



NEWS & VIEWS

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Executive Headteacher: Mr Jamie Foster



Headteacher's Comment:

As we approach the end of term next week, I would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff and students for all their hard work and efforts. My first term back at St Martin's has been an extremely busy but exciting one and we have made strides forward in Behaviour and Attitudes, Teaching and Learning and staff recruitment across the school.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce to you the new members of my Senior Leadership Team, that will help me continue to drive the school forward and support the education and welfare of all of our pupils:

Mrs Giles – Assistant Headteacher for Inclusion
 Mrs Wilkinson – Assistant Headteacher for Teaching and Learning
 Mr Shoker – Assistant Headteacher for Personal Development
 Mr Giles – Assistant Headteacher for Raising Standards

Thank you to parents and carers for your support during this transitional time and I hope you have a lovely Christmas. Our last day of term is Wednesday 20 December finishing at 1:30pm.



Elite Basketball Academy Trials

On Friday 12th January, 4-7pm, Academy trails will be held at the school for **boys currently in Year 11** who wish to study in an academic sixth form while also accessing a high-quality athletic programme.

Head coach James Potter, has 35 years coaching experience at national league, county and regional levels. He runs Brentwood Fire Basketball that currently supports 10,000 children, teenagers and adults. If you would like to attend please contact the school to register interest.



National Schools Cross Country Cup Final

Our Senior Girls team came 17th in the whole of England at the recent National Schools Cross Country Cup Final! We were one of the few, non-selective state schools who made it through and we only have two club runners in our team! It was the coldest and most challenging course we have encountered and the girls all finished with a smile! Special congratulations must go to **Isobel Calabritto in year 13**, who has run for the school in every race for the last 7 years. What a way to finish, at a National Final!



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St Martin's Dual Christmas Concerts

Last week saw one of the largest Music events of the year, our dual Christmas Concerts. Students have been putting in weeks, or even months, of preparation for these two evenings, with successful representations from all year groups. We have a tradition for all Year 7 students to sing in their first concert, with half of the year group performing on each night. Taking slots on both nights were some of our Music clubs; Guitar ensemble, Senior and Junior choirs, Steel Pans and Orchestra, along with our Year 10 and Year 12 classes. We had a large number of students signing up to perform, and those lucky enough to get through the draw filled out the rest of the programme: **Mhiyha Collins-Smith, Oscar Green, Benjamin Anderson, Tyler Chaplin, Cara O'Brien, Sophie Cross, Ella Abberley, Elviene Squire, Sienna Crawford, Ben Hart, Louise Percival, Chloe Limmer, Edith Rayner, Evelyn McLaughlin, Holly Stoakley, Kaylah Stewart, Katie Mollard, Eve Page, Katie Cuschieri, Tasia Hand, Evangeline Jackson and Alexandra Syed.**

Events like this require a lot of work behind the scenes, therefore my first thanks go out to the students for their dedication, and the parents and carers who support them in their endeavours. Secondly to the group of staff who gave an evening or two to volunteer, selling tickets and refreshments, supervising the students in our backstage areas, or playing violin in the Orchestra. Finally, a thanks to the Music team who have been supporting our students throughout the year: **Miss Askew, Miss McLintock our classroom teachers; Miss Rahman our Performing Arts Technician, and all the peripatetic teachers - with Mrs Leonard and Mr Stokkerit** giving up their evenings to conduct and perform with their groups as well.

Thank you all for your support in making Music at St Martins so successful. Wishing you all a restful Christmas and New Year. **Report by Mr A Williams.**



St Martin's Pizza Party

Last Tuesday we hosted a Pizza party for those students who achieved the highest amount of positive points this term. Each Year group with the top 5 students were invited to attend and enjoy a Dominos Pizza. Congratulations goes to:



Year 7
Sofia Parkinson
Thomas Woolf Nikhil
Vijay Kumar
Fletcher Payne
Dolci Hoyte

Year 8
Max Chow
Ishika Naik
George Mullinger
Amira Yousuf
Harry Chivers
Molly Worrow
Thomas Anderson

Year 9
Sanuraag Srinivasan
Holly Odom
Olivia McTaggart
Beth Bryant
Senit Samuel

Year 10
Samuel Trower
Alexis Came
Lily-Maye Attree
Eden Sanders
Joni Reeves

Year 11
Erin Boland
Brooke Christie
Isabel Connor
James Webb
Jessica Cavanagh



Dates for the Diary

- 18.12.23 – Year 11 Spoken Language Assessment
- 19.12.23 – Years 8, 12&13 Christmas Honours Assemblies
Year 11 Spoken Language Assessment
- 20.12.23 – Years 7, 9 10 & 11 Christmas Honours Assemblies.

For PE fixtures please follow twitter @STMartinsSchPE or [click here](#) for further PE



Kooth Digital Health

We appreciate there will be some young people who may struggle during the holidays without the access to the daily pastoral support, trusted adults and friends that the school community provides. We've put together a short (2:47) 'we are still here' Kooth video link [HERE](#).



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