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Headteacher's Comment

Good afternoon, congratulations to Josh Coker, Josh Jones and Samuel Trower from Year 8 who were awarded Headteacher's Gallery this week for their amazing team work and problem solving skills to complete their science project.

Today has been non-uniform day at St Martin's and I can confirm that all monies raised will be in support of the 'Epilepsy Society'.

In this week's News and Views we hear all about International Women's Day from Miss Casey, Head of Year 10, which was celebrated in school a few weeks ago. Also, this week we had the pleasure of holding our Spring Concert in the South Hall, our first face to face one since 2019 and what a spectacular concert it was. Thank you to Mr Harris and the music department for all their hard work and of course to our very talented students who took part. Wishing you all a great weekend!



Headteacher's Gallery

Congratulations to:

Joshua Coker 8H3, Joshua Jones 8H3 & Samuel Trower 8H3

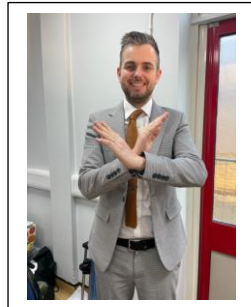
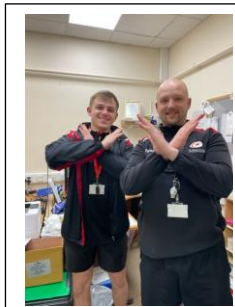
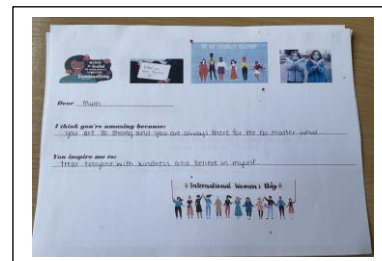
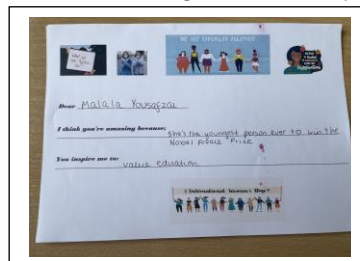
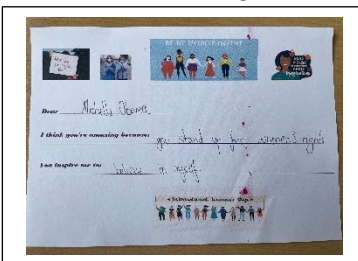
For showing outstanding teamwork and problem solving skills in completing the winning entry in their science project.

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International Women's Day

Students celebrated 'International Women's Day' in assemblies by reflecting on the history of this day, recent achievements for women politically and culturally and by considering inspirational women in their lives and the world in general. This year's theme asks us to imagine a gender equal world; a world free of bias, stereotypes, and discrimination; a world that is diverse, equitable, and inclusive and a world where difference is valued and celebrated. Together we can forge women's equality. Collectively we can all **#BreakTheBias** and this is something that staff promoted throughout the day.



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Spring Concert 2022

It has been an extremely busy, but very exciting and fulfilling week for the music department.

On Tuesday, our visiting examiner from Eduqas came to mark our Year 13 performance recitals, which are worth 35% of their A Level. Understandably, students were very nervous but fortunately they managed to channel this into positive energy and gave outstanding performances which just shows what talented and experienced performers they all are. A huge well done to Laura Simms, Oliver Grimes, Will Beech and Zoe Chatrath.

And as if that wasn't enough, on Wednesday we had our Spring Concert, one of the biggest and most anticipated events in the music calendar. Remarkably, this was our first 'in-person' concert for three years, following our last-minute cancellation two years ago and our virtual replacement last year can still be viewed on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/uhvXF41Fe0>. A packed audience was absolutely wowed by the strength and breadth of the talent as always and it is impossible to mention everyone involved, but a special mention must go to our soloists Leah McGeoch, Jack Liddicott, Will Beech, Ella Abberley, Emily Thomas-Scrine, Ben Hart, Zoe Chatrath, Dara Towoba, Julia Doherty, Alex Young, Eliza Kane, Alex Rebel, Katie Mollard, Eden Sanders and Oliver Grimes.

We were also lucky enough to hear many of our ensembles perform. Our concert band gave us some film and TV classics, the percussion ensemble showed us their complex rhythms, Steel pans delivered the positive message of 'Don't Worry, Be Happy', Senior choir astonished us with some beautiful harmonies, Brass ensemble continued their fantastic progress having only formed at the start of the year, Junior choir showed us the future of St Martin's music is very bright, Jazz band performed a Mr Bates special and the student-led ukulele ensemble brought even more joy to the stage.

The concert was the perfect way to finish off what has been another remarkable term for us, which has included a first-class Year 10 showcase, a wonderful joint production of '9 to 5' with the drama department and an inspirational A Level visit to Royal Holloway, one of the best universities in the country to study music. Thank you, as ever, to my irreplaceable colleagues Mr Williams, Mr Bates and Mr Scates for their endless hard work and support of our students, we are very lucky to have them. We cannot wait to show what we can do next!

Mr Harris, Head of Music



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