



# NEWS & VIEWS

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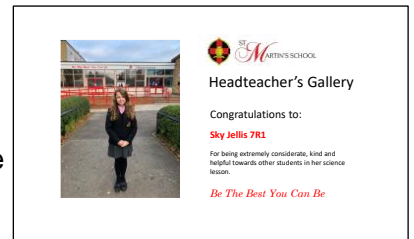
## Headteacher's Comment

Good afternoon, this week I had the pleasure of observing Year 11 drama and Year 11 food practical exams which were absolutely brilliant to watch. The students' work in both exams were amazing and extremely impressive. We will be showcasing some of their work in News and Views over the next few weeks.

Congratulations to Sky Jellis in Year 7 who was sent to me for her Headteacher's Gallery award; it was great to meet such a kind and helpful student.

On a different note, COVID-19 cases are on the rise again in school and in the community so please can I remind you all to continue to carry out regular testing with the rapid flow tests to help minimise the spread of the virus.

I now introduce our Head Boy Michael Kafe who tells us all about the Brentwood Schools Climate Conference that some of our sixth form students attended recently. Also, this week we share some news and photos from last week's Children in Need and an A-level Music trip to the Royal Hospital School in Holbrook, Suffolk. Have a good weekend all.



## Climate Change Conference

"The student leadership team and members of the student voice were invited to attend a Brentwood Schools Climate Change Conference, along with several other schools in the area on the 11<sup>th</sup> November. We had live seminars about different topics related to pollution and climate change. The talks were on subjects such as fast fashion, sustainable building, and production. This was followed by a number of engaging questions, all of which were answered by specialists. We were also given time to work collectively in our groups to make different project ideas, which would help each one of us to reduce our environmental footprint. Overall, the summit was a very constructive way of addressing what every member of society could do to help in the fight against climate change and showed us that when we work as a collective body, we can change tomorrow. We eagerly look forward to meeting again in six months' time." (written by Michael Kobena Kafe Head Boy)



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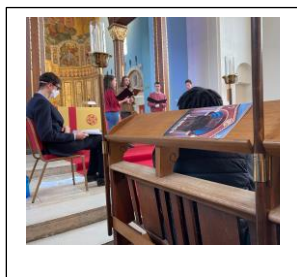
## Children in Need

Thank you so much to everyone who took part in our fundraising for Children in Need last week. We had so much fun dancing, baking, dressing up and beating the teacher in penalty shoot outs! The total raised was an amazing £800! All donations have gone to the charity that helps improve the lives of disadvantaged children and young people around the UK. House points were awarded to the best dressed, best dancers and top penalty takers, along with certificates of recognition for nominated baking awards.



## A-level Theatre Trip

On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November, our A-level Music students were fortunate enough to attend a composition workshop at the Royal Hospital School in Holbrook, Suffolk. The workshop was focused on writing for voices, and was led by fellows of the National Youth Choirs of Great Britain. We started off in the beautiful chapel, and the choir treated us to performances of works by composers such as Tallis, Palestrina, Rachmaninoff, Pärt and Tavener. We then enjoyed a lecture in the recital room, focusing on how different textures, tonalities and metres can affect the compositional process. Before lunch, we split into groups, each one led by an NYCGB fellow, and started our own compositions. However, the final part of the day was by far the most exciting, when we all came back together and the students' compositions were performed live for the first time by the professional singers. The whole day was hugely productive and educational, and the students were a real credit to the school. I am looking forward to seeing all the new skills they learned being showcased in their upcoming composition submissions.



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