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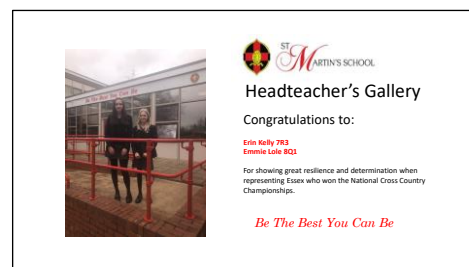
Headteacher's Comment

Good afternoon

Last week, I had the pleasure of meeting Erin Kelly in Year 7 and Emmie Lole in Year 8 who showed great resilience and determination, when representing Essex and winning the National Cross Country Championships. Well done girls, this is a huge achievement! I also met student members from our school leadership group, 'ARC' who took part in a video that was shown to staff to give us their thoughts on how to improve their learning. Their input, enthusiasm and dedication to the school is outstanding. I am very pleased to say they are all now inducted into the Headteacher's Gallery.

In this week's News and Views we share all about our Science Club which runs every Tuesday after school and the superb Spring Concert which took place last week.

Today, we celebrated our students' achievements, awarding them with their honour's certificates in assemblies. Well done to everyone for their hard work and efforts. I would also like to thank all the staff for all their hard work this term and wish you all a very happy Easter break!

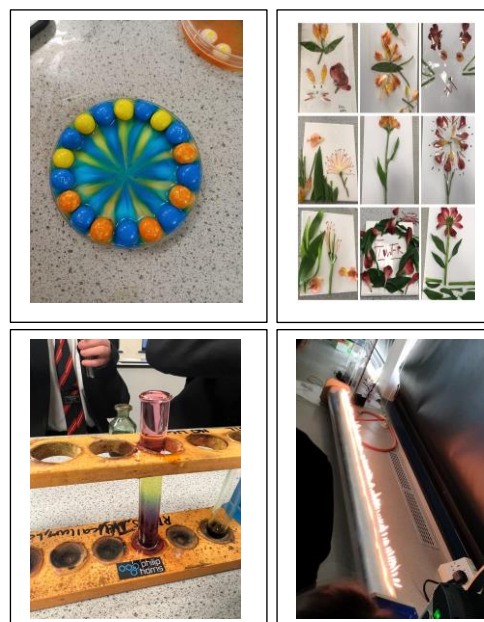


Science Club

Every Tuesday after school, budding scientists in Years 7 and 8 meet in South Science for the weekly Science Club. Since the club has started, we have had lots of keen scientists join - our club has grown and we often have 30 plus students attending. As a club we split our time equally between the three sciences and so each week focuses on a different branch of Science.

Students have had the opportunity to dissect eyes and flowers when studying Biology, conduct flame tests and investigate chromatography through the use of skittles to improve their practical skills in Chemistry, and in Physics they have discussed insulation through trying to stop an ice cube penguin melting and to study sound waves through using the Reubens tube. All the activities align with the THRIVE aims of the school as the students often work as part of a team and they have shown resilience when working with different equipment and peers from different year groups.

The students will be able to apply the skills that they learn in Science club to their science lessons and the tasks are designed to pique their interests in Science. Who knows we may have the next Einstein in our midst!



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Spring Concert 2023

Last Wednesday we finished the term in wonderful style with our annual Spring Concert. It was a truly superlative evening, filled with exceptionally talented young people doing what they do best. Ensemble performances came from the super Steel Pans, the brilliant Brass Ensemble, the great Guitar Ensemble, the sublime Senior Choir, the classy Concert Band, the marvellous MINT (our Year 13 resident rock band), the unbelievable Ukulele Ensemble and the joyful Junior Choir. A huge congratulations to our soloists – Eden Sanders, Sophie Critchell, Ella Abberley, Alex Young, Hannah Percival, Benji Copping, Charlotte Rebel, Leah McGeoch, Annie Goddard, Claudia Burgess, Siobhan Seabrook, Tasia Hand, Alex Syed, Evangeline Jackson and Elvie Squire. You all truly thrived on that stage and showed what being a St Martin's student is all about.

However, one of the highlights of the evening was a 'Beatles Medley' performance from The Hollywood Ensemble – a group of roughly 40 students who we will be taking to Los Angeles very shortly. In fact, when you read this, we will be on the other side of the world! For many of them, performing to an audience (and even the Performing Arts in general) is something very new to them, so we were exceptionally proud of their courage. We look forward to performing again once we are in Hollywood.

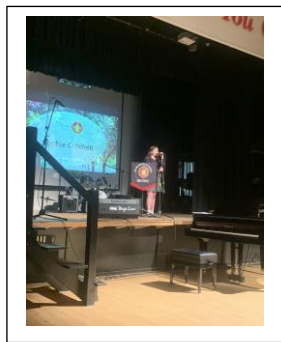
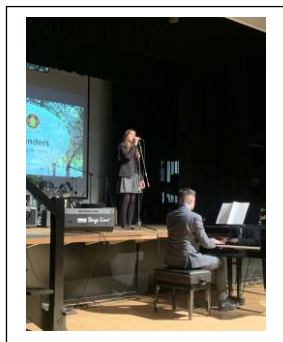
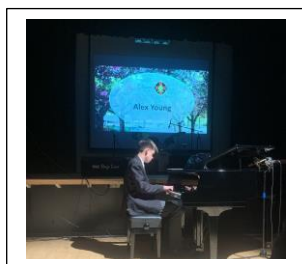
It has been another super term for the Music department. We were very pleased to welcome representatives from the Brighton Alternative Music College back in January to give a seminar about the music industry to our KS4 and KS5 students. Then our new Year 10 students showed not only us, but an appreciative audience of most of Year 7, 8 and 9 that the future of St Martin's Music continues to be bright with an outstanding showcase just a week later. Following this, a superb four-performance run of Grease delighted packed audiences of parents, peers and even children from local primary schools in mid-February.

It was wonderful to talk to so many prospective GCSE Music students at Year 9 options evening a week later. We also spent this week auditioning for our summer production of Beauty and the Beast, and what a show this will be. Finally, Year 12 and 13 were lucky enough to visit Cadogan Hall just a couple of weeks ago, where we were mesmerised by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra playing repertoire by Prokofiev and Brahms. If I were a music student still at school, I think I'd quite like to attend St Martin's!

As ever, none of the above would be possible without the relentless work and dedication of my colleagues in the Music department – Mr Williams, Miss Askew and Miss Rahman, as well as our brilliant Drama department who put on the marvellous productions. Thank you all for the help and support you give, and the laughs along the way.

Thank you all so much for your support and here's to more amazing music-making here at St Martin's. Now, next stop, Hollywood!

Mr Harris, Head of Music



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Spring Concert 2023 Cont.



Dates for the Diary

- 17.04.23 – Start of Summer Term
- 17.04.23 – TNMOC Trip
- 18.04.23 – Presentation Evening Re: Berlin Trip
- 19.04.23 – Lower School Production Rehearsals
- 20.04.23 – More Able Lecture Series
- 20.04.23 – Year 7 Parents Evening
- 21.04.23 – Year 13 Reports Home
- For PE fixtures please follow twitter @STMartinsSchPE or [click here](#) for further PE updates.



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