



# NEWS & VIEWS

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Executive Headteacher: Mr Jamie Foster



## Headteacher's Comment:

The school year seems to rush by so quickly. We are two terms in, with lots of new initiatives and expectations that are improving our school community. At the same time change can be difficult and I fully appreciate the support from our students, parents and staff as we move the school forward. With that in mind we are only two weeks away from the start of the exam season and as a parent of a year 11 and 13 child myself, I know how important it is to help manage distractions for them and emphasise the need for a final push both in school and at home. These weeks can make a real difference to final grades.

This week's Headteacher's Gallery goes to Chimere Uko-Emmanuel in Year 8 for his positive attitude, being helpful and kind in helping one of his peers at lunchtime. A real credit to the school community.

Lastly, I have received communication from a local resident asking us to remind students about road safety travelling to and from school, particularly for those students using bikes. If your child is travelling in on a bike, they should be wearing a helmet and be fully aware of road safety procedures. Hanging Hill Lane is particularly busy and we want everyone to be safe. For further guidance on cycling safety please visit: <https://www.think.gov.uk/>



## ★ Panathlon Xtend Champions

Congratulations to our KS3 students who became Essex Panathlon Xtend Champions on Tuesday!

The team was made up of 8 students from years 7-9 who worked extremely well together throughout the competition. They competed in a number of different events such as boccia, bowling and beanbag toss, with the aim of scoring as many collective points as they could.

Charlie McCartney in Year 9, demonstrated his excellent leadership skills in managing the team. Charlie gave tactical advice and lots of encouragement to all of his teammates. There were some excellent individual performances that culminated in a one-point lead and an overall victory for St Martins! Well done to everyone involved and thank you to Miss Woolley for organising.



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## ★ Charity Bake Sale for SNAP

Last term, the Senior Student Leadership team held a Charity Bake Sale for the local charity SNAP and raised **£176.66**. The Sixth form students brought in homemade cakes to sell to lower school students. The event created a real buzz around the Sixth form block and the cakes were sold out in the first 10 minutes.

SNAP is a charity that provides children with a safe place and support for parents and carers. The charity was very thankful and wrote:

*Your incredible gifts truly do make a difference, and thanks to you, families across Essex will be able to continue to rely on SNAP for many years to come. Children and young people know they have a safe space where they can be themselves without judgement when they come to SNAP. Thanks to you, we are able to provide that space for them, while parents and carers receive advice and support from our team of Family Support Advisors.*

It was a very proud moment and a great example of our students giving back to the community. **Mrs Page Head of Year 12 & 13**



## ★ BOSSY (Brentwood Operatic Society Youth Group)

St Martin's students who attend BOSSY, (Brentwood Operatic Society Youth group) were performing Matilda Junior at Brentwood Theatre last week. They had a brilliant time, with rave reviews.

Louise Percival shared the role of Matilda, while Charlie McCartney played the part of Mr Wormwood, with Ben Latchford as Michael. Olivia Stanford, Mia Fisher, Georgina, Zara Jago and Poppy Turner had featured roles within the ensemble.

If you are interested in joining the group please visit [bossytheatre@outlook.com](mailto:bossytheatre@outlook.com) for more details.



## 📅 Dates for the Diary

- 29.04.24 – - Higher Education Information Evening
- 30.04.24 – 03.05.24 - Year 13 A level Photography Exam
- 01.05.24 – 02.05.24 - Year 11 Art Exam
- 01.05.24 - Theatre Inspire Group Year 9
- 02.05.24 - Year 9 Parents' Evening

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