



28 November 2025

NEWS & VIEWS

Be the best you can be.

Headteacher: Mr Jamie Foster
& Deputy CEO

Headteacher's Comment:

It has been another vibrant week at St Martin's as we head into the final stretch towards Christmas. This week, our Music pupils enjoyed an inspiring visit from Chris Allan of WaterBear, who shared real-world insights into the modern music industry and the breadth of careers available, from production and management to performance and synchronisation. It was wonderful to see so many pupils engaging thoughtfully with his advice, and a special well done to Rio in Year 11 for confidently speaking about his ambitions to over 120 peers.

Last Saturday also saw excellent turnout for our GCSE and A Level Art coursework session, where pupils worked with real focus and energy as they prepare for their final pieces. The quality of work produced continues to demonstrate the creativity and determination of our young artists.

Our Christmas Concerts are now just days away, taking place on **Wednesday 3 and Thursday 4 December**. The Junior Choir have been rehearsing superbly and sound fantastic as they prepare to perform music from *Six*. Tickets are available via ParentPay, and we look forward to welcoming families for what promises to be a wonderful festive celebration.

Finally, if you are considering a small gift for any members of staff, our Gifts and Hospitality Policy allows for small gifts, should you wish to do so, for any members of staff under the value of £25. For more information, please click [here](#) for the DET Gifts and Hospitality policy.

This week's Headteacher Award goes to: **Kitty S, Year 10 Ivor 2, Grace R, Year 10 Nobel 1 and Anjali S, Year 10 Nobel 1**, in recognition of their excellent work and taking the time to produce detailed and accurate scale representations of their room designs.



WaterBear Visit

Our GCSE, BTEC and A Level Music pupils were treated to a Careers talk from Chris Allan, a professional drummer who has performed at the big UK festivals, has worked with famous faces like Sir Brian May of Queen, and has recently recorded at Abbey Road Studios. He was visiting on behalf of WaterBear, a higher education college in Brighton and Sheffield, that offers Bachelor degrees and equivalents in Music-oriented subjects.

The talk revolved around the multitude of careers in the UK Music industry, from management to synchronisation, to technical production and royalty collection.

Chris spoke about the need to diversify your skillset to thrive in the modern Music industry, and the importance of professional workplace skills like reliability, organisation and the ability to network with other professionals. Pupils responded well to the talk, many with a fresh perspective on the Music industry and the plethora of job roles that go in to making something like Taylor Swift's \$100m tour. The talk was particularly rewarding for Rio Francis in Year 11, who volunteered to share his ambitions with our 120 Music pupils - literally rewarded with a £10 Amazon voucher for his willingness to participate. The free pens, badges, stickers and tote bags were also popular with our pupils. Thanks to Chris and the WaterBear team, along with our Music staff for helping bring this together.



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Anti Bullying Week

Last week was anti-bullying week. Form time sessions this week, we have been focused on celebrating our values of "Be Kind, Be Safe, Be Responsible". Pupils got to hear about real life experiences of people who had faced different kinds of bullying, before reiterating the support available for everyone – including our "Reach Out" email address and posters. We then focused on this year's theme from the Anti-Bullying Alliance: "Power for Good" – where tutor groups were able to discuss what they can do to make a difference. The session then finished with every tutor group signing a new version of the Kindness Pledge that our anti-bullying group "Freddie's Friends" created last year.



In the picture, Ethan C (Year 10) visited a Year 7 group to discuss the pledge with them before the pupils and teachers all signed it. Looking ahead, we will be marking Safer Internet Day in February with a range of activities

St Martin's Kindness Pledge



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We have signed this pledge to show that we will:

- ✓ Think about how we speak to others.
- ✓ Consider the feelings of others.
- ✓ Think about the effect of our actions on the mental health of others.
- ✓ Support others and not put them down.
- ✓ Encourage others to be kind, rather than hurtful.
- ✓ Be kind to ourselves by being positive.

Three core values

Be Kind • Be Safe •
Be Responsible

***We can ALL reflect
our core values. In
AND out of school.***



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GCSE and A Level Art Coursework Sessions



On Saturday we saw a large number of our GCSE and A Level Art pupils attend a coursework session, to help prep for their final piece exam and get ready for their final submission.

The pupils created some fantastic pieces and made excellent progress with their work.



St Martin's Junior Choir

The Junior Choir are working well and sound amazing practising Six from the Six Musical which will be performed in the Christmas Concert next week. Pictured below Bianca, Chloe, Sienna, Hetty, Isabella, Beth, Daria, Georgia, Kotryna, Rosa, Precious, Anabella and Hannah. Tickets are available on ParentPay.



Dates for the Diary

- 01.12.2025 – Year 11 PSHE Enhancement
- 02.12.2025 – Year 12 & 13 Economics Conference
Year 11 Leavers Awards Evening
- 03.12.2025 – Concert Rehearsals
Year 9 Careers Option
18:00 Christmas Concert
- 04.12.2025 – Concert Rehearsals
18:00 Christmas Concert
- 06.12.2025 – Art Cswk Sessions 09:00 – 14:00

Word of the Week
Week 11 illuminate



verb: to supply or brighten with light.

Sentence: A full moon hung in the sky, completely illuminated by the sun.



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WEDNESDAY 3RD AND THURSDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2025




CHRISTMAS CONCERTS RAFFLE



Concert tickets available on ParentPay,
Raffle tickets available on the door



Raising money for SNAP Children's Charity
and for lighting equipment in the South
Hall for school Productions



Various prizes available

