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Headteacher: Mr I Smyrk

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Headteacher's Comment

Good afternoon

Today we held our first St Martin's Mini Marathon for staff and students. It was great fun and all monies raised will be donated to the charity Kids Inspire. More information and photos from today will be shared in next week's News and Views.

This week I had the pleasure of meeting Daisy Chadwick in Year 12 and seeing her outstanding biology work. Congratulations Daisy you are now inducted into the Headteacher's Gallery.

Finally, this week we held our Young Soloist of the Year Competition and what a great night it was seeing all the talented students that took part. It was so hard to choose a winner and the results were extremely close which you can read all about below from Mr Harris.

Have a great weekend.



Young Soloist of the Year Competition

On Wednesday night, we had our first Music event of the new academic year – the Young Soloist of the Year Competition. Fortunately, despite the impact of COVID, we have been able to run this competition in some form since its inaugural outing in 2019, and it was wonderful to finally have it back without any form of restrictions.

Sixteen talented students across all year groups performed with such admirable courage and tenacity, with a wide variety of instruments including voice, piano, guitar, drums and clarinet. In our Junior Category, we were treated to performances from Jasper Rebel, Moyo Fagbemide, Thomas Evans, Louise Bayley, Abigail Durogene, Tobias Barton, Cydney Hughes and Ella Abberley. Our Senior Category continued to impress with performances from Lucas Goulbourn, Emily Thomas-Scrine, Tasia Hand, Eliza Kane, Isabella Bone, Owen Rickson, Timothy Olusegun and Ben Hart. It was such a tight competition and it almost seemed unfair to pick a winner, but in the end, we just about managed and the biggest of congratulations to our new Young Soloists of the Year, Jasper Rebel and Eliza Kane.

My thanks go to the Music staff – Mr Williams, Miss Askew and Miss Rahman, all of whom came together and ensured the event ran so smoothly. I must also give a special mention to Year 11 student Jack Liddicott whose technical prowess is so important to us, as well as all the behind-the-scenes staff helpers. And of course, I must mention our star guest adjudicator for the evening, Mr Adam Gerber, whose sensitive, encouraging and constructive feedback was absolutely invaluable to our young musicians.

However, despite there being two more than worthy winners, I think we can all agree that the true winner of the night was Music, which continues to grow and blossom at St Martin's. I remain constantly proud of my department and our wonderful students and staff who make it the very special place it is.

Mr Harris. Head of Music



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