



# NEWS & VIEWS

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Outstanding Personal Achievement



## Headteacher's Comment

Good afternoon, I am delighted to announce this week's Headteacher's Gallery award to Sophie Foster in Year 7 for her outstanding work in science, well done!

As mentioned last week this week's News and Views will be a St Martin's Day special edition where Year 7 and Year 13 students share their own thoughts and experiences of the day. I would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff and students involved, it was such an amazing service and I was extremely proud to be a part of it. We also have staff and students that attended the Remembrance Day Service at Brentwood's War Memorial and I share below Todd Woolley's experience of this.



## Remembrance Day Service

We were kindly greeted by The Mayor and soldiers and the service began with the chaplain reading a prayer in which the entire crowd took part in unison. The other schools participated and the soldiers then laid their wreaths on the statue followed by another prayer from the chaplain. After the hymns were read, The Mayor and her assistant came over talking to the families and schools that came, thanking them for their presence and answered questions about the service and its history. We were also spoken to by a couple of the war veterans who came to pay their respects. One of our St Martin's students was asked to read a war poem in honour of what a poppy truly represents. All of our representatives had a wonderful morning of remembrance, gratefulness and a hot chocolate at Starbucks afterwards!

(Todd Woolley 8Q1)





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## St Martin's Day Service

Last Friday was our St Martin's Day service at Brentwood Cathedral. Both Year 7 and Year 13 joined together to sing hymns and listen to the story of St Martin in remembrance of the values of our school. There were readings from staff, both the Head Boy and Girl and some Year 7 students who all read beautifully to students and staff. There was also a memorable performance from the choir of 'You Will Be Found', which is a song about helping those in need and coming together to do so. Following the service, members of the student leadership team delivered gifts to local care homes in order to mirror the acts of kindness that were carried out by St Martin himself. On the whole, the day was a wonderful chance to remember the values of the school and inspire our youngest and oldest students to show compassion and to help those most in need.

(Amelia Stanley – Deputy Head Girl)



### My time at St Martin's day

On St Martin's Day I had the honour of reading in the service which was great fun as I got to see everyone. At that moment I was reading I realised that everyone from the community and the school and even the Headteacher were listening! I felt so good because everyone was so in tune and they understood the importance of the day. It is just a shame you cannot do it every year like my dad did when he was at St Martin's as it is so much fun and a good experience for us to prepare for future trips in public. My favorite part was seeing the public watching, especially the seniors as their reaction was priceless and I loved it! In conclusion, I enjoyed the service and hope we keep doing it for future generations.

(Nicholas Morris - Year 7)



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Once again, the Senior Choir were honoured to be asked to perform at St Martin's Day this year. We have been rehearsing every week since the start of the year in anticipation for the event and the dedication and commitment from the students has been outstanding throughout. In line with the theme of 'wellbeing', we performed two songs, 'You Will Be Found' from Dear Evan Hansen and 'The Prayer', made famous by Celine Dion and Andrea Bocelli. The beautiful harmony filled the cathedral and the audience was wowed from start to finish. Congratulations to all involved, and we look forward to the Senior Choir's next public performance at the Christmas Concerts on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

(Max Harris - Head of Music)



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