 - Year 7, 9 and 10 Easter Honours
- End of Term - Early finish 1.30 pm

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