



NEWS & VIEWS

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Headteacher: Mr I Smyrk

Traditional Values

Learning for the Future

Outstanding Personal Achievement



Headteacher's Comment

Good afternoon, as we are now in our final term we have eyes on next year but are still extremely busy in school in a term where there seems to be even more events and activities taking place than normal.

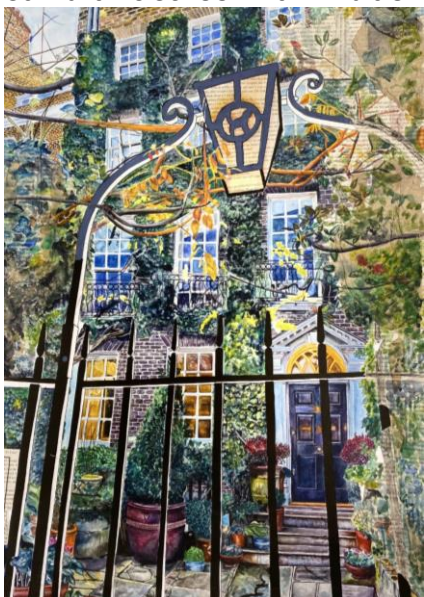
On Wednesday, I attended the Brentwood District Athletics Championships at Melbourne Park Stadium Chelmsford. The sun was shining and it was a pleasure to watch our students perform and present medals to all the talented students that took part. Also this week we welcomed over 300 Year 6 students for their transition days in preparation for when they start in Year 7 in September. A highly successful first 2 days so thank you to all the staff involved in the organisation and those taking the taster lessons which were thoroughly enjoyed by the children.

In this week's News and Views, we hear all about the amazing production of Legally Blonde which was held last week in the South Hall. The shows were a huge success so a big thank you again to all involved especially Miss Barnes for organising all the rehearsals and for the incredibly hard work that goes into putting on such a great production. We are delighted to share an invite to our Summer Art Exhibition which will be held in the North Hall on Thursday 14 July. Please come along with family and friends and take the opportunity to really appreciate how talented our students are! Have a good weekend.



Art Exhibition

St Martin's School Art Exhibition •



GCSE and A Level Art, Photography and Technology

Everybody welcome. Entertainment by the Music department.

North Hall

Thursday 14th July 2022

5 – 7.30pm



ST MARTIN'S SCHOOL

You are cordially invited to St Martin's School 'Summer Art Exhibition 2022' on 14 July in North Hall, from 5.00pm until 7.30pm. We would very much like you to join us in celebrating the work of our GCSE and A-level Art, Photography and Technology students. Work will be displayed from students in Year 11, 12 and 13. Live entertainment will be provided by our music department and refreshments will be available.

We look forward to seeing you there. Please extend this invitation to anyone you feel may be interested. This is an excellent opportunity for our students to showcase their work to family, friends and the wider community.



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Lower School Production

Last week, after a very long wait, we were finally able to put on our lower school production of Legally Blonde Jr. After originally starting preparations in March 2020 where we auditioned, cast the show and held just one after school rehearsal, our efforts were halted by the national lockdown. Finally, after a cast change due to some of our original cast now being in Year 10 and 11, months of rehearsals and a lot of hard work, we were finally able to showcase a sensational production.

The show, which has been a West End hit and is currently being shown in the Regent's Park Open Air Theatre, has been bought to life by over 60 of our talented students and has been a joy to work on over the past few months. Students performed four shows, two matinées to our local Primary Schools and two evenings to appreciative audiences of family and friends. The primary school students who came to watch loved the fun and energetic characters and the upbeat and catchy songs, so much so that one primary school emailed to say that their students spent the afternoon singing the songs to their teacher! In the evenings, the hall was packed for both shows where the students took to the stage and really showcased just how much talent we have at St Martin's.

We are so inundated with talent here that I was able to double cast many of our roles. One cast was students in Years 8 and 9, and somehow, we were able to have another cast of entirely Year 7 students, a talented year group indeed! It is impossible to name everyone as we had such a large cast but some of the anchors of the show included our lead Elle Woods (Hannah Northcott and Annie Savill), Paulette (Sienna Shipton and April Wilks), Brooke (Leah McGeoch and Amy Hines) and Vivienne (Corrinne Isaacs and Alexa Camilleri) who performed with outstanding professionalism and commitment. Leonardo Canoro Theodore captured Emmett's ambition and support of Elle perfectly whilst Ethan Perry showcased the selfish ex-boyfriend with comedic timing and excellent vocals. Nicholas Morris highlighted the ruthless nature of Professor Callahan with maturity and conviction. All of the students highlighted above are exceptional talents and will be future stars of St Martin's productions for years to come.

I must thank the staff and production team who have supported the process of putting on this show including Musical Director Mr Harris, Stage Manager Miss Smith, Technical Manager Mr Scates and the rest of the Drama and Music Departments and student helpers. A further special mention must go to Year 12 student Darcy Pilgrim who choreographed the production to such a high quality that I had to keep reminding myself that these students were aged between 11 and 14. Once again, we are also extremely grateful to Year 10 student Jack Liddicott, whose lighting design mirrored the very best that the West End has to offer. We are so lucky to have students who are willing to give up their time to support younger students and act as role models to them. All that is left to say is thank you to everyone who has supported the production and we are already looking forward to next year's talent filled productions!

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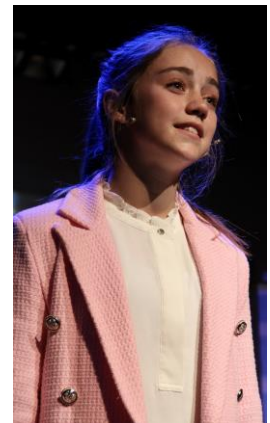
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