



NEWS & VIEWS

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Headteacher's Comment

Good afternoon

As this is my final News and Views, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff, parents and carers for their support, extremely kind words and well wishes for my future. It has been a pleasure to work with such amazing staff and students who make this school so special. I would also like to wish Mr Foster and all the new staff joining in September my very best wishes for the future.

The end of this term also sees some staff leaving that have given outstanding service to the school over a significant period of time. Mr Dearmer, Head of the English Faculty, joined the school in 1987 a total of 36 years! Mrs Corbett, Deputy Headteacher is retiring after 17 years here and 15 years in SLT. Mrs Mercer in our MFL department has been here since 2004. Mrs Stewart has just completed her 21st year in the English department at St Martin's. Dean Goddard who has been here for 30 years, is stepping down from the senior leadership team after 19 years but will be staying here as a part time teacher. Lastly but by no means least, Mrs Moodley is leaving our Technology department after 15 years with us. Thank you to all of the staff for their long service to the students of St Martin's, it has been a real pleasure to work with them and wish them good luck for the future whatever that may look like!

Have a brilliant summer everyone!



Year 12 Devised Drama Performance

At the end of June, the Year 12 Drama and Theatre A level cohort performed their Component 1 devised pieces to an audience of Year 10 Drama students and Year 9 students who have chosen Drama as a GCSE option for September.

Year 12 students were given the task of devising an original performance using an extract from a play text as a stimulus. They also had to embed the methodologies of Kneehigh Theatre Company within their performance. This included storytelling, song and puppetry. Final pieces explored a variety of untold stories about mental health, feminism, luck, refugees and loneliness.

Students produced work of an incredibly high quality and as a result, have successfully completed 40% of their A level course.

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Year 12 Devised Drama Performance Cont.



Dates for the Diary

- 6.09.23 - Term starts
- 07.09.23 - Year 13 Summer Ball



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