



# NEWS & VIEWS

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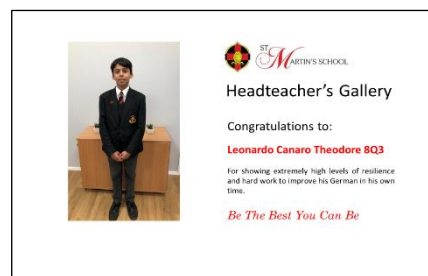
## Headteacher's Comment

Welcome back to the first full week of the spring term!

I am very pleased to say we had our first Headteacher's gallery of the year. Leo Canaro Theodore in Year 8 has shown great resilience and hard work over the last year to improve his German.

It was great to see our Year 11 girls' football team play during lunchtime this week. A large crowd of students watched them and urged them on to a 3-2 win. Well done everyone!

In this week's News and Views we look at our new rewards system and a Year 12 drama theatre trip that took place last term. Have a good weekend!



## School Rewards System

Last term has seen the launch of our brand new whole school rewards system. As mentioned in a previous News and Views, this system was designed 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 with sweets and treats.

There are also individual prizes. These are totalled over a longer period of a term where the top 20% of students in each year group will earn a ticket to a rewards afternoon at which they will receive sweets and treats plus the added bonus of a raffle ticket. This raffle will then take place with 4 lucky students each winning a £10 gift card.

The initial reward afternoons have taken place this week and so far reports indicate that they have been extremely well received by students and staff alike.

The clear message is clear; good behaviour will be rewarded, so get earning those points to earn your way into next term's big reward afternoons!



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# Year 12 Drama and Theatre Trip

On Wednesday 7 December, the Year 12 A-level Drama and Theatre class embarked on a day out in London, immersed in all things theatrical!

Our first stop was Guildhall School of Music and Drama for an open morning event in which the students had the opportunity to hear about the BA Acting course from the course director, lecturers and some third year students. The event gave the students an insight into the rigors of an acting degree course and the demands of the audition process as well as what to expect from university life.

We then travelled south of the river to visit the Globe Theatre where we had a guided tour. The class asked some interesting questions and learnt more about Shakespeare's theatre and the time he was writing in.

After lunch, the students enjoyed some festive cheer at Winter Wonderland, Hyde Park before heading to Piccadilly Circus to watch the spine chilling play; *2:22 A Ghost Story* at the Criterion Theatre. Students will use this play for their theatre evaluation portion of the A-level written exam.

Christmas came early for them when, after the show, they met Matt Willis at the stage door. He talked to them for five minutes about the play, their thoughts on it and asked about their own Drama course.

Having started the day at an acting school, listening to what it takes to make it in the industry and coming full circle, talking to an actor who has made it in the industry, it was a perfect ending to the day.

