



23 May 2025

NEWS & VIEWS

Be the best you can be.

Executive Headteacher: Mr Jamie Foster



Headteacher's Comment:

We are now at the half way stage in our exam season and both year 11 and 13 have been focussed in their revision and applied themselves to the best of their abilities thus far. The half term break is a chance to recharge and also focus on exam technique and practice papers particularly. We wish them all the best in their remaining exams.

The next half term has some important dates for parents and carers. We have work experience and 'take your child to work day' coming up as well as many trips, visits and culture week in which lots of interactive and exciting events are planned. More details will follow about the curriculum for that week as well as preparation for the annual Sports Day and House Events that the whole school community will be involved in.

The Head Teacher's Gallery goes to three pupils in Year 8, who took part in the Art House competition, to create a piece of art that represents the icon of their House: **Nikhil Vijay-Kumar**, was the winner, in second place was **Jessica Harris** and **Poppy Gardiner** who came third. Well done!

A big thank you to Mrs Tina Green in our SEND and Inclusion team for her continued hard work, passion and caring nature that is appreciated by staff and pupils alike.



Tower of London Trip

On Wednesday, Year 12 Historians visited the Tower of London to enhance their study of the Tudors.

Pupils had a guided tour, by a specialist to enhance the AQA specification on Henry VIII.

Pupils stood at key spots within the Tower and engaged with primary sources describing key events such as Henry VIII's debasement of the coins and Anne Boleyn's coronation.



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★ Brentwood Beauty Room Networking Sessions

Year 10 kick started their Breakfast Networking sessions with a visit from Brentwood Beauty Room. Pupils opted to attend a session led by owner Harriet and apprentices Paris and Lacey. The team explained their different career paths into beauty, as well as opportunities that the Brentwood Beauty Room can offer them and then allowed time for the small group to ask meaningful questions. The careers programme intends to allow all Year 10s into 11 the opportunity to attend at least two Breakfast Networking sessions. Please email afrappell@st-martins.essex.sch.uk if this is something that you or your company would like to get involved with.



★ Emmanuel College Trip

Year 8 and 10 pupils were selected to attend a More Able session delivered by Emmanuel College, University of Cambridge. These hour-long sessions explored Higher Education, especially at Oxbridge. They were designed to plant a seed and raise aspirations for pupils to dream big and start considering their Post-18 options. This will help pupils make informed choices when they choose their GCSE or A Level subjects next year. We intend to continue to support these pupils as they continue on their journey through St Martin's.



★ MOD Shoeburyness QinetiQ Trip

The Year 12 Computer Science students embarked on an insightful and engaging trip to QinetiQ on Foulness Island. The day commenced with a comprehensive introduction to QinetiQ, a leading science and engineering company operating primarily in the defence, security, and aerospace markets. Students learned about the company's vital role in research, development, and testing, and how their work contributes to national security and technological advancement.



The school trip to QinetiQ Foulness Island was an invaluable experience for the Year 12 Computer Science students. It provided a unique opportunity to witness the practical application of scientific and engineering principles in a real-world defence context. The hands-on activities, informative sessions, and exclusive access to facilities offered a deeper understanding of potential career paths and the diverse roles computer science plays within such an organisation. The trip successfully broadened the students' horizons and inspired them to consider future studies and careers in STEM fields.



Dates for the Diary

02.06.2025 – 03.06.2025	Year 8 HPV Immunisations
04.06.2025 –	Ipeco and Gardner Aerospace Trip
	Video Game Concert Trip
05.06.2025 –	Year 10 Globe Theatre Trip
	MFL Trip Information Meeting
06.05.2025 –	Year 12 Reports Home

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

Word of the Week Week 31 sanctuary



noun: a place of refuge or protection.
Sentence: She thought of her room as a sanctuary.



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- **Tinned Chilli Con Carne**
- **Tinned Ravioli**
- **Tinned Chicken in Sauce**
- **Bags of Rice**
- **Laundry Gel**
- **Shampoo**



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Premier League Disability Football Festival

INCLUSIVE U'S FOOTBALL CAMP

WHO? Young people aged 5-16 with
Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

WHEN? Tuesday 27th May & Wednesday 28th May, 10am-2pm

WHERE? Shrub End Community and Sports Centre, CO2 9BG

COST? Earlybird price is £30 for both days or £18.50 for one day.

WHAT TO EXPECT?

- » **Expert Coaching:** sessions will be led by our FA qualified coaches, who are experienced in working with SEND players.
- » **Skills Development:** enhance your skills through fun football drills, including passing, dribbling, shooting and much more.
- » **Special Guests:** meet Colchester United players and club mascot Eddie the Eagle!
- » **Exciting Rewards:** every participant will receive a Colchester United themed prize, with additional medals and trophies available to be won.

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