



# NEWS & VIEWS

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## Headteacher's Comment

Good afternoon

This week it was a pleasure to welcome the Mayor, Cllr Gareth Barrett at our annual Sports Awards Evening and see all of our young talented students receive their awards. The evening was a huge success joined by parents, students and staff. A huge thank you to Mrs Swan and the PE staff for organising such an amazing event.

From one event to another it was also our annual Summer Art & DT Exhibition this week and I was blown away at some of the incredible artwork on display by our Years 11 12 and 13 students. We really do have some amazing talented students and events like this are a great way to showcase this work. Thank you to Mrs Ashby and Mrs Lee for organising such a wonderful exhibition!

This week I share news of Charlie McCartney helping out in other communities not just his own and the Year 10 trips to Adastral Park and Walton on the Naze. Thank you to Mr Spencer and Mrs Cocklin respectively for organising the trips and the other staff involved for making them a huge success.

Have a good weekend!



## Student Volunteering

Well done to Charlie McCartney in Year 9, not only has he set up his own Autistic Football Club he has been volunteering at Yeovil Town FC helping the owner, Martin Hellier with a few maintenance jobs at the stadium.

It is great to see such an inspiring member of our school giving up his time to help his own and other communities.



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## Year 10 Computer Science

A group of students embarked on an educational trip to BT Adastral Park in Martlesham Heath, Ipswich. The purpose of the visit was to gain insights into the innovative technologies and research being conducted at one of the UK's leading research and development facilities. Upon arrival, students were warmly greeted by the staff members who organized the visit. Students were given visitor badges and taken to a dedicated area where they received a brief introduction about the history and significance of BT Adastral Park. The staff members were highly knowledgeable and enthusiastic, setting the tone for an engaging and informative visit.

The visit began with a comprehensive tour of the Adastral Park campus. Students were impressed by the scale and infrastructure of the facility. The campus was beautifully designed, blending modern architecture with well-maintained green spaces. The guide led students through various research laboratories, development centers, and collaboration spaces.

One of the highlights of the visit was the Innovation Showcase. Students had the opportunity to interact with cutting-edge technologies and witness how BT is driving innovation in various sectors. The showcase featured demonstrations of 5G networks, Internet of Things (IoT) applications, artificial intelligence, and cybersecurity solutions. Students were able to ask questions, engage in hands-on activities, and truly grasp the potential of these emerging technologies.

During the tour, students visited several research and development centres focusing on different areas. These centres included telecommunications, software development, data analytics, and smart city solutions. It was fascinating to witness the collaborative work environment where researchers, engineers, and developers were actively engaged in pushing the boundaries of technological advancements.

Throughout the visit, students had the privilege of interacting with experts from various fields. Students attended informative presentations and panel discussions, where industry professionals shared their knowledge and experiences. The experts were approachable, answering students queries and providing valuable insights into the practical applications of their work.

The visit to BT Adastral Park was a remarkable experience, leaving a lasting impact on all of the students. Students gained a deep understanding of the research and development activities undertaken at the facility and witnessed first-hand the transformative potential of technology. The trip served as a catalyst for the aspirations of the students, motivating students to pursue careers in fields related to telecommunications, software development, and emerging technologies.



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## Year 10 Geography Field Trip

On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June we took our Year 10 Geography GCSE students to Walton on the Naze for their field work. The work they completed and data collection will enable students to answer the fieldwork title 'What impact has coastal management had upon the beach at Walton'. The weather was very kind to us and we all had a lovely time. The students were a real credit to St Martin's School and we were very proud of our Geography GCSE students. Well done to everyone!



## Dates for the Diary

- 18.07.23-19.07.23 - Insight into Management
- 19.07.23 - Activities Day
- 19.07.23 - New staff Induction Day
- 20.07.23 - End of Term School finishes at 1.30pm
- For PE fixtures please follow twitter @STMartinsSchPE or [click here](#) for further PE updates.



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