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Spring 2017

Focus on personal development and academic excellence in a happy school

BBC CHILDREN IN NEED

Girls' PE raised an amazing £240.45 for Children in Need this year. Mrs Swan, Head of Girls' PE, said "The girls really got into the fundraising spirit by coming to their PE lessons in fancy dress, playing party games and selling homemade cakes. The money raised all goes to support disadvantaged children and young people across the UK and I am so pleased that St Martin's was able to contribute to such a worthy cause".



DULWICH - PICTURE GALLERY

On Wednesday 22 March Mrs Randell, our Art Technician and I took 14 Year 11 students went to Dulwich Picture Gallery by train.

I chose to take the students to this particular gallery as they were offering various workshops to go alongside the current temporary exhibition 'Vanessa Bell.' The students had the opportunity to learn the art of silk screen painting

from South London based textile artist Michelle House in the gallery workshop. The students created vibrant and individual responses onto similar fabrics Vanessa Bell used in her work in the 1920's.

After the workshop the students visited the Vanessa Bell exhibition and had a short tour of the permanent collection. The students found the tour fascinating and asked lots of questions about various work of art. We had some positive feedback about the behaviour of the students on this trip throughout the day.

Mrs Levis, Teacher of Art



PIPS



Our Year 11 Prefects In Peer Support (PIPS) Ethan Smith and Nancy Allen are always on hand to help Year 7 students. They attend form time, organise secondary circle time to improve students' emotional literacy and build resilience. They often assist with reading schemes, subject support or mentor vulnerable students. Their help greatly enhances our support for students in KS3.

Mrs Wilson, SEAL Coordinator



MANDARIN LESSONS

As part of our enrichment programme in languages, we are pleased to offer again this year our popular Mandarin classes for Year 7 students. Classes have been running since November and due to growing demand will continue in the summer term.

The sessions run every Thursday from 3.30pm to 4.30pm and are free of charge. The lessons are led by our new Mandarin teacher Miss Yu, who is from China, accompanied by a member of the languages department. The lessons are mainly language based but also provide a great opportunity to experience Chinese Origami, Chinese traditional songs and festivals, and Chinese crafts. They also give students the opportunity to learn about the culture in China.

The students have enjoyed all aspects of the classes.

Mrs Mercer, MFL Teacher



JACK PETCHEY'S "SPEAK OUT" CHALLENGE

On Wednesday 25 January 2017, 29 Year 10 students were selected to take part in the annual Jack Petchey 'Speak Out' Challenge.

Jonathon Drew, an external Jack Petchey representative, came into school to help students develop their skills in public speaking. Some students took to this like a duck to water but for some this was a highly challenging and difficult situation to overcome their personal fears of speaking in front of groups of people. Throughout the day students' confidence began to rise and they all produced some award winning speeches in the final competition of the day. Students had to speak for up to a minute and a half on their chosen subject and were judged on delivery, structure and context.

At the end of the day the best performances were chosen to go onto the next stage of the competition where they will have to deliver their speech in a lower school assembly. Out of the five students that made it to this stage, one final winner will be chosen by the Senior Leadership Team to represent St Martin's School at the regional finals on 10 May. We wish all the winners good luck in the next round.

Miss Ruffell, Jack Petchey Co-ordinator.

"The Jack Petchey "Speak Out" Challenge helped build my confidence and gave me skills that will help me in the future. It was a very fun, interactive and highly engaging day. It was also extremely interesting hearing what my peers decided to do their speeches on. All in all, a great and inspiring day" **Millie Barfoot, Winner.**

"The Jack Petchey "Speak Out" Challenge has been over of the most useful experiences, letting me improve my speech and overall confidence when speaking in front of people. It has affected me highly letting me adapt my speech when presenting and has provided me with an insight of what it is like to be a better public speaker" **Louis McCarthy, Winner.**

Winners; Eni-Oluwa Adekoya, Louis McCarthy, Rachael White, Millie Barfoot & Tom Pearman

Highly Commendable; Charlotte Pugh & Alice Biddle



YEAR 11 STUDENTS ARE MEMBERS OF THE ESSEX YOUTH ASSEMBLY

<http://www.young-essex-assembly.org.uk/about-us/>

The Young Essex Assembly (YEA) is the elected youth council for Essex and is supported by Essex Youth Service. There are 75 YEA members, representing all districts across Essex, who decide on the priorities for young people and campaign to make a positive difference.

As a member of the YEA you will be heard by Essex County Council and other groups working with or for young people. These people make important decisions and you can influence them.

The members of the Young Essex Assembly meet six times a year, we call these Sittings.

Each member is also asked to take part in another group, which is still part of the YEA but has a different function. We call these sub-groups.

All Sittings will be held within the county and will take place on a Saturday or a day during the school holidays.

The YEA has different sub-groups. These will all feed back to the main Assembly and all information



gained is crucial. To find out what young people's issues are we ask people to take part in a survey while they are voting for the YEA.

Twelve members of the YEA are also the Essex Representatives on the UK Youth Parliament.

NEW YORK 2017



In the first week of the Easter holidays Years 10 to 13 drama and theatre studies students, accompanied by four members of staff, visited New York. The students were involved in two acting workshops, a tour of Broadway including a show, Times Square and Grand Central Station, a visit to the Top of the Rock, a backstage tour of Radio City Hall and an emotional visit to the 9/11 Memorial. Students stayed in 'The Row NYC' which was in Times Square and enjoyed eating out every evening at American style restaurants. Students also had the opportunity to cycle around Central Park and ice skate at the famous Rockefeller Plaza.

The trip was led by Mrs Page and accompanied by Mrs Wilkinson, Mr Wilkinson and Miss Barnes; this was their fifth adventure across the Atlantic with a school party. The students had a fantastic time and built lasting friendships as well as doing some serious shopping. Compliments from airport staff to the tour guides were made regularly regarding the excellent behaviour of the students and the staff felt they were a genuine pleasure to spend time with. Many photos were uploaded on Twitter throughout the trip, I hope you managed to catch a glimpse of some.

**Mrs Page,
Head of Year 13**





MISS SAIGON'S SCHOOLS EDITION

This year's upper school show of 'Miss Saigon's Schools edition' was a huge success with students performing two matinees to local primary schools and residential homes, and three evening performances to the public.

As always the standard of the show was extremely high, and we were so overwhelmed with the talent from our students that we were able to double cast the show having main characters from both Years 10 & 11 and 12 & 13.

This year main roles were taken on by Daniel Pugh, Louis McCarthy, Bridie McQuade, Tabitha Dodge, Owen Jackson and Tom Rayner. All the cast showed professionalism beyond their years and it was a pleasure working with them.

A performance of this scale was only a success with the help and dedication of both the students and the teachers. This year Mr Radley took on the role of Musical Director and led the huge orchestra made up of students and peripatetic teachers.

The set was designed and created by Mrs Randell whose imagination visually brought the stage to life, with the support and help of our dedicated site staff, specifically Bernie Dansey who hand built the helicopter himself.

The cast and band had been rehearsing since October and their hard work and dedication paid off to produce a quality performance once again. This was another ambitious and spectacular show that everyone enjoyed.

Mrs Page, Director





HAIRSPRAY THE MUSICAL



Bossy's Easter production of Hairspray concluded, after a two-day show at the Brentwood Theatre, on April 13. The upbeat energetic show entertained a fantastic audience and has received brilliant reviews since closing night.

Many performers from St Martin's School participated:

- Michael Percival - Edna
- Tia Stack and Holly Radford - Tracey
- Adam Ellis - Wilbur
- Dan Pugh and Sam Johnson - Link
- Chloe Jackson - Little Inez
- Tomi Bello - Motormouth Maybelle.

As this is an external independent theatre company there were many other performers but the whole group performed together to showcase the talented young cast of BOSSY. The performers enjoyed the show tremendously and the fantastic praise they have received. A huge thank you to everyone who came to watch, keep your eyes peeled for Bossy's next production of Les Misérables in November.

THE CYCLE SAFETY CAMPAIGN VISITED ST MARTIN'S SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY 29 MARCH 2017

Following the success of Bikeability the CSC advisors met with all of the Year 7 students, and made themselves available for questions and information to other year groups at lunch time.

They gave lots of advice on how to remain safe and visible when cycling. The CSC advisors handed out to students free reflective and cycling paraphernalia as can be seen in the picture.

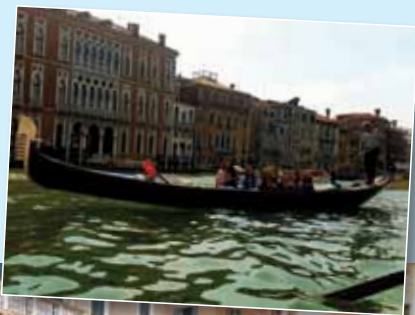


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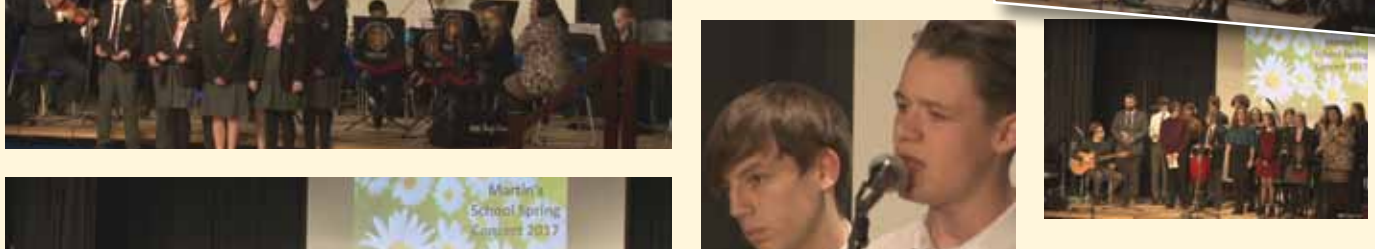
During the Easter term break, the Art and Design department took 30 Year 10, 11 and 12 students to Venice for three nights and four days—and what a time! Aside from all the gelato, sorbetto, pasta and pizza, students had a wonderful time getting lost through the alleyways of Venice, sailing down the canals on their gondola rides, and walking through some very historic architecture. Some of the places we visited included the Palazzo Ducale (the Doge's Palace), the Museo Correr, the Peggy Guggenheim Collection, the Ca'Pesaro Venice (the International Gallery of Modern Art) as well as the Museo di Storia Naturale (the Natural History Museum). Our students discovered troves of artists, including the Renaissance painters Veronese and Tintoretto at the Palazzo Ducale, the sculptor Alberto Giacometti at the Guggenheim, William Merritt Chases' paintings inspired by the city, as well as multiple Bellini paintings at the Museo Correr. The students had a wonderful time and certainly got their share of gelato too! Many thanks to Mr Peacock and Mrs Emptage for accompanying us on the trip.

**Ms Powell,
Head of Art and
Photography**



ANNUAL SPRING CONCERT

Spring has been an exciting time for the Music department as we once again held our annual Spring Concert on a warm March evening with over 60 students taking part in either music or technical roles and over 130 parents, family members and friends coming along to support. From steelpans to Oasis, orchestra to advance vocals, soloists, duos and more, we have been blessed to have such a wonderful and active music community. We are already beginning to gear up to our Summer Concert which will be based around the theme of Musicals, we hope to see you there, as well as preparing for our annual Music Tour to Barcelona in October.



U16 GIRLS NETBALL

Our U16 Netball team beat tough opposition in the first round of the National Schools Cup with wins over Shenfield, Great Baddow Sport College and Chelmsford County High School for Girls. The results meant that Saints went on to represent the Mid Essex District at the County Round of the competition held in Colchester. On a very blustery Saturday our girls showed exceptional tenacity and skill beating Passmores (Harlow) 13-2, Cornelius (Canvey Island) 15-6, Clacton County High School 11-3 Billericay School 11-4. In their last group game our girls led the whole way against eventual runners-up of the rally Southend High School for Girls. Skye Stack was on great form as goal attack, with Grace Goldsbrough and Ria Brown dominant in defence. Lana Pask and Amy Hills showed exceptional speed and agility in the mid court but in the last minutes two foot faults cost us dearly and Southend ended as winners 11-8. Mrs Swan, Head of Girls' PE said "We couldn't be more proud of the girls. It's the best I've seen them play. Southend only lost the final by one goal in extra-time, so to get that close to beating them shows how well we played. Last summer's Barbados trip really helped bond the two year groups together and they truly played for each other on the day."



ST MARTIN'S SHINE FOR ESSEX

Three St Martin's students enjoyed success at the South Eastern Inter-Counties Cross Country Championships in Reigate, Surrey. Freya Godfrey finished a creditable 41st in the Year 7 girls race and Dan Houchell came 58th in the Year 8 boys. Matt Blacklock had a brilliant run in the Year 7 boys event. He led for much of the tough 3.2k course and was up against some outstanding athletes eventually finishing in 3rd place. Mr Chris Warburton who heads athletics said "For three of our students to represent Essex at this competitive level is brilliant and a real testament to their hard work and positive attitude to training throughout the season. I am incredibly proud."



Dan number 7 in group



Freya



Matt leading the race

ESSEX CUP MATCH REPORT

Congratulations to the St Martin's Year 7 boys football team who overcame a strong and well prepared Kingsford Community School to win the Essex Cup 4-3. Kingsford managed to get off to a great start, opening the scoring in the first two minutes off the game which put the Saints team on the back foot, however they managed to pull level when George Earthy struck a free kick into the top corner later in the first half.

Kingsford then applied plenty of pressure, this finally led to a goal as a long ball over the top caught out the defence and allowed the Kingsford striker to run through and retake the lead with a cool finish. Kingsford continued to push forward and managed a third goal after a deflected effort was turned in, their lead could have been more if it was not for some impressive saves from Freddie Wilkens in the Saints goal.

In the second half the Saints came out strong and pushed hard for an early goal, a number of chances were missed, before Denhem Minors managed to head in at the back post to begin what was a game changing five minutes. Straight from the kick off Matthew Blacklock pressured the ball high up the pitch winning it back before unleashing a powerful effort into the top corner to draw the Saints level. With only five minutes remaining Matthew Blacklock got in behind the defence to meet a perfectly weighted pass before firing home into the bottom right hand corner to give the Saints the lead for the first time in the game, 4-3. Saints managed to hold out for the remaining few minutes to take home the trophy in what will be a memorable final.

Mr Garrad, Head of Boys' P.E.



YEAR 7 INTERHOUSE BASKETBALL



On Wednesday 25th January the first Year 7 mixed gender Interhouse basketball competition got under way. Day 1 saw Hunter go head to head with Becket in the Sports Hall, whilst Roman faced Quinlan in the gym. Games proved very exciting with many houses having over 20 students in their squads. After 20 minutes of competitive game play, wins from both Quinlan and Becket meant they progressed to the final.



On day 2, the 3/4th play-off game was set to start in the gym between Roman and Hunter with many form

tutors opting to manage their teams. Roman took an early lead shooting a number of baskets before Hunter got on the ball. Despite Hunter's best efforts, Roman proved too much for their competition finishing with a comfortable 16-4 win over Hunter.

At the same time the crowds started forming along the sports hall walls ready for the final. Cheers of encouragement started to lift the roof as players entered the hall. The game got off to a great start with Quinlan taking early possession.



Unfortunately for them they were unable to put the ball into the basket and the ball was quickly intercepted by a fast moving Becket. With depth in numbers and some skilful play, Becket were able to start putting points on the board. Quinlan started to make a comeback with many rebound shots being scored. With spectator numbers reaching high nineties across both locations, a fantastic, enjoyable atmosphere was formed. As the final whistle went, a great cheer came from Becket house



supporters. They had won, beating the talented Quinlan side 14-6.

FINAL RESULTS

1st - Becket	3rd - Roman
2nd - Quinlan	4th - Hunter

"Well done to all students, staff and Year 11 helpers for their commitment, involvement and support for the players. It is great to see more than eighty students getting involved over the two days to support their house in this competition".

Miss Ruffell, House Coordinator



ST MARTIN'S U15 BASKETBALL TEAM

The U15 Boys' Basketball team at St Martin's School Brentwood have once again been crowned Essex Champions! The team played Fitzwimarc School and totally dominated the court for the entire game. The Saints boys applied so much pressure, at times the Fitzwimarc team went through long periods of not scoring. The game was won 73-42, with exceptional performances from all of the team. Pat Hallahan, the team coach said "I am incredibly proud of all of the boys tonight. They are such a good bunch of boys, and thoroughly deserve the win tonight!" The boys are: Luke Jagger, Zac Burke, Sam Diggens, Josh McCarthy, Xander Vaughan, Tyreese Mclean, Ethan Burgoyne, Tom Furnell and Ben Cranwell. A huge congratulation to a fantastic team!

