

# NEWS & VIEWS

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Headteacher: Mr I Smyrk

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Learning for the Future

Outstanding Personal Achievement



## Headteacher's Comments

Good afternoon,

It has been an extremely busy term with lots of new entries into the Headteacher's Gallery.

Well done to everyone for all their amazing achievements and hard work!

Also this week, our Student Vision Group presented to Year 10 in assembly about the school vision and how we continue to move it forward. They will also be presenting to all our other year groups and staff after Easter.


In addition, Year 7 have taken part in the Great British Spring Clean this week helping to keep local areas in Brentwood clean and tidy! There is more information on this coming soon.

I had the pleasure of attending Honours Assemblies today, which are a fantastic celebration of our students' achievements this term.

Finally, in this week's News and Views we hear about the 'Animator Visit' in Year 10 Art and Graphics classes along with the Year 7 Inter House Futsal Competition and lastly an introduction to our invigilators, what they do and how you can become one.

All that's left for me to say now is thank you to all students and staff for a busy but very productive and positive term!

Wishing you all a very Happy Easter.




Headteacher's Gallery

Congratulations to:

**Luca Bassett 12Q2**

For being extremely helpful, hardworking and polite when volunteering at the Kids Inspire fundraising event in Inglestone.

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Congratulations to:

**Beatrice Blackburn 9Q2**

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Congratulations to:

**Joshua Coker 8H3, Joshua Jones 8H3 & Samuel Trower 8H3**

For showing outstanding teamwork and problem solving skills in completing the winning entry in their science project.

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Congratulations to:

**Corinne Isaacs 9H3**

For showing outstanding teamwork and courage in preparing and presenting a vision assembly to Year 10.

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Congratulations to:

**Leo O'Rourke 8R2**

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## Art and Graphics Animator Visit

We were really pleased to welcome Becky Vickers, a commercial Animator, to St Martin's to share the exciting work she is involved in, such as Disney, with Year 10 Art and Graphics classes.

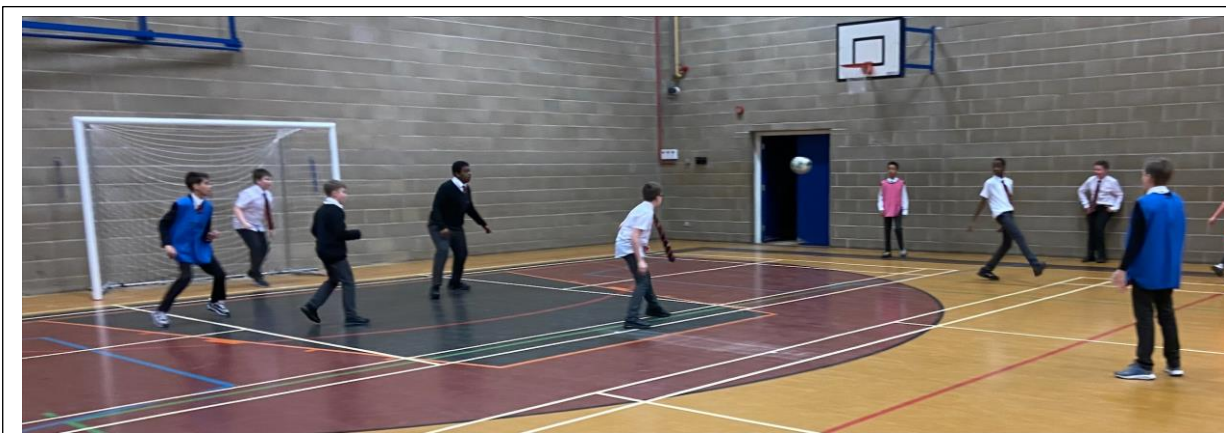
Becky is a young, very lively and inspirational speaker who engaged the students well as she explained her own journey into animation, giving them a vision that they could relate to. She also talked through different types of animation so that students gained an insight into possible and varied career paths.

Opportunities for students to relate their own studies to the vast world of media will help them to realise their own potential and develop future goals. We are, therefore, so grateful to Becky for taking the time to visit us and provide such a worthwhile experience for our students in the Art and Technology Faculty.



## Inter House Futsal Competition

Last week Year 7 took part in the Inter House Futsal competition. After some great performances four forms made it through to Friday's final. The final was full of excited spectators and some very impressive performances. A massive well done to 7R2 who took home the title of Inter House Futsal Champions. Goal of the tournament went to Taio Thompson after producing a fantastic volley.



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## Invigilators

### Meet the Invigilators!

Invigilators are employed by the school and have a crucial job in ensuring that the JCQ regulations are met as well as thinking of the well-being of each student. We currently have over 30 invigilators and some have become good friends outside of school.

We have a wide range of invigilators ranging from 25 to 75 years old. We have ex police officers, scientists, self-employed people looking to earn some extra money and parents that want something flexible that fits within school hours.

Here's what Chrissy has to say about being an invigilator:

*'I have been a lead invigilator at St Martin's for over 15 years. I started when my eldest daughter was in Year 7 as it fitted around school hours. I love the feeling that I get from invigilating and watching them grow from a tiny Year 7 to a confident Year 11 taking their GCSEs. We get to know the students and their individual ways and needs so that we can ensure that their exam experience is as stress free as possible. The team of invigilators and the girls in the exams office are a real pleasure to work with.'*

If you are interested in joining our team we are currently looking for invigilators, please follow link for further details: <https://www.st-martins.essex.sch.uk/assets/Vacancies/Exam-Invigilator-Job-Advert-Mar-22.pdf>

