



# NEWS & VIEWS

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## Headteacher's Comment

Good afternoon, hope you all had a great half term!

This week, we held our Year 9 options evening which was extremely busy in the South and North Halls with parents and students visiting and gathering information to help make the right subject choices for key stage four. Mrs Corbett, Deputy Headteacher for Curriculum will be telling us all about the evening and the positive feedback received in next week's N&V.

Home school communication is extremely important to us and last night, we held our Year 13 Parents Evening online which was another successful evening. In this week's News and Views we share below three Year 13 students who have been involved in our school drama productions since Year 7; a huge commitment whilst remaining fully involved in all aspects of school life - they should be extremely proud.

Finally, Mr Hallahan, shares all about the ski trip to Austria which took place during the half term holiday for 55 students. I would like to thank all the staff involved for their hard work and commitment to make it such a success.

Have a good weekend!



## Drama commitment

After 7 years at St Martin's Emily Ellis, Sophie Story and Phoebe Knight in Year 13 performed their last show, having been in every school production since year 7. On the final night of Grease, they were awarded a framed picture of all the roles they have played, in celebration of all their hard work and commitment to the Drama department. Emily, Sophie and Phoebe performed in Aladdin, Alice Wonderland, The Little Mermaid, Sister Act, 9 to 5 and Grease performing their final roles as Frenchy, Sandy and Rizzo respectively.

All three girls have been an asset to the Drama department, ambassadors for the Performing Arts and we wish them well for their future endeavours.



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## Ski Trip 2023 – Ski Juwel Austria

After years away from the slopes, 55 students and 6 staff set off on the 2023 ski trip. With 40 students that have never skied before, and many being away from home for the first time there was an air of excitement as we pulled away from the school late on Friday evening.

After a long journey we made it to our hotel late Saturday afternoon and the first job was to get our ski equipment sorted for the upcoming week. This was followed by unpacking and a good night's sleep before the skiing began the next morning.

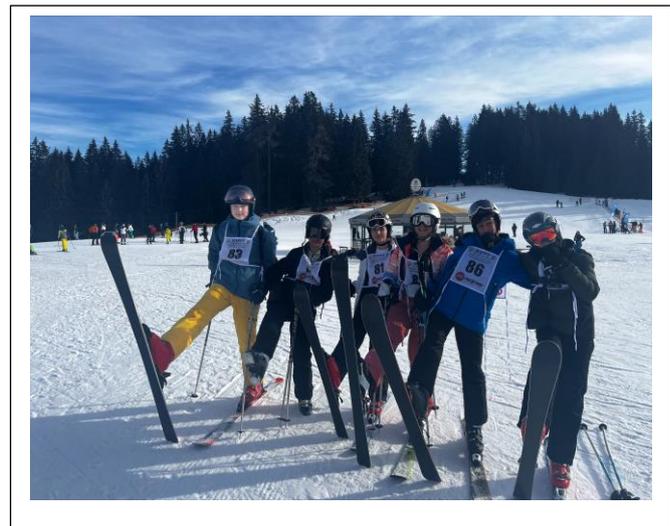
Throughout the week the students got used to their 6.30am alarm of Mr Roberts and Mr Hallahan knocking on their doors. They were even treated to some early morning singing! After breakfast it was a short coach ride to the slopes. Five different groups based on ability went off with their ski instructors. The progress made by all skiers was fantastic, with some even moving through the groups. Over the week, it was great to see their huge achievements from grasping the basics, growing in confidence and developing more advanced skills.

Despite tiredness kicking in, the evenings were filled with activity from ten pin bowling, to tobogganing and even an Alpine Coaster to a chilled out pizza evening. There were some new activities for us to try and definitely some memories made as laughter and fun was had throughout.

The students were a credit to the school with many people complimenting their behaviour and manners throughout the week to make the St Martin's staff feel very proud.

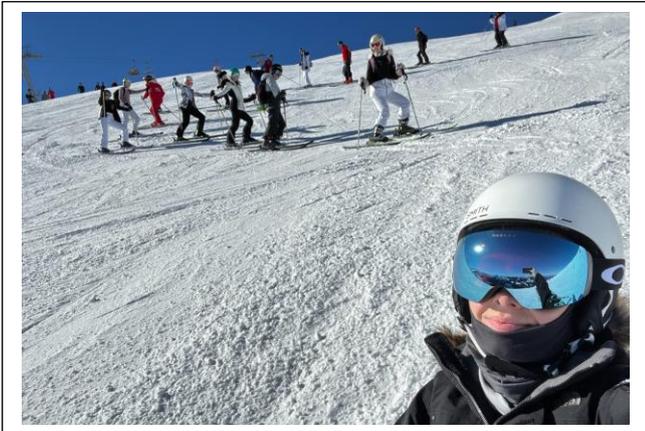
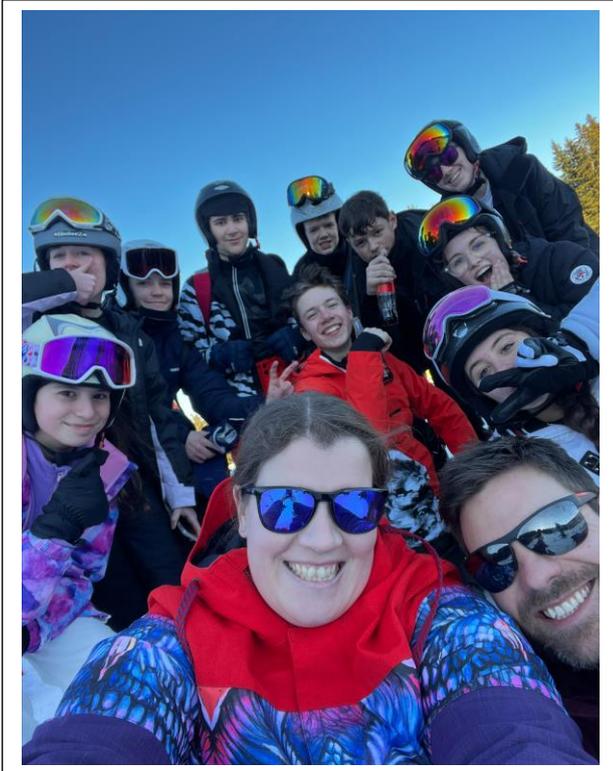
A special thanks to the staff who accompanied me to make it such a successful trip.

Mr P Hallahan





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### Dates for the Diary

- 27.02.23 – Author Visit for Year 7 (Samantha Hammerson)
- 03.02.23 – Year 10 and Year 12 Reports Home
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