



NEWS & VIEWS

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Headteacher: Mr I Smyrk

Traditional Values

Learning for the Future

Outstanding Personal Achievement



Headteacher's Comment

Good afternoon, as previously mentioned in News and Views on 27 January 2023, the school gates are currently open from very early in the morning which leaves the site vulnerable. I advised that a revised opening time of 7.30am was being considered and invited you to inform me of any issues you might have regarding this. We have not received any concerns and therefore from Monday 20 February, the school gates will open to students from 7.30am.

As mentioned last week the mobile phone ban will be more rigidly enforced after the half-term. If phones are brought into school we ask that they are switched off during the day and would appreciate parental support in encouraging this. Please make sure that your child has a copy of their timetable, even if it is handwritten into their planner, to make sure that checking on Satchel does not lead to them losing their mobile phone. The above steps are a big part in our continual drive to improve our safeguarding procedures within the school.

Last night, I had the pleasure of attending our upper school production of 'Grease' which was an amazing show and a real credit to all those involved. Please see the article below from Mrs Page showing photos of the cast in action. Thank you to everyone for all their hard work in rehearsals and for producing such a great show.

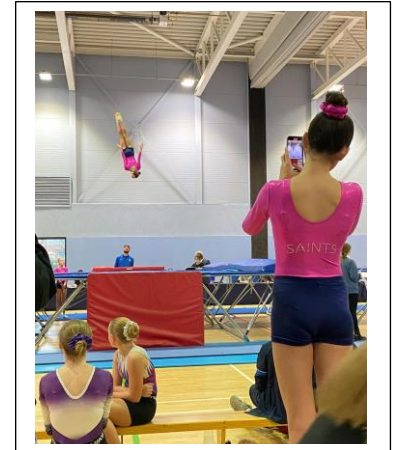
Also, this week we share news of our under 14 Girls Elite Trampoline Team who made it to the National Schools Trampoline Finals.

Thank you to everyone for a highly productive and successful half term, have a great break!



National Schools Trampoline Finals

Our U14 Girls Elite Trampoline team have made it through to the National Schools Trampoline Finals having won the Central Zone competition held in Hinckley, Leicestershire. Molly Taunton in year 7 alongside Chloe Fairest and Amaya Inman in year 8 made up the team. In addition to this amazing team achievement, Molly came 1st overall as an individual, competing against many girls who are two years older than her. Congratulations girls and good luck in the finals! We are very proud of you.



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Grease Upper School Production

This year we really wanted to show off the extraordinary talent we have at St Martin's by putting on another musical show stopper and therefore, were beyond excited to be staging our upper school production of Grease. After the successful visit to the West End to watch the live performance of Grease the cast were really excited to incorporate the 70s feel in their own performance.

As always, the success of this show is a team effort. Mr Harris and his department have built a professional sounding orchestra, Miss Barnes who has not only choreographed some fabulous music numbers but also assisted directing the show and Mrs Wilkinson who has again pulled together the 70's styled, colourful costumes. Ms Rahman our new our A/V technician, who joined us in September, took control of the lighting in her first St Martin's production with the support of our amazing Jack Liddicott (Year 11) on sound.

When we began rehearsals in September 2022, the passion and love for this show helped form lasting bonds of friendships across the different year groups. This has been a really fun show to produce, and we hope you enjoy it and maybe join in some of the numbers you know! In honour of the late Olivia Newton John - Remember Grease is the word!



Dates for the Diary

- 20.02.23 – 03.03.23 Year 13 Reflection Fortnight
- 22.02.23 Year 9 Curriculum Evening
- 23.02.22 Year 13 Parents Evening
- For PE fixtures please follow twitter @STMartinsSchPE or [click here](#) for further PE updates.



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