



NEWS & VIEWS

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Executive Headteacher: Mr Jamie Foster

Headteacher's Comment:

It has been another busy week at St Martin's with our Christmas Concerts taking place on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, with a high volume of parents, students and staff coming along to support. Thank you to all those students who took part and for all the staff involved who made the performances such a huge success. We will hear all about them in next week's News and Views from our Head of Music, Mr Alex Williams.

I am extremely pleased to announce this year's Christmas Card winner, Ishika Naik in Year 8. Well done to Ishika whose design will be the St Martin's Christmas card for 2023 and shared among the local schools and community.

I also had the pleasure of meeting Phoebe Cuschieri in Year 10 for this week's nomination for Headteacher Gallery. Phoebe has shown outstanding attitude to learning and resilience, going above and beyond in her food tech lessons.

Our year 11 pupils have been working hard for the PPE exams over the last two weeks. As a small reward they came together for hot chocolate, whipped cream, marshmallows and biscuit treats. The positive attitude throughout will provide the foundations to give every chance of success in the summer. Let's keep it up.



Holocaust Education Trust visit

On Monday and Tuesday this week the Holocaust Education Trust (HET) came in to run a 2 hour pilot workshop with GCSE Historians. The sessions built upon students' subject knowledge on Jewish persecution under the Nazis that evolved into the Holocaust where 6 million Jews and other undesirables were systematically murdered in the Second World War. The HET used technology to share the story of a survivor, Manfred Goldberg. Students were able to log onto a website and ask Manfred questions about his life. The software enabled students to feel like they were having a one to one conversation with him on camera. Later, students used VR headsets to engage in an immersive 360 degree experience at a number of key sites, including his childhood home. We intend to continue to work with the HET and build these sessions into our History curriculum. Student feedback was incredibly positive and all recognised how this technology could help bring the past to life. *Mrs Frappell*



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Cyber Explorers High Achiever School

This week I received confirmation from HM Governments (DSIT) Cyber Explorers congratulating the school in achieving one of the top spots in the Cyber Explorers High Achiever Schools Leader board for November 2023. We have secured third position on the Cyber Explorers High Achiever Schools Leader board for November 2023! As we celebrate this milestone, we remain fully committed to enhancing our cybersecurity education programs, ensuring our students stay one step ahead in this ever-evolving digital era.



Sixth Form Christmas Jumper Day

On December 7 the Sixth Form students participated in the 'Christmas Jumper Day' for the **Save the Children Foundation**. Pupils came to school in Christmas Jumpers and/or attire and donated to the foundation. It was a great start to the festive season and a reminder that Christmas is about giving, especially to those children who maybe having a tough time. Pupils this year **raised £170** which will help give children a better Christmas.

Mrs Page Head of Year 12 & 13



Senior Maths Challenge



In October the Year 12 and 13 Further Mathematicians all took part in the Senior Maths Challenge. This is a competition across the whole UK and has students answer a series of challenging Maths Questions. But there was a twist. Every wrong answer actually loses marks, so students could potentially gain a negative score for this test. This year we had 5 students attain Bronze, 9 Silver, and 4 managed to reach the Gold standard.

A massive congratulations to everyone that took part, and a special mention to **Shayut Millar** who scored **84** making him the best in Year 12 and **Ciaran White** who scored **88** to be the best in Year 13 and the school.



Dates for the Diary

12.12.23 - Year 12 Level 3 Food Science Exam

13.12.23 - Year 13 Sport BTEC Practical

14.12.23 & 15.12.23 – Year 11 PPE Art Exam

15.12.23 - Year 7 Reports Home

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