



# NEWS & VIEWS

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**Headteacher: Mr I Smyrk**

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## Headteacher's Comment

Good afternoon

This week the summer exam season started with some of our Year 11 and 13 students taking elements of their GCSE and A-level exams; these ran alongside the year 10 PPEs which have run extremely smoothly.

Can I remind everyone to park responsibly and think of others both in and out of school when picking up and dropping off please. We have to consider our neighbours and also the bus drivers that need to park in school every morning and afternoon.

In this week's News and Views, we share the school's summer events taking place and also information regarding the Young Carers initiative with Essex County Council which helps support students who are caring for family members.

Finally, this week we had a very different type of bus on site which gave students an insight to anti-social behaviour and substance misuse and how to build resilience against these types of criminal activities. Thank you to the Youth Service and those staff involved in organising this day. Have a great bank holiday!



## School Events Summer



### SCHOOL EVENTS SUMMER 2023

Date	Event	Time	Venue
Tuesday 13 June 2023	Lower School Production – Beauty and the Beast	6.00-8.00pm	St Martin's School, Hanging Hill Lane, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex CM13 2HG – <b>South Hall</b>
Wednesday 14 June 2023	Lower School Production – Beauty and the Beast	6.00-8.00pm	St Martin's School, Hanging Hill Lane, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex CM13 2HG – <b>South Hall</b>
Wednesday 28 June 2023	Summer Concert	6.00-8.00pm	St Martin's School, Hanging Hill Lane, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex CM13 2HG – <b>South Hall</b>
Tuesday 11 July 2023	Sports Awards Evening	6.00-8.00pm	St Martin's School, Hanging Hill Lane, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex CM13 2HG – <b>Sports Hall</b>
Wednesday 12 July 2023	Summer Art Exhibition	5.00-7.30pm	St Martin's School, Hanging Hill Lane, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex CM13 2HG – <b>North Hall</b>
Friday 14 July 2023	Sports Day	TBC	Brentwood School, Middleton Hall Lane, Brentwood CM15 8EE

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## Young Carers Bronze Award

At St Martin's School, we have recently undertaken the Young Carer Bronze Award in association with Essex County Council. As a school, it is our priority that all students are supported to ensure they reach their maximum potential.

We have been working alongside Essex County Council to refer and provide additional support for our students in Years 7-13 who care for a relative such as a parent or sibling.

If you are a student or know of any peers who care for someone and may need support then please do not hesitate to contact Mr Gee at [rgee@st-martins.essex.sch.uk](mailto:rgee@st-martins.essex.sch.uk) or Mrs Wilson at [gwilson@st-martins.essex.sch.uk](mailto:gwilson@st-martins.essex.sch.uk) for further information.



## Resilience Voyage

We were fortunate this week to have the opportunity for some of our students in Years 8,9, 10 and 11 to visit the Resilience Voyage – “drugs bus”, which was funded by the Youth Service.

The aim of this exercise was to empower students to build resilience in their decision making and make informed decisions as to how they can avoid getting involved in anti-social behaviour including drug misuse.

As part of the immersive workshop, they visited a ‘drug den’ on the top floor of the bus and took part in an escape activity in a replica prison cell, to consider where the consequences of some of the choices young people make can end. The feedback from students has been very positive and we will consider using this workshop for future Enhancement days.



## Dates for the Diary

- 01.05.23 May Day Bank Holiday
- 02.05.23 Year 11 MFL Speaking Exams
- 02.05.23 & 03.05.23 Lower School Production Rehearsals
- 05.05.23 Year 12 Reports Home
- For PE fixtures please follow twitter @STMartinsSchPE or [click here](#) for further PE updates.



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