



Friday 28 June 2024

NEWS & VIEWS

Be the best you can be.

Executive Headteacher: Mr Jamie Foster



Headteacher's Comment:

Well done to all the performers at this week's Summer Concert. It was so heart-warming to see Year 7 students working alongside our Year 13 leavers and passing the baton to the next St Martin's generation. I feel inspired when I see our young people putting themselves forward and taking risks to challenge themselves. It is a reminder that we should all be willing to move out of our comfort zone. The confidence and character development that I see nurtured as a result, can be a life changing moment for many and I am in the fortunate position to see our alumni from school age through to adults and now parents. Yes, I am that old but it is one of the many reasons that being a Headteacher is a true privilege.

If your child is not currently involved in wider curriculum opportunities please feel free to let us know of any clubs we could offer that may spark their interest. The teachers are always willing to expand our personal development opportunities and we know the importance of all students feeling connected and part of the St Martin's family. You can find all of our extra-curricular clubs via the link below:

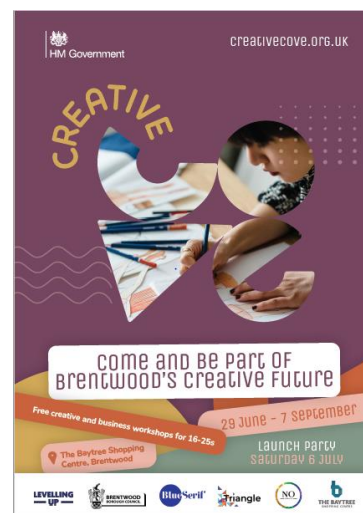
<https://www.st-martins.essex.sch.uk/curriculum/extra-curricular/>

This week's Headteachers gallery goes to Ruby Spooner in Year 10 for being an outstanding participant throughout the "Langevity" Outreach programme. Well done Ruby!



Creative Cove Career Visit

Last Thursday 20 June our Year 12 Art, Photography, Textiles and Product Design students took part in a careers talk with Creative Cove. This introduced them to a series of free creative and business workshops that are running at the Baytree Centre in Brentwood, this summer. The workshops are open to people aged 16-25 and run from 29 June to 7 September. We are hopeful the talk will encourage our students to participate and explore the world of work within the creative industries.



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Jack Petchey Achievement Awards Ceremony 2024

On Tuesday 18 June, our Jack Petchey Award winners went to the Towngate Theatre in Basildon to celebrate their nominations and to receive their awards. Their awards were given for their achievements in and out of school, focusing on the qualities and characteristics that our leaders of tomorrow need. Our St Martin's winners did a fantastic job of representing the best of our school. On the night, Luke Ivill from Year 12 was randomly selected to win a £50 voucher too!

These students attended to receive their award:

Year 9: Charlie McCartney, Chloe Fairest, Ryan Waller

Year 8: Max Chow, Rose Ridgely, Mason Gladwin-Law, George Mullinger

Year 11: Isabel Connor

Year 12: Hannah Percival, Luke Ivill, Benji Copping

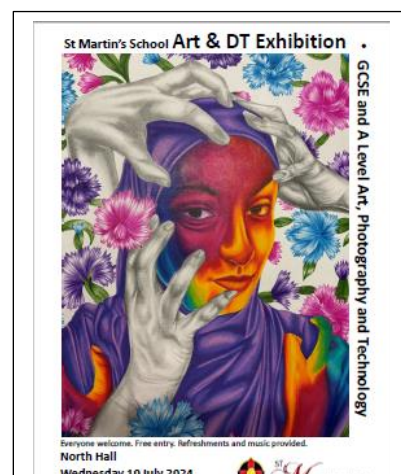


Finally, there were lots of other St Martin's students in attendance at the event as they won awards whilst representing external groups like Brentwood Central Boxing and Hutton FC. These students were a real credit to the school.



Dates for the Diary

01.07.2024 – 04.07.2024 – Year 12 Geography Trip, Devon
02.07.2024 – Brilliant Club Graduation Trip
02.07.2024 – 05.07.2024 – Years 7 & 8 PPEs North Hall
04.07.2024 – Early Finish
Year 8 Parent Consultation Afternoon
05.07.2024 – Year 5 Taster Day
Remote Learning Day



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- ✓ Run by qualified, locally trusted organisations
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Essex ActivAte is the name for the government funded holiday programmes run by Active Essex. During school half term and holidays, we work with locally trusted organisations to deliver free, holiday clubs to support the wellbeing of children who are eligible for benefit based free school meals or from 'low-income' working families.

HOW CAN ESSEX ACTIVATE SUPPORT ME?

As well as activity clubs, Essex ActivAte offer free resources, tips, guidance and support on their family support hub, to help make term times a little easier!

HOW DO I BOOK ONTO AN ESSEX ACTIVATE CLUB?

A few weeks ahead of each half term and holiday programme, we will post on our social media pages when clubs are available to view and how to book.



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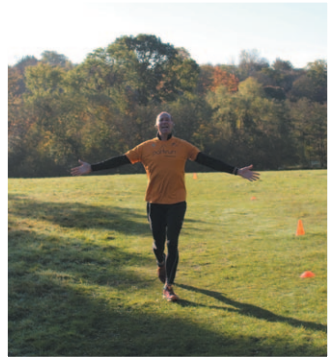


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Opportunities to volunteer

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Perfect for DoFE - The Duke of Edinburgh's Award. Come and get involved today!

Register at parkrun.org.uk/brentwood
and come down to join in!