



# NEWS & VIEWS

*Be The Best You Can Be*

Headteacher: Mr I Smyrk

Traditional Values

Learning for the Future

Outstanding Personal Achievement



## Headteacher's Comment

Good afternoon

You will be aware of the recent messages regarding our mobile phone policy. Can I therefore remind parents not to contact your children on their mobile phones during the school day please. If you need to contact them please email or call the relevant year office.

In this week's News and Views we share exciting news from Mr Berry of our new school rewards system where students can earn achievement points by displaying all the core skills of THRIVE.

We also share news from our Year 9 Enterprise Days carried out earlier this week, to help students understand and develop their employability skills. Thank you to Mr Williams and Miss Barnes for helping arrange these important sessions for our students.

Have a good weekend everyone.



## Rewards

At the end of last term, we launched our brand new whole school rewards policy. As mentioned in a previous News and Views, this system was designed solely by our students for our students.

Each day students can earn achievement points by displaying our core curriculum skills of THRIVE. Students with excellent attendance are also awarded additional points.

At the end of each half term the form with the highest total in each year group wins a free form time and sweets/treats.

There are also individual prizes. The achievement points will be totalled up over a longer period of time, where the top 20% of students in each year group will earn a ticket to a rewards afternoon. At the event they will receive sweets and treats plus the added bonus of a raffle ticket. This raffle will then take place with the selected lucky students winning a gift card each.

The initial reward afternoons took place prior to Christmas and were extremely well received by students and staff.

With this in mind our student vision group known as *Visio* sat down this week to decide on how students will be rewarded at the end of this term. The final decision is yet to be made but they will be announcing this in form groups and the rewards will take in assemblies over the next week or so.

The message is very clear....*Be the Best You Can Be* and you will be rewarded, so start earning those points to get a place in the big reward afternoons!!



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## Year 9 Enterprise Day

Year 9 students celebrated National Careers Week in style with the return of Enterprise Day. Students had to team-up and tackle a series of enterprise-related challenges, aiming to understand and develop their own employability skills.

Once students had assessed their individual skills, they had to work in teams to take over an imaginary business - deciding on what to keep and where to develop, plotting out a realistic budget, and creating new branding - all culminating in a Dragon's Den style presentation.

Highlights included the sheer creativity of our students in their business ideas and designs, and seeing how financially savvy our Year 9 students can be. Every student also managed to present their ideas to a large group of their peers in the investment pitch – for which they should all be incredibly proud.

Awards were handed out each day for innovation, teamwork, marketing, and presentation, as well as an overall winning group per day. The students from these award-winning groups will be able to highlight this on their CV for years to come.



## Dates for the Diary

- 13.03.23 - 15.03.23 Year 11 Music Controlled Assessments
- 13.03.23 - 17.03.23 Year 13 Scripted Tech Drama Exams
- 13.03.23 - 24.03.23 Year 12 PPEs
- 15.03.23 Year 12 Level 3 Food Science Unit 1 - Practical Exam
- 17.03.23 Year 11 Music Controlled Assessments
- 17.03.23 Year 8 and Year 9 Reports Home
- For PE fixtures please follow Twitter @STMartinsSchPE or [click here](#) for further PE updates.



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