



NEWS & VIEWS

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Traditional Values

Learning for the Future

Outstanding Personal Achievement



Headteacher's Comment

Good afternoon

This week, exams were well underway for our Year 11 and Year 13 students with their extra revision classes running throughout the week. Students have their own timetables of when these are, however, if you would like more information please contact the relevant year office.

This week I had the pleasure of meeting Alfie Duff in Year 7 who I personally asked to come and see me for being extremely helpful and polite when offering to assist with audio visual for our productions and assemblies. He is a real asset to St Martin's and is now inducted into the Headteacher's Gallery, well done Alfie!

In this week's News and Views, I share below articles from our Year 11 and Year 13 leavers days along with some Year 11 individual successes.

Have a good weekend.



Headteacher's Gallery

Congratulations to:

Alfie Duff 7Q2

for being extremely helpful and giving up his own spare time to assist with lighting and sound for productions and assemblies.

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Year 11 Leavers Day

Last Friday we said goodbye and good luck to Year 11 as they celebrated their leavers day signifying the start of the GCSE exams. A huge thank you to the music department, Mrs Evans and Miss Edmeades for the successful morning. Year 11 enjoyed a formal honours assembly which recognised success in individual subject areas. Charlotte Rebel, Elviene Squire and Charlotte Williams were presented with a prestigious award for achieving 100% attendance across all five years. The assembly was closed with special videos that reflected upon their time here, two videos were created by Jack Liddicott to an outstanding standard. The final video involved staff from across various departments to say thank you for all their hard work.

The year group then enjoyed the traditional fair with shirt signing, ice-creams, BBQ and the fair rides. Despite torrential rain they persevered outside and did not let the rain stop them enjoying the day.



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Year 11 Successes

Year 11 have now completed their first week of exams and we would like to share some individual sporting success stories. They are just some examples of the talented students within this year group:

Rose Limmer - Rose started assisting with the school football teams and volunteering her time to help younger students. She has now progressed and gained her referee badge. Rose continues to balance her studies whilst being the referee at matches in the local area. Rose most recently was selected to be the lines person for the Essex County Cup final in the U12 age group. This is a fantastic achievement. Rose has represented the school across several sports including football, netball, basketball and athletics. Rose is an outstanding role model for pursuing leadership roles within sport.



Joe Tomalin - Joe competes in Ice Hockey and plays as part of Chelmsford Ice Hockey Academy. Joe has had international success. Most recently Joe captained Great Britain Under 16's team in the Riga Hockey Cup which is the biggest European Youth tournament.

Abigail Swan - Abigail has represented Essex this year in Cross Country as well as playing Netball for Saracen Mavericks Futures U17 in the Super League pathway. Last weekend she won a bronze medal in 3000m at Essex County Athletics Championships.



Sophie Wilson - Sophie is a cricket player who represents Essex Eagles Girls U18's county team. She also plays for her home club at Hutton cricket club in their Women's 1st XI. Last season, as an U15 player she was called up to play with the Essex Girls U18 squad. Sophie then went on to represent Essex in the Essex Premier League Women's T20 Challenge Day Women's XI. Sophie made her Essex Women's 1st XI debut against the Fair Break XI. The Fair Break XI is a women's cricket team made up of players from all over the world who were on tour in the UK and Europe.



Paige Morony - Paige competes at an elite level within Gymnastics. Paige is part of South Essex Gymnastic club. She has competed at the British Championship and an international level. Her dedication and commitment to training is outstanding and she has continued to balance her academic studies.

Daisy Marshall - Daisy currently plays for West Ham United U16s team. Daisy has also volunteered within the PE department to help referee school matches for younger students. Daisy's skill set and knowledge of the game makes her a key player who is always reliable. Daisy has made excellent progress in football and futsal, she has an outstanding work ethic both on and off the pitch.

Ethan Metcalfe - Ethan has competed at both the National and International level representing England within Karate. Ethan is highly decorated within both individual and team competitions. He has had success at the European Championship which included securing a team kumite bronze medal where the event was held in Florence. He has had further success this year securing a gold medal at the Karate England International open as well as a second gold team Kumite medal.



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Year 13 Leavers Day

Last week we said goodbye to our Year 13 cohort who have spent the last two years at sixth form with many of them beginning their journey with St Martins in Year 7. The day started with the honours assembly, where students were awarded commendations for their commitment to learning in their chosen subjects and attendance certificates with Archie Winter and James Scammell receiving certificates for 100% attendance for Year 12 and 13. During the assembly the Year 13 A level music class provided the entertainment with the final number being performed by the house band 'Mint'. After the formal assembly students attended a BBQ in the sixth form garden and were presented with 'Most Likely' awards, Lani Oshunrinade winning 'Best Dressed Student'. Students then left the school site to continue the celebrations. The class of 2023 were a fantastic year group and we wish them all good luck for the future!



Dates for the Diary

- 23.05.23 - Year 10 PPE Art
- 23.05.23 – 24.05.23 - Lower School Production Rehearsals
- 24.05.23 - U14 Brentwood Mixed Rounders Rally
- 25.05.23 - Year 8 Rounders Rally
- 25.05.23 - Barbados Meeting
- 26.05.23 - Year 10 Reports Home
- For PE fixtures please follow twitter @STMartinsSchPE or [click here](#) for further PE updates.



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