



# NEWS & VIEWS

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Headteacher: Mr I Smyrk

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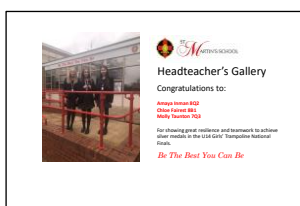
Outstanding Personal Achievement



## Headteacher's Comment

Good afternoon, I am delighted to share with you the amazing news that Charlie McCartney in Year 8, who set up his own autistic football team, has been nominated for a National Diversity Award in the 'Positive Role Model' category. Recently Charlie featured on Sky Sports and received a mention on Twitter from England Football. Please join us in supporting Charlie by voting for him using the link below:

<https://www.nationaldiversityawards.co.uk/awards-2023/nominations/charlie-mccartney/>



Congratulations to our silver medallists; Amaya Inman and Chloe Fairest in Year 8 and Molly Taunton in Year 7 who competed in the U14 girls' trampolining National Finals in Northampton last weekend, having won both the Regional and Zonal competitions in the Elite category.



This week I had the pleasure of attending the annual Spring Concert which was another hugely successful evening showcasing the wonderful talented students who have been rehearsing extremely hard for all their performances. I would like to thank all the staff and students involved and we will hear all about the concert in next week's News and Views from Mr Harris, Head of Music.

In this week's News and Views, I share below an exciting opportunity within our Trust, please click on the link below to find out more details. Finally, please see below news regarding our Year 13 Scripted Drama Exams that took place last week. Have a great weekend.



## Trust Opportunities

We are looking for three new Members to join us in 2023.

Are you committed to improving the educational experience and outcomes of children, and to supporting a team of dedicated staff in their vital role?

Members act as guardians of governance, sitting at the top of the Trust's organisational structure and holding the Trust Board to account for effective performance.

We welcome applications from people from the wider world of education, or from public, private or charitable organisations, who have a passionate belief in the power of education to transform life chances.

Our Trust currently comprises three very different schools – one in Southend and two in Brentwood. However, its record of successful school improvement has resulted in us being chosen by two primary schools in Brentwood as the Trust that they would like to join. Expansion of our secondary school base is also anticipated in the coming years.

For an informal conversation about the role, or to apply, please contact Mr Dave Smith, Member ([dsmith@discoveryeducationaltrust.co.uk](mailto:dsmith@discoveryeducationaltrust.co.uk)). Please send a CV with your application.

More information on the role is available on the Trust website via this [link](#).



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## A-level Drama and Theatre Performances

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On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March, our Year 13 Drama and Theatre A-level students completed their Component 2 exam. This consisted of two scripted performances, marked by a visiting examiner. The first performance for the students was a monologue, from a published play. Half the students performed a monologue from *The Laramie Project* by Moises Kaufman, a verbatim play based on the death of a young gay man in 1998. The other half performed monologues from Shakespeare's classics including *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Twelfth Night*, *Richard III*, *Merchant of Venice* and *Much Ado about Nothing*. As well as the examiner, our year 11 Drama students were invited to watch these, to highlight best practice and share the standard of A-level performance.

The second scripted performance by our year 13s was the play *One Man, Two Guvnors* by Richard Bean. A modern retelling of Goldoni's 18<sup>th</sup> century Italian farce, *A Servant of Two Masters*. This modern version, first performed at the National Theatre with James Corden as the 'Servant', is set in the 1960s and our Year 13 students fully embraced the farcical comedy style and slapstick humour. Their audience included family and friends who all enjoyed witnessing this triumphant finale to the students' Performing Arts journey at school. We wish them every success and hope that they take with them some very fond memories of their performances at St Martin's.



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## A-Level Drama and Theatre Performances Cont.



## Dates for the Diary

- 27.03.23 – 29.03.23 – Year 9 PPEs
- 27.03.23 – Year 11 Drama C2: Scripted Tech & Exam
- 28.03.23 – Year 10 Art Trip to Tate Modern
- 29.03.23 – Year 12 Honours Assembly
- 30.03.23 – 05.04.23 – Hollywood Trip
- 31.03.23 – Years 7-10 Honours Assemblies
- 31.03.23 – Year 11 Reports Home
- 31.03.23 – End of Term: School finishes at 1.30pm



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