



25 September 2026

NEWS & VIEWS

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Headteacher: Mr Jamie Foster
& Deputy CEO

Headteacher's Comment:

It has been another positive week at St Martin's, with much to celebrate. I was particularly proud to see 12 of our pupils and two members of staff recognised at the annual Jack Petchey Awards, alongside our Year 13 pupils successfully completing their EPQ presentations.

I also want to reassure parents and carers that we remain committed to improving communication with the school while we continue to work through some of the technical issues with **MCAS**. We are updating our telephone message to make it easier to reach the right team.

You can also report an absence or contact Attendance on 01277 238335. In addition, key contact email addresses are available on the school website.

Thank you for your continued patience and support as we work to make communication with St Martin's as straightforward and responsive as possible.

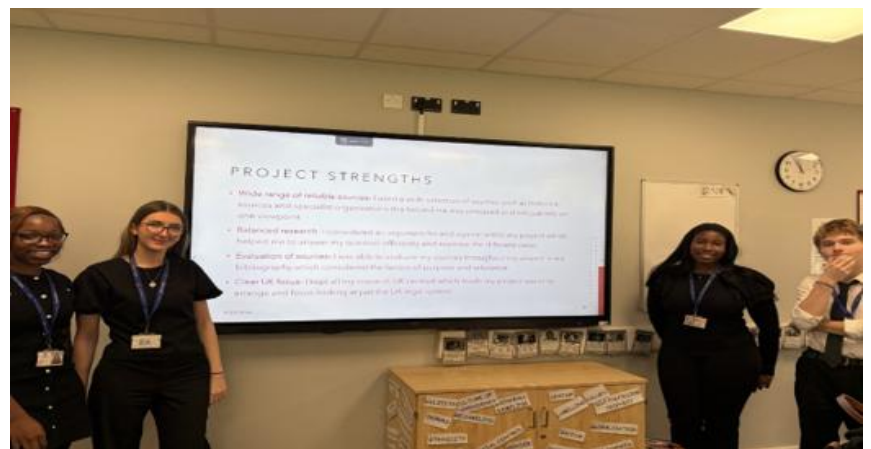
Congratulations to Ruby C, Year 11 and Eliza H, Year 11, who both have received the Headteacher's gallery award for representing Essex Schools at the Combine Events Regional Final in Bedford.



Year 13 EPQ Presentations

On Monday 21 September, our Year 13 Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) pupils completed the presentation of their completed project to an audience. Pupils have been working independently on a topic of their choice for the last 10 months with topics ranging from dystopian literature to climate change. The EPQ presentation is a requirement of the qualification and allows pupils to demonstrate the skills they have gained whilst undertaking the EPQ.

The pupils critically evaluated the EPQ process from gathering research, evaluating sources, demonstrating the skills gained and how obstacles were overcome throughout the project. It was great to see the final presentations which demonstrated the hard work and resilience of the pupils involved. The skills developed whilst undertaking the EPQ are highly valued by universities and employers.



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Outstanding Jack Petchey Success

St Martin's School celebrated the achievements of 12 outstanding pupils and two members of staff at the annual Jack Petchey Award ceremony.

The annual Jack Petchey Award ceremony for Brentwood schools and clubs took place on Monday 21 September, bringing together young people and staff to celebrate their achievements, dedication and contributions to their school communities.

St Martin's School was proudly represented by 12 pupil award winners, recognised for embodying the values of *Inspire*, *Motivate*, *Achieve*. The pupil winners were Nathaniel, Louise, Emmie, Callan, Josephine, Callum, Amelie, Isabelle, James, Poppy, Cameron and Janelle.

The ceremony also celebrated the achievements of two members of the St Martin's staff. Dr Everest received an award in recognition of her inspiring work with young people through the school's science club, helping to spark curiosity and encourage pupils to engage with science.



Mr Shoker was also recognised for his dedication to implementing Personal Development across the school, supporting pupils in developing the skills, knowledge and confidence they need beyond the classroom.

The achievements of all 14 award winners are a source of great pride for the St Martin's community. Their recognition highlights the positive impact that both pupils and staff make within the school every day.

Congratulations to all of our winners on this fantastic achievement



Parent Information and Updates

Please use the link below to access MHST support. [Secondary Parent Workshops by NELFT Essex MHST | Eventbrite.](#)

Please can parents and carers ensure their child's Parentpay account has sufficient funds.



Dates for the Diary

30.09.2026 – New York Trip Meeting 17:00

01.10.2026 – ADHD Awareness Month

Word of the Week Week 4 conviction



noun: A strong belief that something is right, true or important.

Sentence: She spoke with conviction when she explained why everyone deserved to be treated fairly.

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



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