



NEWS & VIEWS

Be The Best You Can Be

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Traditional Values

Learning for the Future

Outstanding Personal Achievement



Headteacher's Comment

This week we say goodbye to our Year 11 and Year 13 students. Both year groups finished with honours assemblies to celebrate all their hard work and achievements. Year 13 followed their assembly with a BBQ while Year 11 enjoyed the traditional fun fair, BBQ and ice-creams and the weather held out for us fortunately! We wish all of the students every success and all the very best for their futures.

This week's News and Views we introduce our new student leadership group, 'ARC' who will be working on all aspects of assessment and feedback across the school with staff and students. We also share news of the Rotary Young Chef Competition that took place recently with Ellie Green representing our school at the Cambridge Finals!

Finally, Year 12 had the pleasure of meeting two former St Martin's students who are now professional actors and came in to speak to them about life as an actor! They personify what St Martin's is all about and how each individual is on a lifelong personal journey to *"Be The Best You Can Be"*.



Student Leadership: Introducing ARC (Assess, Reflect, Challenge)

"Feedback is one of the most powerful influences on learning and achievement" (John Hattie)

Our new student leadership group, ARC with members from Year 7 to Year 11 have been sharing their views on what types of assessment and feedback work best for them and their peers in lessons.

Feedback can only achieve its full impact if the student receiving it engages with and fully understands the reasoning that has led to the feedback.

Valuable input from the recent ARC meeting will be shared with teaching staff and their peers to deepen understanding of the feedback they receive and improve "feedback literacy". They will soon be introducing themselves to the staff and students in assemblies in the coming half term.



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Rotary Young Chef

The food department at St Martin's held its Rotary Young Chef competition for Year 10. Students excelled themselves in the true spirit of St Martin's as in Being The Best You Can Be.

They had to cook a healthy three course meal for two with a strict budget of £20.

Candidates for the competition were Ellie Green, Samuel Wyard, Teddy Adams, Jacob Bewsey and William Wright.

The competition was marked against presentation, taste, budget and healthy food choices. The students worked really well producing high skill dishes namely bruschetta, pasties, cakes, ice creams, pasta and seafood dishes.

The winning dishes made by Ellie Green were Tomato and Basil Bruschetta, Courgette and Creamy Bacon Pasta and Indulgent Dark chocolate and Cherry Meringue Sundae.

Ellie then went on to represent the region at the Cambridge Catering College in March.

Special thanks go out to Mr Baxter and our Year 12 students Maddie Smith and Evie Morgan who helped out with the competition.

Well done to all the candidates.



Congratulations Ellie for representing our school at the Cambridge Finals!



Year 12 Drama

Last week the Year 12 drama and theatre students had the opportunity to speak to two former St Martin's students who are now professional actors, working in the industry.



George Greenland, who trained at Mountview, is best known for his roles in 'Muse' and 'Call the Midwife'.



Billie Hardy trained at London School of Music. Her musical theatre credits include 'Cilla the Musical' and she is currently performing as Roxi in 'Chicago the Musical' as part of the touring company.

Students were able to ask questions on areas such as the audition processes, agents and life as an actor. Both Billie and George who performed in many St Martin's School productions, gave them a real insight into the world of an actor, both the glamorous parts and the hard work it entails. It was a real eye opening experience for the Year 12 students looking to get into that industry.



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