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NEWS & VIEWS

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Headteacher: Mr I Smyrk

Traditional Values

Learning for the Future

Outstanding Personal Achievement



Headteacher's Comment

Good afternoon,

This week I had the pleasure of meeting Ella Abberley in Year 9 for a second nomination for Headteacher's Gallery by her Head of Music, Mr Harris. Ella recently went on the Hollywood trip over Easter and volunteered to sing in a homeless shelter showing great courage to do this. Well done Ella!

In this week's News and Views, we celebrate girls' sporting successes in Year 7 and Year 11 for Netball, Athletics and Basketball. It is great to see all of their achievements and hard work. Congratulations to everyone involved.

Finally, we share news of our Bletchley Park trip for Years 10 and 12 from Mr Spencer, Head of Computing. Have a great bank holiday weekend and enjoy the King's Coronation celebrations!



Headteacher's Gallery

Congratulations to:

Ella Abberley 9R2
For showing courage and resilience to sing in front of families in a homeless shelter in America.

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Year 7 Netball Essex Cup Champions

A huge congratulations to our Year 7 netball team who are the 2023 Essex Cup champions! The girls played and won a series of knock out matches against other U12 teams from across the county, culminating in an exciting final v Forest School (Walthamstow) at the end of March. Our girls showed outstanding discipline and teamwork throughout the final with the end result being 25-13 to SAINTS! We are extremely proud of the progress made by the whole team and their dedication to training. A special thank you must go to Miss Ashwell for coaching the team since September.



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Year 7 Lee Valley Athletic Champions



Our Year 7 Girls A team won Gold medals at the recent Lee Valley Indoor Finals and our B team came 5th against some of the best athletics schools in the region!

So excited for the Summer Season!
#HigherFasterStronger Together



U16 Girls Basketball Essex Cup Finalists



It was the end of an era for our Year 11 basketball girls, Marcia, Abigail, Rachael, Rose & Ella 🏀

They had a super last season playing with Year 10s: Izzy, Henri & Katie to come runners up in the U16 Essex Cup Final.

What fantastic memories and some friendships for life. The girls were U12 National Champions and had 5 years representing their school with pride! #ForeverSAINTS



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Bletchley Park Trip

Recently, St Martin's Year 10 and 12 went on a computer science trip to Bletchley Park, home of the most advanced codebreaking unit of the Second World War.

After a guided tour and summary of the history of the site, students learned about many of the famous thinkers who contributed to breaking (what the Germans had thought) was an unbreakable code. One particular man stood out: Alan Turing. He figured out the complex workings of the Enigma machine – the coding machine that transmitted German messages. Turing is widely regarded as the Father of Artificial Intelligence. In fact, to start breaking a coded message, there are 159,000,000,000,000,000,000 possibilities of initial settings to test, meaning that if we checked a different setting every second nonstop, you would take 5.0419×10^{12} years - a figure so large, that our calculators cannot even handle the numbers. This amount of time is longer than the world's existence, which illustrates the vast task of breaking the code!



Dates for the Diary

- 08.05.23 - Bank Holiday
- 09.05.23 - Year 13 A-level Art Exam & Year 13 A-level Photography Exam
- 09.05.23 & 10.05.23 - Lower School Production Rehearsals
- 11.05.23 - Year 13 Leavers Day
- 12.05.23 - Year 11 Leavers Day
- 12.05.23 - Year 13 A-level Photography Exam
- For PE fixtures please follow twitter @STMartinsSchPE or [click here](#) for further PE updates.



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