



NEWS & VIEWS

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Executive Headteacher: Mr Jamie Foster



Headteacher's Comment:

Today our new Assistant Head Teacher for Inclusion, Mrs Giles and Miss Day our School Nurse met with Suzanne Hedges from the Ricky Hayden Memorial, who kindly donated a Bleed Bag to our school. Bleed bags are used for a catastrophic bleed, giving emergency life saving first aid and have been proven to save lives. Suzanne sadly lost her own son to knife crime in 2016 and now dedicates her time to fundraising and donating these much needed Bleed bags back into the community. We are pleased to support such a worthy cause and what a great legacy Suzanne has set up in memory of her son Ricky.



In Food Technology this week, I had the pleasure of seeing all of the outstanding Year 11 GCSE coursework. Megan shown in the photograph, produced a top level piece that included three different types of breakfast; croissants, pancakes and a potato curry with chapati. I look forward to the students achieving top grades in the summer.



I also met with Thomas in Year 7 who was selected for the Headteacher's Gallery for his outstanding attitude to learning, leading to exceptional work in lessons. Well done Thomas!



★ Year 9 Options Fayre

Yesterday evening, St Martin's held its Year 9 Options Fayre. During the evening parents/carers and students had the opportunity to find out more about the wide range of subjects on offer at Key Stage 4 and ask staff any questions they might have.



The evening was very well attended, with plenty of interest across all our subjects. Thank you to everyone who attended.



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★ Design and Technology

Spring Term is always busy in Design and Technology as students in Year 11 and 13 work hard to complete their non-examined assessment projects that equate to 50% of their overall GCSE or A Level. We have wide range of products being made this year such as wooden storage pieces in resistant materials, board games in graphics, garments in textiles and breakfast dishes in food. We wish our students good luck as we near their forthcoming deadlines.



★ Unifrog launched to Year 9 students

This week we have launched Unifrog with students in Year 9. They have spent an hour in a computer room getting registered on the platform and setting up their profiles. It's been a real success - students have been exploring future subjects in more detail and looking at career pathways - including what they need to do to get there (and how much they can earn!). The careers team at St Martin's, led by Mrs Frappell, will continue to work with students to support them in making informed decisions about their futures. One student commented that Unifrog has helped him to decide his options and he is now thinking about his future career.



Dates for the Diary

- 12.02.24 - Upper school Production Dress rehearsal
- 13.02.24 - Primary Schools Upper School Production
Upper school production 6.30 pm
- 14.02.24 - Primary Schools Upper School production
Upper school production 6.30 pm
- 15.02.24 - Upper school Production 6.30 pm
- 16.02.24 - Year 13 Apprenticeship Workshop

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Parents feedback:

I'm a lot calmer with my kids and working on being more patient.

Most useful, being able to learn and share in a safe space.

Communication and understanding has improved. I seem to be more aware of what helps me to be a better parent.

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