



# NEWS & VIEWS

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## Headteacher's Comment

Good afternoon

Following the recent news of Mr Foster being the new Executive Headteacher from September, it was a pleasure to show him around the school yesterday and to meet some of our staff and students in their lessons and around the school at lunch time. As part of the transition before next September, Mr Foster will be coming into school again so please say hello if you see him!

This week was extremely busy in the calendar with numerous trips taking place for Year 10 Geography students who went to the seaside at Walton on the Naze and a Year 10 Computer Science trip to BT HQ for Cyber Command at Adastral Park in Suffolk. There was also, a Year 12 UCAS Discovery trip to the University of Essex. We look forward to hearing all about these trips in News and Views very soon.

I also had the pleasure to see our Lower School Production, *Beauty and the Beast* on Wednesday evening. The show ran for two nights which were both packed in the South Hall and the performances were amazing. I had a guided tour of how the AV team work tirelessly to produce the brilliant sound and lighting for the show and their hard work has certainly paid off. I would like to thank Miss Barnes for producing the show and all the rest of the staff involved in another extremely successful show. Well done!

I now share below news of our 'Summer Art & DT Exhibition' taking place on 12 July in our North Hall together with a snapshot of the lower school performances this week. Have a good weekend.



## Summer Art & DT Exhibition

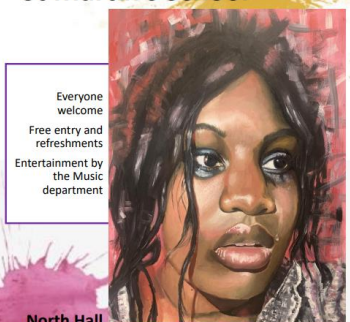
You are cordially invited to St Martin's School 'Summer Art & DT Exhibition 2023' on 12 July in North Hall, from 5.00pm until 7.00pm.

We would very much like you to join us in celebrating the work of our GCSE and A-level Art, Photography and Technology students. Work will be displayed from students in Year 11, 12 and 13. Live entertainment will be provided by our music department and refreshments will be available. This is a free event.

We look forward to seeing you there. Please extend this invitation to anyone you feel may be interested. This is an excellent opportunity for our students to showcase their work to family, friends and the wider community.

### ART & DT EXHIBITION

St Martin's School



North Hall  
Wednesday 12 July 2023  
5 - 7pm



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GCSE and A Level Art, Photography and Technology



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## Lower School Production

After months of hard work and preparation, this week we performed the lower school production of 'Beauty and the Beast Jr.' to two fully packed audiences. The show, which is currently a West End hit, has been bought to life by over 100 very talented students taking on singing, acting and dancing parts. The show has been an absolute joy to work on in rehearsals, getting to spend time with enthusiastic and hardworking students, which culminated in four performances – two matinées to our local Primary Schools and two evenings to appreciative audiences of family and friends where they were able to show just how much amazing talent we have here at St Martin's.

Due to the size of the cast and the amount of roles, we were able to double cast the majority of the performance with performers across year 7, 8 and 9 taking on key roles within the musical. It is impossible to name everyone as we had so many fabulous pupils involved but some of the anchors of the show included our lead Belle (Casey Lord Year 9 and Alexa Camilleri Year 8), the Beast (Nick Morris Year 8) and for his debut show, Daniel Fadiora (Year 8) took on the role of Gaston. The entire cast performed with professionalism and commitment and it is easy to see that they will be future stars of St Martin's productions for years to come.

I must thank the staff and production team who have supported the process of putting on the performances especially of this scale. Mr Harris, our musical director, worked tirelessly to ensure the students sounded amazing and they most certainly did him proud for his final production with us. Stage managers Mrs Page, Eve Page and Daniel Whitmore, Technical Manager Miss Rahman, the rest of the Drama and Music team and our student helpers worked seamlessly together to ensure the smooth running of the production. A special mention must go to Miss Askew, who handmade Belle's gold dress for the stunning ballroom scene. Further mention must go to Year 12 student Eve Page who choreographed a large section of the dances to a professional standard. We are so lucky to have students who are willing to give up their time to support younger students and act as role models to them. All that is left to say is thank you to everyone who has supported the show and we are already looking forward to next year's talent filled productions!

Miss Barnes, Director



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## Lower School Production Cont.



## Dates for the Diary

- 19.06.23 - 23.06.23 - Years 7, 8 & 9 Reflection Fortnight
- 19.06.23 - 23.06.23 - Year 10 C1: Devising PPE Tech & Exam
- 19.06.23 - 23.06.23 - Year 12 Drama C1: Devising Tech & Exam
- 20.06.23 - 22.06.23 - Year 10 Food & Nutrition NEA 1 PPEs
- 21.06.23 - HPV 1 Vaccinations (Year 8)
- 21.06.23 - Year 10 Geography Trip (Walton on the Naze)
- 22.06.23 - Year 8 Parents Evening

For PE fixtures please follow twitter @STMartinsSchPE or [click here](#) for further PE updates.



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