



NEWS & VIEWS

Be the best you can be.

Headteacher: Mr Jamie Foster
& Deputy CEO

Headteacher's Comment:

As we come to the end of another busy and successful term at St Martin's, I have once again been struck by the breadth of opportunity on offer to our pupils and the way they continue to rise to every challenge.

From the creativity and confidence on show in our Spring Concert, to the focus shown by our Sixth Form pupils in their preparation for upcoming assessments, to the enthusiasm seen in science, SEND and beyond, there is much to celebrate. I would also like to recognise our recent success in the basketball finals, which reflects the commitment, teamwork and pride that our pupils bring to school life.

Finally, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Mr Herbert and Mrs Suleman for all they have given to the St Martin's school community. Their contribution has been greatly appreciated, and we wish them both all the very best for the future and every success in their next ventures.

Have a lovely Easter.

Spring Concert Success

Last week saw the latest edition of our Spring Concert. After the excitement of the recent upper school production, the Spring Concert is always a great chance for us to give opportunities to a range of performers in front of a low-stakes audience.

We had representatives from each of our year groups, either as a soloist or as part of one of our many ensembles and groups. Most of these ensembles were put together by the pupils, working together outside of lesson time to create coherent band performances. The Year 13 band even wrote their own song to perform.

This concert was also an opportunity for us to embed our next generation of pupil helpers, with a group of Year 7 pupils taking charge of the lighting and sound, as well as curtains and general stage management. Thanks to them we had an incredibly smooth-running evening.

Thank you all for your support in making Music at St Martin's so successful.



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★ AQA Intervention Award

We are pleased to share that within SEND, we have recently reintroduced the AQA Intervention Award Scheme.

As part of this programme, pupils are currently working towards developing their knowledge and skills in Basic First Aid. This has provided a valuable opportunity for hands-on learning, helping pupils build confidence and practical understanding.

The photos show pupils engaging enthusiastically with a range of items from a first aid box, exploring their uses and developing important life skills in a supportive environment



★ Year 10 Scientists visit Royal Veterinary College



On Wednesday, 29 triple Year 10 Scientists went to the Royal Veterinary College in Camden. The pupils were toured around the campus and then got to use the £2000 microscopes! They examined bone samples and then looked at how bone sample slides are made. The highlight of the day however, was the afternoon rat dissection!

The pupils learnt loads about anatomy and showed maturity during the experiment - your science teachers are very proud!



★ Sixth Form Pupils attend Tutor2u Booster Workshops

Our Sixth Form pupils recently took part in a series of Tutor2u Grade Booster workshops to support their exam preparation.

Year 13 A-Level Business and Economics pupils attended full-day, cinema-style revision sessions led by subject experts. They focused on improving exam technique, tackling higher-mark questions, and developing strong application, evaluation, and reasoning skills.

Year 12 BTEC Business pupils joined a specialised Unit 3 workshop, where they practised analysing financial data, completing calculations, and responding to different question types. They also learned practical strategies for extended responses and overall exam technique.

Across all sessions, pupils benefited from fast-paced teaching, detailed booklets, and online resources. The emphasis on “marginal gains” helped them recognise how small improvements can lead to higher grades.

The workshops were both informative and motivating, leaving pupils more confident and better prepared for their upcoming assessments.

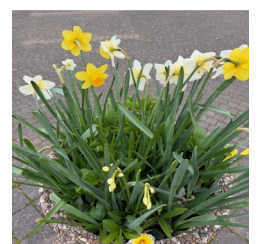
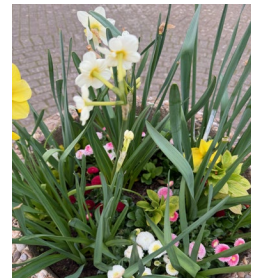


★ St Martin's is in full bloom

Spring has arrived, and St Martin's is in full bloom. It's lovely to see the flowers flourish. The hard work has paid off, and the reward is the beauty and camaraderie.

I am looking forward to the next phase.

Are you? Keep an eye out!



📅 Dates for the Diary

- 13.04.2026 – Year 12 PPEs
- 14.04.2026 – Year 9 Holocaust Survivor Talk
- 16.04.2026 – Year 11 Charles Dickens Literature Workshop
Year 9 Holocaust Survivor
- 17.03.2026 – Year 11 Charles Dickens Literature Workshop

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

Word of the Week Week 25 flourish



verb: to grow and thrive

Sentence: wild plants flourish on the banks of the lake.



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Brentwood

Foodbank

Together with Trussell

Foodbank Shopping List

April 2026

- **Coffee (small jars)**
- **Corned Beef (tinned)**
- **Ham small/med (tinned)**
- **Rice bags/pouches**
- **Squash**
- **Washing powders/gels**
- **Shaving Gels**
- **Deodorants for ladies**

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