



Friday 2 February 2024

NEWS & VIEWS

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Executive Headteacher: Mr Jamie Foster

Headteacher's Comment:

Our Year 10 students that are halfway through their first year are thoroughly enjoying their courses. A selection of Year 10 students attended the Geography field trip to Stratford last week as part of their GCSE coursework to practice their skills in collecting and analysing data.

We are looking forward to seeing our Year 9 families at Options Evening next Thursday, there will be information sent to you via email on Monday.

Today we had the pleasure of our local MP, Mr Alex Burghart, visiting our school to talk about his aspirations and career to be an MP. Mr Burghart, spoke to a selection of students who expressed their interest in politics. It was great to see our next generation of leaders asking questions and engaging with the Parliament Secretary for the Cabinet Office. I will be meeting with Mr Burghart separately next month to discuss the school's vision and values and the educational priorities for our children.



U14 Elite Trampoline Team

A massive congratulations to our U14 Elite Trampoline team who won the schools Central Zone competition last weekend.

The Team will now take their place in the NATIONAL FINALS in Telford on 16th March! To top off the team victory, Molly Taunton won the elite category as an individual. Molly is only in Year 8, so was competing against many girls up to a year older than her.

Left to right - Amaya, Seren, Molly & Chloe all performed brilliantly having put hours and hours of work into perfecting their routines!

If you would like to see their performances take a look in the January stories on our Instagram @stmartinsschpe

They have demonstrated unbelievable skill and bravery!

We are very proud of our U14 Elite Trampoline Team.



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Ex St Martin's Student success

Ex St Martin's pupil **Jess Folley**, winner of '**The Voice**' and '**X Factor Band**', will star in *Burlesque The Musical* for its pre-West End runs at the Manchester Opera House and Theatre Royal, Glasgow this Summer with the hope that it will come to the West End by the end of the year.

Jess started at St Martin's in Year 7 and performed in all the school shows, leaving to join her band RLY who were winners of 'X Factor Band'. Her commitment to the Drama and Music department supported her in her love of performing and writing music and she has not only written some of the songs but has taken the lead role in this new show. We are both proud and excited to see perform.



Year 12 Drama Conference and Theatre Visit

Last week, we were lucky enough to get a tour of the Royal Central School of Speech and Drama. The students spoke to us about the different courses available ranging from Acting to Writing to the Technical side of theatre. They gave us a tour of the campus and showed us round the various performance spaces and other facilities that the school offers. We then went to the National Theatre, we attended a student conference, where the cast of the theatre company 'Gecko' talked to us about the process of creating their most recent performance being 'Kin'.

Later, we had the privilege of watching the performance and had a Q&A with the director and actors. The show was inspiring and has given us ideas as we start to create our own devised pieces.

Report by Year 12 Drama students



Dates for the Diary

- 05.02.24 - Year 9 Maths Trip to Disney Land Paris
- 06.02.24 - Year 11 Food Nutrition NEA 2 final practical exam
- 07.02.24 - Upper School Production rehearsals
- 07.02.24 - Year 10 Royal Holloway Trip
- 07.02.24 - Year 11 Food Nutrition NEA 2 final practical exam
- 07.02.24 - Upper School Production rehearsals
- 08.02.24 - Year 11 Food Nutrition NEA 2 final practical exam
- 08.02.24 - Year 9 Options Evening

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