



Focus on personal development and academic excellence in a happy school

BAG PACKING FOR BARBADOS

Students from Years 9 and 10 gave up their Saturdays in December to raise money for their upcoming Barbados trip in May 2018. They were all a credit to the school and the staff were very complimentary on their behaviour, manners with the customers and most importantly their bag packing skills... maybe a few potential Saturday jobs when they turn 16 to look forward to.

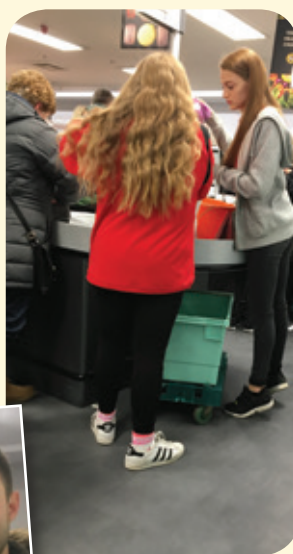
A big thank you to Marks & Spencer, Brentwood, for allowing us to take over their supermarket and

Mrs Croucher for organising the whole event.

The money raised will go towards kit and extra excursions to ensure it is a trip of a lifetime.

The next event will be a curry night organised by the parent committee on Sunday 28 January 2018. There will also be a raffle and auction so any donations would be greatly appreciated.

Mr Roberts, Head of Year 10



GIRLS U13 MID ESSEX 7-A-SIDE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

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TEXTILES STUDIO

In December, six Year 12 textiles students' enjoyed a unique opportunity to experience what it is like to study Costume Construction at South Essex College's new textiles studio located in Grays. The day included learning a variety of techniques including how to make a decorative suit of armour.

Mrs Rainbird, Head of Textiles



COMPETITION TO CELEBRATE THE EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES



Students from Years 7, 8 and 9 took part in a school competition during their Modern Foreign Language lessons, they also competed nationally with other schools, to celebrate the 26 September, European Day of Languages. Students were able to take part in fun and challenging tasks which were both motivating and inspired confidence in their learning of languages.

The competition consisted of two parts; six activities (two cultural,

two linguistic and two hybrid) plus a tie-breaker. All class activities were completed on a competitive basis and marked by the class teacher. The winners of each class were presented with certificates and the overall winners for each language year group were announced at beginning of October.

Well done to the winners and all the students that participated in activities and entered into the competitive spirit.

Mrs Mercer, Teacher of MFL



YOUNG SPORTING STARS HONoured AT AWARDS EVENING

The achievements of our young sporting stars were recognised at the annual Lower School Sports Awards evening in July 2017.

The PE department enjoyed another exceptional sporting year. Proud families watched as some 400 students were honoured in the presentations.

Over 500 competitive matches were played against other schools, from friendly local games to National Cup fixtures. In total St Martin's School reached 19 County Finals and clinched many more district titles in various sports.

Highlights of the year included:

- U12 mixed Basketball
- U14 mixed Rounders teams both making it through to National Finals.

Seven of our single sex basketball teams reached at least the semi-final stage of their respective year group Essex Cup competitions, with:

- U15 girls and boys both being crowned County Champions.
- U12 boys football team winning the Essex Cup for the first time in a decade, bring home the hugely prestigious silverware.

During the awards evening each student received a certificate listing the sports in which they had been

involved throughout the year. The second half of the evening featured over 70 trophies being awarded to students who achieved 'Player of the Year' status.

The most committed students in each year group were also honoured with a special award. In Year 7, Phoebe Mills and Matt Blacklock were recognised. In Year 8 the awards went to Ruby Ham and Owen Adams. The Year 9 recipients were Daisy Hendry and Luke Willett.

The Young Volunteer of the Year award went to 16 year old Dan Game for his outstanding commitment to coaching and officiating school basketball. The Team of the Year was presented to the U12 Boys Football County Champions.

A very special trophy was awarded for outstanding dedication to lower school rugby. The 'Lewis Frazer

Memorial Trophy is presented each year in memory of a St Martin's sixth-form student, Lewis Frazer. Sam Busby was exceptionally proud to be the recipient of this cup.

The evening concluded with the 'Overall Contribution' awards being given to the boy and girl deemed to have been the most influential sports persons in the lower school. Rosie Hills and Ola Bello were worthy and popular winners, having been instrumental in many of the school's successes over the past three years.

The evening was attended by Deputy Headteacher, Mr Goddard and Mayor of Brentwood, Councillor Will Russell. Mr Goddard took time to thank the committed and dedicated PE team. He recognised all the hard work and effort Mrs Swan put into organising the evening and also commented on the fantastic support provided by parents.



FREYA GODFREY - U14 ESSEX SCHOOLS

Freya Godfrey played for Essex schools U14s against Berkshire. They won 3-2 with Freya scoring the first goal.



LOUISA DUFF - ENGLAND GYMNASTICS

Louisa Duff (end right) came third in England for Rhythmic Gymnastics. Well Done.

COLOGNE CHRISTMAS MARKETS TRIP

On a cold snowy morning in the middle of December, whilst the rest of the school were enjoying a snow day, 40 Year 9 students set off for the annual Christmas Markets trip to Cologne accompanied by Mrs Ballard, Mr Bourton, Mrs Mercer and Miss Scott.

The MFL Group were not going to let a bit of snow and ice get in our way and after an epic 15 hour journey we arrived at our destination in the centre of Cologne. Following the routine of making our beds, everyone was pleased to get a good night's sleep and head off to the markets the next day.

On Tuesday the group visited Cologne Cathedral with nearly all students climbing to the top of the Cathedral Tower to enjoy the fantastic views of the city. A short visit to the Sport museum was followed by a visit to the

My favourite day was when we went to the Eiffel Tower. I thought the views were amazing. Issy

ever popular Schokoladenmuseum, where we were given a guided tour and learnt how chocolate was made before sampling the delights of the chocolate fountain and practising our German in the shop purchasing treats for friends and family.

Tuesday afternoon saw the group take to the ice on the outdoor skating rink in the Weihnachtsmarkt at the



Alter Markt. We were certainly ready for our evening meal at the Hard Rock Café after all the exercise and fresh air that day.

On Wednesday the group visited Deutsches Eck, where the Rhine and Moselle rivers meet, Marksburg Castle, the Christmas Market in Koblenz and rounded off the afternoon with ten pin bowling. That evening we ventured out in the wet and cold to shop and eat in the market at the foot of the magnificent Cologne Cathedral.

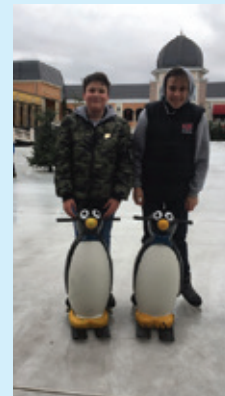
On our final day in Germany we went to the Phantasialand Theme Park and spent the day enjoying the thrilling rides such as Black Mamba, Force and Fear and the Talocan. That evening we made one final visit to another Christmas market to finish off our Christmas present shopping.

It was a fantastic trip to see how Christmas is celebrated in Germany. The students were impeccably behaved and were great ambassadors for St Martin's School.

Mrs Ballard, Head of MFL



I liked Cologne because it gave me a taste of German culture.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT ST MARTIN'S SCHOOL



COMPUTING TRIP TO HARLOW

Year 10 Computing trip to Harlow College



Students were introduced to high profile institutions, and companies they are going to prepare themselves for in the future. They all had a 'Top Gun' challenge. Students were at the base of planning, thinking and writing their code using scratch. They all were given a task to solve for the day.



Some great acting skills!!



Planning the Vlog Cycle



Working with college students



Exploring Virtual Reality

Coding and Robotics

Seeing the final VLOG's
Some great work by our Year 9 Students



Once they filmed they started the students were shown how to edit using various functions on the i-pads they were given. Ability to use jump cuts, fading, adding music, etc. were all aspects they could get used to create their final VLOG.



Getting on Camera, don't be shy 😊



SMILE!!!



GIRLS' U13 11-A-SIDE MID ESSEX FOOTBALL

Last November eight secondary schools across Brentwood and Chelmsford entered the Mid Essex football competition this included; Plume, Moulsham, Becket Keys, Shenfield, Chelmer Valley High School, William De Ferrers and Brentwood Ursuline.

After winning their group stage of the competition, St Martin's faced Shenfield School in a tense and thrilling final. Miss Jackson, coach of the girls' football teams said "We knew this was going to be a tough match as Shenfield were last year's National Cup 11-a-side finalist. However, St Martin's were quick off the mark and our Year 7 striker, Mia Bennett, was able to place a

perfect shot past Shenfield's goal keeper with solid defending ensuring Shenfield were unable to counter attack. Miss Jackson went onto say, "I am extremely proud of the girls, they are an excellent team. Winning

this title is testament to all their hard work and training."

The Girls' U13 11-a-side team are now through to the quarter finals of the Essex Cup competition and play Frances Bardsley in January.



U12 MIXED BASKETBALL REPRESENT THE EAST OF ENGLAND AT THE NATIONAL FINALS IN MANCHESTER

This year we entered the inaugural U12 Mixed National Schools Basketball Competition. In the early rounds Saints had many comfortable victories including wins over Sandringham School (St Albans) 64-20 and Framlingham College 65-8. The finals were held at the National Basketball Performance Centre in Manchester and after a long drive and a pre-match meal at Frankie & Benny's it was time for a good sleep before game day.

The competition consisted of three, six minute quarter games in each pool. In their first game St Martin's were faced with an all boys squad from St Margaret's School, Liverpool. Saints got off to a great start demonstrating their dominance and skills on court. Lennon Simpson, in particular, showed outstanding defensive skills against St Margaret's key player. It was tight but the first game resulted in a 33-29 victory to St Martin's.

In a straight turnaround Saints next faced St Paul's Catholic School from Milton Keynes. The game was close throughout with both teams showing

excellent play under each basket. This led to a nail biting final five minutes where the teams were tied on 47-47. In the closing seconds Toby Beeson made a fantastic, well-timed steal from a St Paul's attacking play allowing him to drive to the basket and score the winning lay-up. The final score was 49-47 to St Martin's.

The team's last game was against a very strong all boy squad from Holy Trinity Church of England School, Crawley. St Martin's played exceptionally well against the Surrey side who all play club basketball together out of school. There were fantastic individual performances offensively from Joseph Batson and defensively from Phoebe Mills and although working hard against this opposition Saints were unable to finish as many baskets, with the final score being 39-58.

The day concluded with a celebration of participation and Mark Beaumont



was awarded second place out of 160 competitors in the shoot-out challenge that had been taking place between games. To qualify for the National Finals and play against the best schools in the country is a great testament to the staff and team's hard work in training and work ethic on court. We look forward to playing again next year.

Mrs Swan, Mr Cavanagh & Miss Barrell

U14 MIXED ROUNDERS MAKE A BIG HIT TO REACH THE NATIONAL FINALS IN LEICESTER

Our U14 mixed rounders team had an amazing season. They won against Shenfield and Anglo European in the first round of the National Schools Competition and went on to claim the Essex title beating all the other district winners, from across the County, including Saffron Walden and William de Ferrers. The National Finals were held at the University of Leicester. Here Saints were unlucky to play the eventual winners Portsmouth Grammar in their first game but went on to beat St Margaret's School (Stoke) and had an exciting game against Tudor Grange Academy (Solihull).

WELL DONE TEAM.

Mrs Swan & Mr Hallahan



YEAR 7 NETBALL

The Year 7 netball A team have had a phenomenal season so far remaining unbeaten in all of their games.

In the Mid Essex Schools League Division 1 the girls have enjoyed many comfortable victories including wins over Great Baddow High 23-13, Chelmsford County High 27-9, Boswells 25-8 and Chelmer Valley 23-9.

In the County-Wide Essex Schools Cup competition the girls have played four schools to date in the round robin group stage. Here they have recorded an impressive 107 goals for and only 9 against with notable performances against William De Ferrers 37-0 and Bower Park (Romford) 19-0.

Miss Barrell who coaches the team said "I am so proud of how the girls have improved their play since joining St Martin's in September. They have worked incredibly hard in training and have been completely dedicated to all of their matches which has meant that they are developing a real team spirit and tactical understanding."

