



Thursday 28 March 2024

NEWS & VIEWS

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Executive Headteacher: Mr Jamie Foster



Headteacher's Comment:

As we approach Easter and come to the end of our spring term, we celebrated all year groups' achievements in their Honour's Assemblies this week. It was great to see so many students receive certificates from their teachers for all their hard work and efforts in lessons.

This week's Headteacher's Gallery goes to Bobby Green in Year 9 for showing strength of character in his music performances and for being a positive member of our school community.

I would like to say thank you and good luck to three members of staff that are moving on to pastures new in the summer term. A personal thank you to my PA, Mrs Killington for helping me settle back to the school so quickly and being so supportive, you will be missed. I would also like to pass on my thanks to Mrs Hunt who has done a fantastic job as part of the pastoral team over the past 7 years and now moves on to start a new career in the City. We also say farewell to Mrs Rains, who retires today after 12 years as our school receptionist. You have been a stalwart for the school and made everyone's day that little bit brighter. We wish them all well for the future.

Thank you to parents and carers for your continued support and working with us to ensure the highest possible standards at the school. We expect all pupils to adhere to the uniform policy after Easter which states only single stud earrings in the lower lobe, no fake nails and skirts must be knee length. Please click [here](#) to view the recent uniform letter.



WKA World Championships

Congratulations to **Ethan Metcalf** who has won 2 more medals from the WKA World Championships. Ethan is now the world champion of Team Sanbon Kumite. Overall, he has 2 golds, one making him a World Champion & 2 bronze medals.

Team mates: **Harry Thorn** in Year 10 also took 2 golds, both making him a Team World Champion for his age group & **Holly Reid**, also Year 10 took a World bronze in individual Kumite too. Congratulations to you all on your success!

Overall the team came 3rd in the world with 34 countries being represented.



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Year 12 Fashion & Textiles



Year 12 are currently working hard towards their coursework projects in Fashion & Textiles. Students are in the development stage of exploring design ideas and working on fashion collages and mood boards. The aim of the project is to give students the experience of working as a designer to produce a prototype product for a client, considering the client's specific requirements. These designs are inspired by the style of previous famous designers.



Year 9 English Speeches

This week in English, Year 9 have been delivering speeches based upon the concept of human rights. This stems from a new scheme of work centred around politics and conflict. The speeches have been truly inspiring and have showcased many students' independent thought and persuasive skills. Not only have students been able to deliver speeches with vigour, many chose to give relevant, brave and powerful anecdotes bringing their speeches to life. Overall, all students did very well; some outstanding performances go to: **Abiola Fadiora, April Wilks, Adam Sewell, Janelle Osaji-Okai, Anton Gordon-Scott, Amelia Mahmood and Beth Robins.**

Mrs Pullen, Joint Head of Year 8



Spring Concert 2024

Last week saw the 2024 edition of the Spring Concert. Sitting in the shadow of the recent upper school production, the Spring Concert is a great chance for us to give opportunities for a range of students to perform in front of a low-stakes audience.

Alongside a handful of brave Year 7 students performing for their first time, we had performers representing all of our year groups, either as a soloist or as part of one of our many ensembles and clubs. Some of the highlights included our Steel Pan group requiring audience participation for their rendition of Tequila, multiple drum performances, and a piano mash-up arranged and performed by one of our Year 7 students.

This concert was also an opportunity for us to embed our next generation of student helpers, with Year 8 students taking charge of the lighting and sound desks, as well as curtains and general stage management.

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



Dates for the Diary

15.04.24	-	Summer Term Begins
16.04.24	-	Holocaust Survivor Talk
16.04.24 & 17.04.24	-	Lower School Production Rehearsals
18.04.24	-	Year 7 Parents' Evening
19.04.24	-	Student Leadership Meal

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