



# NEWS & VIEWS

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Executive Headteacher: Mr Jamie Foster

## Headteacher's Comment:

You may recall in our News and Views earlier in the term, that we are bolstering the Senior Leadership Team in January with outstanding appointments in Teaching and Learning, Personal Development, Raising Standards and Inclusion.

As part of our drive for excellence I am delighted to introduce you to our new SENDCO, Mrs Bamigbele who is a hugely experienced leader, having worked in senior teams across Essex and now joins us as part of the St Martin's Community.

Please click [here](#) to view our video link with Mrs Bamigbele who is looking forward to leading the SEND Team and recruiting learning support roles to ensure our SEND students receive the very best support.

We look forward to working with Mrs Bamigbele and wish her well in her new role.

In this week's Headteacher's Gallery, I had the pleasure of meeting Mia Fisher and Ayden Sajid in Year 7, Louise Percival and Grace Kearney in Year 8 and Charlie McCartney in Year 9 for their Remembrance Day Assembly Readings. Well done, you will all receive five achievement points!



## LAMDA Examinations

On 1st November, 11 students from Year 8 to 13 took LAMDA examinations in Acting.

All students passed their exams, with five achieving Distinctions in their grade.

Our six Year 13 students all achieved a Merit or Distinction for their Grade 8, Gold Award in Acting, which will give them UCAS points when applying for university.

A special mention to our Distinction awards; **Grade 3 Megan J and Louise P in Year 8, Grade 5 Casey L in Year 10 and Grade 8 Gold Award Eve P and Harriet L in Year 13.**

Well done everyone for such a fantastic achievement.





## Karate European Championships



Ethan Metcalfe returned to school this week after a very successful trip to the Karate European Championships in Antibes.

Ethan gained the title of **European Champion**, taking gold in team Sanbon Kumite and a silver in Individual Kumite.

Jamie Saddington in Year 11, was a reserve for the team.

Harry Thorn also gained the title of European champion for the 14-15 Year Team Sanbon Kumite.

Holly Reid in Year 10, came close to medalling too.



This year, Ethan has gained silver at the World championships, is the GB Champion in the Team & Individual Kumite and now is the European Champion and a silver medallist. Well done!



## Trip to MOD Shoeburyness, QinetiQ

Our Year 12 school trip to the QinetiQ facility was an eye-opening adventure into the world of cutting-edge technology and scientific innovation. The trip began with a sense of curiosity and excitement among the students.



Upon arrival, our students were greeted by experts and professionals passionate about their work, which immediately set the tone for an engaging and informative visit. The facility was a hub of activity, bustling with experiments, research, and prototypes. We were guided through various departments, each showcasing state-of-the-art equipment and technologies. The interactive demonstrations allowed us to experience first-hand some of the ground-breaking projects being developed. Overall, the trip to the QinetiQ facility was a thought-provoking experience that expanded our horizons and showed students the endless possibilities in the world of technology and innovation. *Report by Mr J Spencer, Head of Computing.*



## Dates for the Diary

28.11.2023 – A Level Economics Strong Foundations trip to Westfield

29.11.2023 – Computer Science Trip

30.11.2023 – Year 10 Parents' Evening

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