



Friday 8 March 2024

# NEWS & VIEWS

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Executive Headteacher: Mr Jamie Foster

## Headteacher's Comment:

Today I met with our local MP, Mr Alex Burghart. It was great to see him and discuss my vision for the school and share the many successes of our students.

This week, I was delighted to meet with Harry Stammers in Year 8 for his Headteacher's Gallery nomination, for his great contributions to lessons. What a fantastic student showing a positive attitude to learning and achieving great results. Well done Harry!

At St Martin's, we recognise that parents and carers have a wide range of careers that our students would benefit from hearing about. If you would like to come and speak to our students about your career, please contact [afrappell@st-martins.essex.sch.uk](mailto:afrappell@st-martins.essex.sch.uk) to discuss what you can offer. These talks are always a hit with students. As a school, we are grateful for the support that the wider community provides our student.

Finally, can I please politely remind parents to park appropriately when dropping and picking up students within the school car park and the surrounding areas. Parents and sixth form students are not permitted to park on the Hutton Mount Estate particularly along Challacombe Close, Longaford Way and Wambrook Close as this is a private road.



## World Book Day

This week, we celebrated World Book Day at St Martin's, encouraging pupils to read for pleasure. The theme for 2024 was 'Read Your Way', suggesting ANY reading of ANY text is beneficial to enhance students' understanding of the world. On Thursday, Year 7 and 8 pupils enjoyed a one-off World Book Day lesson in English, in which they were introduced to different texts (letters, fiction and poetry) and asked to respond to them. The school also launched a KS3 reading competition, designed to reward the top readers in Year 7 and 8 and also the best-performing classes. Prizes will be announced after the competition closes on Thursday 14 March.

Today, the celebrations continued as we welcomed award-winning rap poet Karl Nova to the school. He performed his inspiring, original poems in his own unique, colourful style - first to Year 7 in periods 1 and 2, followed by Year 8 in periods 3 and 4. Judging by the pupils' response, they all loved the opportunity to meet and experience an author's work. Thanks to Karl for taking the time out to visit us and to Mrs Peters, who organised this unforgettable event.



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## Freddie's Friends Launch

We have recently launched our anti-bullying ambassadors' programme with Years 7-9, "Freddie's Friends", in memory of Freddie Felton. Prior to half term, our first cohort undertook their Bullying Intervention Training with Mrs Wilson. Upon their return to school, Mr Shoker presented the students with a certificate and badge in our Celebration Assemblies. This week, the group met as a collective for the first time with Miss Toleman and Mr Shoker.



During the meeting, they discussed the support they can provide other students, how to prevent bullying and how they can continue to raise the profile of the group across the school. Their maturity demonstrated that they are a real credit to the school community.



## Staff Success

Mrs Swan represented England masters last weekend in an annual international match v Scotland. The McCoig Trophy competition pits the National Champions from each country in the various age categories against each other. England were comfortable overall victors, retaining the trophy by 28 games to 11. Mrs Swan played in the over 35 mixed doubles with partner Nikita Kolomnin from Kent and won their match 21-8, 21-13. Well done Miss!



## Mid Essex Futsal Champions

Last week our year 7 boys' and girls' teams played in their respective Futsal tournaments against some of the best schools from the Brentwood & Chelmsford Districts.

The boys beat Shenfield and Ormiston Rivers Academy in their group stage, progressing to play Sandon in the Semi-Final and Great Baddow in the final. All of their games ended in 1-0 victories to SAINTS, demonstrating a combination of assertive attack and dominant defence.

The girls also showed outstanding skill on route to their title win. Coincidentally, they beat Sandon in their semi-final and Great Baddow in the final. The last two games were slightly more nerve wracking, both going to penalty shoot outs. Player of the Tournament has to go to Mollie Freeman-Barry who saved 6 penalties in total and scored her own! Well done SAINTS. Miss Woolley and Mr Day are very proud of you!



## Dates for the Diary

- 11.03.24 - Year 10PPEs to 21.03.24
- Year 13 C2: Scripted Tech to 13.03.24
- Year 11 Controlled Assessments to 13.03.24
- Year 12 & 13 Resistant Materials Trip
- 13.03.24 - Year 12 Oxbridge Information Evening
- 14.03.24 - Theatre Inspiring Change Focus Group

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