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Be The Best You Can Be

Headteacher: Mr I Smyrk

Traditional Values

Learning for the Future

Outstanding Personal Achievement



Headteacher's Comment

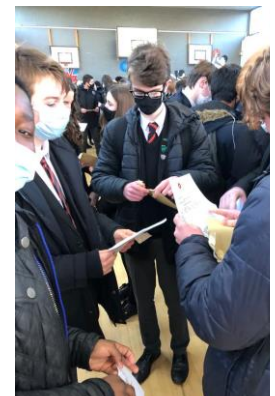
Good afternoon everyone,

As you will have seen from my emails this week, that from next Thursday face coverings are no longer advised for students, staff and visitors in communal areas which is a positive step for us all in moving forward from Covid.

This morning I had the pleasure to go to the Year 11 PPE Results Release Assembly. This is a very important occasion that gives the students a realistic taste of what opening their exam results envelopes will feel like in August this year. They had a chance to speak to each other and contact home exactly as they would do on the actual day. This was followed by a very thought provoking assembly to go through some key messages as we get closer to the summer.

Our new Business Manager Jo Chipperfield introduces herself this week and our other 2 articles are a chance to recognise and appreciate some outstanding achievements from our talented students in the world of cross country and Latin Dance. Congratulations!

Have good weekend.



Business Manager

I joined St Martin's in October 2021 and can honestly say I'm loving my role as Business Manager. I have been in an educational setting since 2007 and worked across primary schools, so coming to a secondary school was a leap for me.

The role is so diverse; I manage the finance team, site management, reprographics and reception. I mainly focus on budgets, assist the Discovery Educational Trust in setting the school budget and will support in building budgets for the next five years.

As a Business Manager I work very closely with HR. I am part of the Senior Leadership Team, a team I thoroughly enjoy being on.

Since October 2021, I have been working on site refurbishment, a rolling programme of improvements around the school and I have also met the Governors over TEAMS and in person for health & safety checks. In December 2021 I assisted with the 6th Form Open Evening, a night where I came away feeling extremely proud of where I work. Everyone, staff and students have been so friendly and helped me settle in. Thank You!



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National Open Latin Championships

Congratulations to May Reid in Year 12 who won the U21 National Open Latin Championship with her partner Tom.

Competitors from across the world, including Iceland, Italy and Ukraine, travelled to Blackpool to compete in this prestigious event. May joined St Martin's Sixth Form to study PE, Business and Psychology at A Level. Balancing her school work with her intense training programme demonstrates outstanding time management and motivation.

We are very proud of you May, well done!



County Cross Country Selections

Congratulations to Matthew Blacklock (Yr12), Dan Houchell (Yr13), Amelia King & Abigail Swan (both Yr10) who all represented Mid-Essex schools on Saturday at the Essex Cross Country Championships. By achieving one of the top 16 places in their respective races they have all been selected to run for Essex at the Southern Inter-Counties. This is an amazing achievement especially as Matthew, Amelia & Abigail are all a year out of age group. Isobel Calabritto (Yr11), Sienna Shipton and Jonny Oakes (both Yr9) also represented Mid-Essex Schools and ran well. Well done Saints!

