



NEWS & VIEWS

Be The Best You Can Be

Headteacher: Mr I Smyrk

Traditional Values

Learning for the Future

Outstanding Personal Achievement



Headteacher's Comment

Good afternoon!

As well as the morning tours for prospective Year 7 parents taking place I am also visiting local primary schools in the area this month. This week I have had the pleasure of meeting Year 6 students at Long Ridings primary school and parents at Great Berry primary school.

I am delighted to award Leo and Isobel with their first Headteacher's gallery, it is great to see the students being sent to me for *Being The Best They Can Be!*



I now introduce our new Assistant Headteacher, Mr Berry who has been sharing the vision and ethos of the school with students in assemblies this week. I am also pleased to share with you some of the fantastic work that our Year 13 students have put into their A Level performances for Drama and the Year 13 theatre trip to Stratford Upon Avon. Thank you to our Head of Drama, Mrs Wilkinson.



Vision and Ethos Assemblies

Last week we launched the new Vision for our school "*Be The Best You Can Be*" with all of our students in special assemblies. The modern ever-changing world means that *Outstanding Personal Achievement* requires not only a thorough and rich curriculum but also students who are equipped with core skills and attributes which will ensure they are always *Learning for the Future*. During the coming weeks the entire St Martin's community will be working together to identify our core skills and attributes. We will then all focus on how to embed this in our every day life to ensure that we all reflect the ethos of "*Be The Best You Can Be*". A vision leadership group is being set up and I have already had several volunteers across all year groups to take part.

If you wish to watch the clip shared with your child to inspire them to be part of this process during the assemblies please search "Shift Happens 2018" on YouTube.

Mr Berry, Assistant Headteacher, Curriculum, Vision and Ethos.



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Year 13 Drama and Theatre A Level

This month our Year 13 students finally had the chance to perform their devised performances which they began in January. The devised component of the A Level requires students to create an original performance in a group. Alongside supporting coursework, it is worth 40% of their final A Level grade. The two performances were tackled with two very different but equally challenging political theatre topics, hate crimes and the pandemic. Both groups used verbatim interviews and reports with maturity and sensitivity from those most affected. Year 13 were pleased to be able to share their final performances with an audience of KS4 Drama students who were witness to the excellent quality of performances.



Last week Year 13 Drama and Theatre students travelled to Stratford Upon Avon to watch the Royal Shakespeare Company's hilarious performance of 'The Comedy of Errors' by William Shakespeare. This was the first piece of live theatre we have been able to see since March 2020 and it was amazing to watch the performance in the RSC's new Garden Theatre in the open air with the sun shining on us.



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