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BUDE 2014



Over the May half-term, 72 students in Years 8, 9 and 10 took part in St Martin's School annual trip to Bude for a week of team building and outdoor activities. It was a busy week, with each day starting with a run or a swim before breakfast. The students then had a morning and afternoon activity session either side of lunch, capped off with evening entertainment after dinner. Activities included, surfing, body-boarding, canoeing, climbing, high ropes and abseiling among others. The trip was enjoyed by all and the good weather was the icing on the cake!

Mr Smith, Teacher of Physics

U16 MESSA CHAMPS

The U16 Girls won the Mid Essex League again this year for the 5th consecutive year. There are 23 schools in Mid Essex.

The final was held at Plume school, against Moulsham School. It was a very close final with excellent play from both teams but Sophie Moody's left footed strike ensured a 2 -1 victory for Saints.



The Year 7 girls followed in the footsteps of the U16 girls and reached their first Mid Essex final. This was also against Moulsham School and played at Plume.

We had played Moulsham once in the group stages and knew that they were a strong team, with two county players. Despite Saints taking a 1-0 lead in the final Moulsham were quick on their counter attack and twice prevented Saints from keeping their lead. This was an exciting final and both teams played to an excellent standard. Final score 3-2, Saint s narrowly missing out, well done girls you can walk with your head held high.

Miss Jackson, Director of key stage 3

KARATE - MICHEALA WEBBER

2014 has been a busy year I have won every competition which I attended, securing 12 golds this year.



I am happy and proud to say I have won some of the best titles in the UK so far, including the English karate championships, the British 4 nations championships and the Scottish karate open.

I have even competed abroad this year and won some European titles, including the Swedish karate open, the Luxembourg karate open and won two golds at the Gothenburg karate open.

I have attended two England karate selections this year and I have maintained my position on the England Kata 'A' squad. In September I also find out if my hard work has paid off and if I have gained a place on the England karate team to represent my country in Switzerland in February 2015.

Thank you to all my teachers for their support

**Michaela Webber,
Year 10 Student.**





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YEAR 9 SCHOLARS PROGRAMME

Each year the Department for Education funds a Future Scholars programme. The programme gives up to five Year 9 students, from every state-funded secondary school in England, a chance to visit a Russell Group university. The scheme is aimed particularly at high-achieving pupils who are entitled to pupil premium, to encourage those who may not have considered applying to a top university, to do so.

St Martin's School was lucky enough to secure the maximum five places and visited University College London on Thursday 19 June. The day included:

- Taster lectures and seminars designed to catch the interest of high achieving Year 9 students and show what university level study involves.
- Information sessions and discussions e.g. on student finance, subject choices, supporting university applications.
- The opportunity to meet current students and staff.
- Tours of the university.

Pupils were able to gain a real life experience of what studying at university is like. It is hoped that this will encourage them to aim high to achieve the best grades possible and to seriously consider applying to university.

Miss Holland, Head of Year 9



CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

On Monday 31 March 2014 a group of 5 Year 12 students went on a Biology taster day to Emmanuel College at Cambridge University. The day focused on the biological elements of the Natural Sciences degree the university offers and that we have an interest in. We learnt about the effects of DNA and gene codes on all living things, and how small changes in this coding can cause massive problems. It was a really interesting day and as well as learning about some degree level Biology we also got a tour around the beautiful Emmanuel College.

We were amazed by the scenic courtyard as shown in the picture, the impressive library, the accommodation and the really old fashioned and 'posh' dining hall where all the formal dinners are held. It was an amazing day and all of us can now only hope that our grades enable us to go there!"

Louise Jagger, Year 12 Student



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YEAR 9 HONOURS ASSEMBLY

Honours Assemblies are held on the final day of each term to celebrate the success of students' hard work across curriculum subjects and also for those who have achieved 100% attendance. This Easter term Year 9 students were rewarded by the Mayor of Brentwood and senior staff who handed out certificates to those who achieved the high standards. The Mayor also congratulated all Year 9 students on a successful term, praising their hard work and dedication to their studies and the wider school life.

Miss Holland, Head of Year 9



YEAR 11 LEAVERS

Friday 9 May 2014 was the last official school day for Year 11 students. On this day, Year 11 students attended a Leavers' Assembly which took place during period 1. Students were presented with a variety of certificates which endorsed their musical, drama, sporting and academic achievements whilst at St Martin's School.

After the assembly, students attended the fun fair until lunch time. They then celebrated with their friends and teachers, reminiscing, taking the opportunity to follow the tradition of signing their old school shirts to keep as a memento. They ended the afternoon by going on the rides and enjoying a hog roast.

This was a very special day for the year group and we were all sad to see the students leave. We wish them all the best of luck for the future.

**Miss Ducker,
Head of Year 11**



BUSINESS STUDIES TRIP

In March four Business Studies and Economics students represented the school at the regional finals of the IFS Student Investor competition. The team qualified to be one of just 50 from 25,000 teams entered to attend the regional finals day of the competition by successfully managing and increasing the value of a portfolio of virtual investments. Rachel McCourt, Alex Scott, Harry Finnerty and Aimie Horsnell, accompanied by Mr Harding, enjoyed the day, and were unfortunate to not qualify for the national finals.

Mr Wilkinson, Teacher of Economics and Business Studies



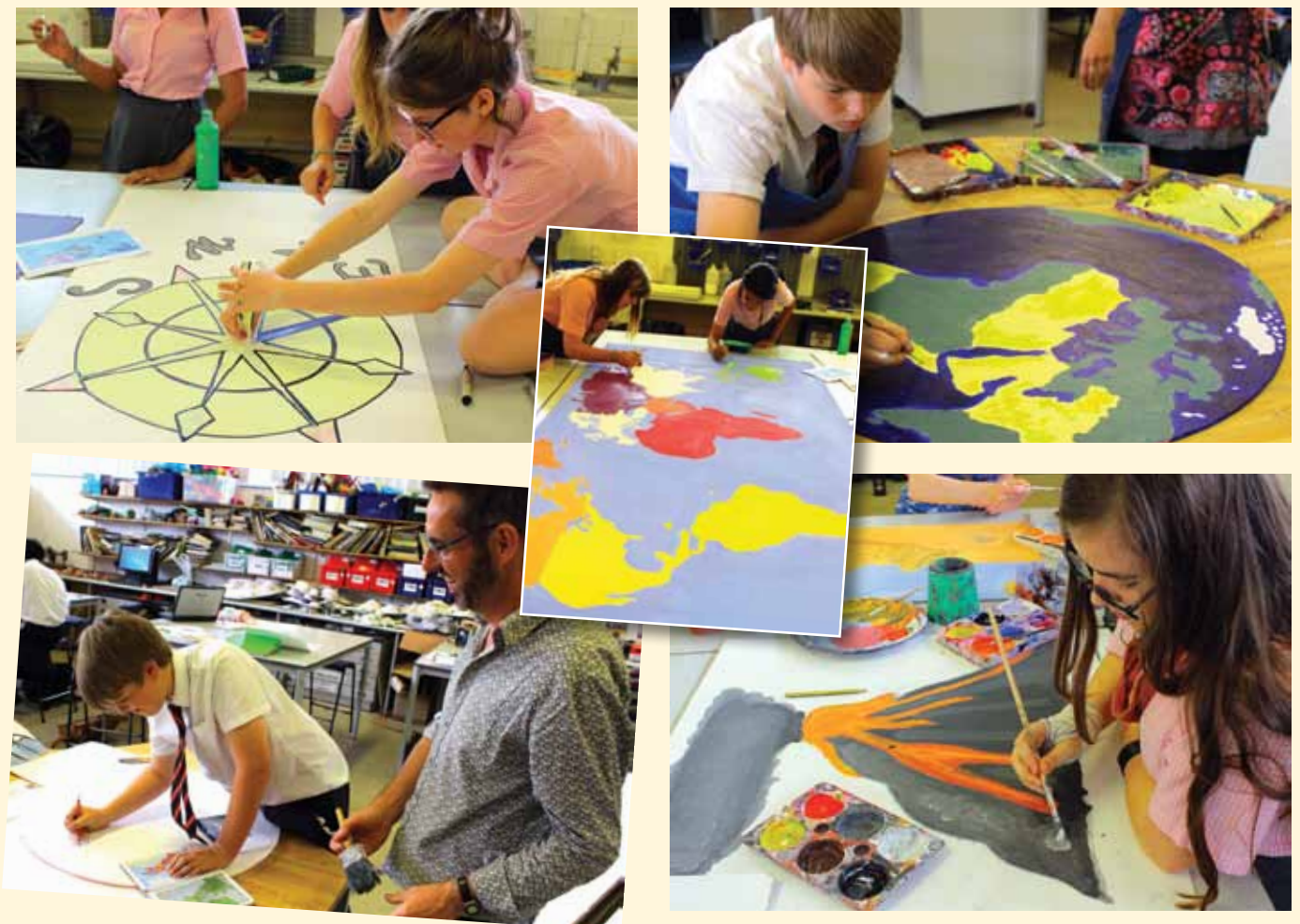
ART

The world renowned artist Kevin Dean visited St Martin's on Thursday 19 and Friday 20 June. The students from KS3/4 art club were given the challenge of transforming St Martin's external learning environment into a place of inspiration. The challenge was to create art work that would adorn the external Geography area of the school. Students transformed their Geography learning into art works. Kevin Dean (<http://www.kevindean.co.uk/>) who is most notable for his work in water colour, design, architecture and wall papers, was charged with guiding

the students and assisting with their ideal development.

The students gained a valuable insight into the world of art and design and how a career in art can be both rewarding and financially successful. The students also grew in confidence as the days progressed and produced some first class art work. Next time you are walking around St Martin's see if you can spot their art work.

Mr Johnson, Head of Art



ROAD TO THE COMMONWEALTH GAMES- GLASGOW 2014

My Commonwealth Games journey began just over a year ago when we first found out that we had qualified for the games. Only the top 12 ranked countries qualify for netball and at the time we were ranked 11th. We made a small piece of history as the first netball team from Northern Ireland to qualify for the games and the 2nd team sport to ever qualify.

Throughout the past year we have been on a number of tours in preparation for the Games. In October we hosted a home international which saw Barbados, Botswana and St Lucia come to Northern Ireland. After beating Botswana and St Lucia we unfortunately lost in a thrilling final to Barbados. They are a team ranked 8th in the world, 3 places above us.

Our first game sees us open the netball at the Commonwealth Games playing Malawi on Thursday the 24th of July. This is followed by Jamaica and then the current Champions New Zealand. The



final two games in our pool see us play St Lucia and finally the hosts Scotland. We narrowly lost out to Scotland in June 44-43 and are determined that in July the score will be in our favour. After having played the 5 games in our pool we will have one play-off game to decide our final position. As a team we have set ourselves a target of finishing seventh which is four higher than our current target but as a squad we believe it is a realistic and achievable target. My position is Centre or Wing Attack so I hope all St Martin's students will be watching the television coverage and keeping their fingers crossed for me.

Miss Drayne, Teacher of P.E.

THE ALIENS HAVE LANDED!!


Over the spring break Year 7 students were challenged to design an alien. The mission was simple, pick a planet in the solar system and create a creature that is specially adapted to live in that particular environment. The way in which the whole year group took to this challenge was amazing and the aliens produced were truly exceptional. Pictured are some of the winners of the competition who will be attending a demonstration at the science museum at the end of the term. Congratulations to those and to everyone who took part.

Mr Reeder, Teacher of Science



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FRENCH EXCHANGE WITH COLLÈGE ROGER VERCEL, DINAN



This year, a French exchange was established between St Martin's School and Collège Roger Vercel in Dinan, Brittany. In March, the French students came to Hutton with Madame Duclos and Monsieur Troubadours and stayed with their partner or host families for a week during which time, they visited many places in London and also spent a day at school with our students in lessons and playing sport.

In May, twenty Year 8 and 9 students from St Martin's travelled to Dinan with Mrs Scott Rous and Mrs Ballard by Eurostar and TGV high speed train across France. The week in Dinan was jam-packed with visits and activities. We visited the D-Day landing beach museum at Utah Beach as well as the American Second World War cemetery shortly before Barack Obama went there for the 70th anniversary of the D-Day landings. The day also included the Bayeux Tapestry.

Other trips were to Mont St Michel where we visited the island and church before taking shoes and socks off to explore the bay at low tide and see traditional fishing with fish traps. In St Malo, after a visit to a pirate house, we had a picnic overlooking the sea and the students enjoyed that favourite pastime, shopping!

One morning was spent at Collège Roger Vercel and our students experienced what it is like to attend a small and very old French school which used to be a convent, quite a contrast to

St Martin's. The afternoon was spent visiting food shops in Dinan where we tasted cheese and chocolate and saw bread being baked.

The exchange was much more than a tourist trip to France. The students also experienced French school and family life.

In the evenings, although they were sometimes outside their comfort zone, they coped fantastically with the challenges of communicating no doubt helped by the warm welcome given by the French families. They returned to Hutton with more French and a greater knowledge of France but more importantly, they had become more mature and independent and had shown that they could not only survive but actually have a great time with another family. This was a wonderful opportunity and I am proud of the students who took part. They will remember this trip for a long time to come.

Having set up this link with Collège Roger Vercel, Miss Tubby and Mrs Ballard hope to run this exchange again next year for Year 8 and 9 students so please sign up as soon as possible!

**Mrs Scott Rous,
Head of Languages**



YEAR 10 TRIP TO PARIS



In June, 29 Year 10 French GCSE students set off for Paris with Mrs Scott Rous, Miss de-Pol and Mr Camy at 4am. With such an early start on Eurostar, you might have expected a leisurely few days to catch up. But this was not to be! By 11am that day, they had already checked into the very nice hostel and were on their way to discover northern Paris, Opera, Galeries Lafayette with its amazing rooftop terrace view over Paris and the first sight of the Eiffel Tower and then a power walk to the Moulin Rouge and up to Sacré Coeur. They were relieved to take the funicular railway down Montmartre before heading back for dinner. The evening was a discovery of the Latin Quarter for most and the unfortunate England game for those who just couldn't miss it.

If the students thought they had walked a lot on Thursday, their legs got more exercise on Friday with some respite when they enjoyed the leisurely boat trip on the Seine.

Lunch was followed by the famous lock bridge and then Notre Dame before heading over to the Centre Pompidou for some street culture. However the highlight of Friday and perhaps of the trip for some, was the nocturnal visit to the Eiffel Tower which found us at the top viewing Paris by night with many others; so many in fact that a group chose to walk down from the second stage rather than wait for the lift. Who needs a gym?

A visit to Paris is not complete without the Champs Elysées and after our visit to the Arc de Triomphe, we walked down this famous avenue ending up at the Louvre where we saw the Mona Lisa. A quick trip back to the hostel to pick up luggage and we were on the Eurostar and back for Saturday night in Hutton. This was a whirlwind trip to Paris, exhausting and exhilarating and enjoyed by students and staff alike. Students who plan to take GCSE French in September 2014 will have the chance to do this trip next year. Don't miss out!

Mrs Scott Rous,
Head of Languages



YEAR 8 LILLE VISIT 2014



All looking bright and chirpy at Ebbsfleet, despite the early rise...

Around 50 Year 8 students went on this year's Geography trip to Lille in early June. Thanks to the eccentricities of the Eurostar timetable, we all had to get up very early in order to catch the 07.00 train from Ebbsfleet, so by the time we got to Lille at around 09.00 local time it felt like we had already been up for half a day!

The trip involved investigating the centre of Lille to find out how the city has developed over time and how it coped with the loss of its major industries a few decades ago. The visit is linked with the classroom assignment that Year 8 have been doing on the same topic.

Lille is now a lively and attractive city which is well worth the trip from England. The students did several investigations looking at the quality of the city environment and how it

Hmm. Do you fancy the chandelier – or the shoes?

might be further developed. We also had a guided tour about the history of the city's buildings and a waffle tasting at the famous and very grand Meert Patisserie, which was General De Gaulle's favourite.

Unfortunately the weather was not as kind to us this year as it has been in the past, but we all enjoyed our day out nonetheless and most people took the opportunity for a bit of shopping as well. A visit like this is a really good way of remembering that Geography can be studied all over the world, and of seeing the similarities and differences between two neighbouring European countries.

Mr Stock, Teacher of Geography



Busy recording shop types as part of the exercise to identify Lille's specialist retail areas.



YEAR 12 SWISS PROJECT 2014

Seventeen Year 12 students spent a week in Basel, Switzerland in mid June on the second leg of the annual partnership project with Gymnasium Baumlihof, accompanied by Mr Stock and Mrs Mercer. This is the fourth year that we have made this visit and the project is going from strength to strength, with this being the largest group yet. The students were mostly hosted by the families of the exchange students who visited Brentwood in January, and it was great to see them all again. Many good friendships have been made and several people are planning to go back to Basel privately.

The Swiss school day is very different from ours, with the first lesson at 7:40 and the last ones going on well into the afternoon. The students and teachers only have to be present when they have lessons, so the school days feel very different. As well as visiting normal lessons, the group had a series of German language lessons, where they learned how to make basic conversation (many are not 'A' Level linguists but managed very well), and there was also a lesson on Swiss Geography. We made a visit to the global headquarters of Novartis, the pharmaceuticals multinational, to see their state-of-the-art research campus and found out about the industry's role in the Swiss economy. There was a second leg of the town trail to be done, this was started in Colchester in January which included completing joint research projects. We held an Anglo-Swiss international beach volleyball competition one afternoon, which the Swiss narrowly won (well, we did win the indoor cricket in January...)

The highlight for many people was the trip to central Switzerland on the last day by train, post bus, cable car and lake paddle steamer. We did a two-hour hike about 6000 feet up in the mountains and then had a traditional Swiss campfire lunch, before heading for a couple of hours sightseeing in Luzern.

We were unfortunately delayed by a few hours on our way home, thanks to a broken-down aircraft, but this did not dent what was a really superb week. Judging by the tired-looking eyes, the evening social life was pretty good too...

Mr Stock, Teacher of Geography



Having a German lesson in Gymnasium Baumlihof with Andre Mueller, one of the school's English staff.

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YEAR 7 NETBALL TEAM ARE ESSEX CHAMPIONS!

The Year 7 Girls' netball team went unbeaten this season winning the Brentwood District Rally, Mid Essex League and the Essex Schools Cup competition. Essex is a highly populated county and most schools have a year 7 netball team so this is an impressive achievement.

In the Essex Cup the girls had to play 5 schools in the group stage. They won all 5 matches with 130 goals for and only 21 goals against. In the last 16 and quarter final they beat West Hatch 41-3 and Robert Clack 33-7 respectively. The semi-final against Southend High School for Girls proved tougher but Saints prevailed with a 23-15 win.

St Martin's went into the final against Brentwood School as favourites as we had already beaten them twice this year. It ended closer than anticipated having gone 6-0 down in the first quarter! Saints dug deep though and pulled it back slowly to eventually triumph 22-21.

Head of Girls' PE Mrs Swan who coached the team said "I am so proud of the girls. They have worked incredibly hard in training and have been completely dedicated to



all of their matches which meant that they developed a real team spirit and tactical understanding."

Here the girls are pictured with the Mid- Essex League Division 1 Trophy.

Grace Layzell, Mollie Frost, Skye Stack, Lucy Bevan , Jaya Watson, Kate Tucay, Chloe Sewell, Ria Brown, Grace Goldsbrough, Leah Buckley

U16 MID-ESSEX RUGBYCHAMPIONS

ST MARTIN'S 38 V ANGLO EUROPEAN 5

On a sunny evening at the end of March the Year 11 Rugby team took on Anglo European School (AES), in the Mid-Essex Rugby Final. The teams had played a highly competitive game at the start of the 2013-2014 season, which the St Martin's boys had won. This previous form was no guarantee of success and it did genuinely appear that the AES boys had somewhat grown since we had last seen them. The game started at a very intense tempo, with the St Martin's team controlling the possession and the territory and making the most of the opportunities. Despite some hard tackling, the AES boys were not able to contain the attacking runs from all the St Martin's boys.

Over the course of the game St Martin's ran in six tries, two from Josh Stannard, two from Kyle Juniper and two from George Lapslie. Rob Carroll was able to convert four out of the six tries. AES were able to touch down for a single try in the second half, but St Martin's came out convincing winners, 38-5! All the players demonstrated high levels of commitment, but special mention has to go to the captain, Jack Wells, who has led the team for the last few seasons. This win means that this team of boys remain undefeated in the Mid-Essex area for all five years of their time at the school.

Mr Garrad, Head of Boys' P.E.



Back Row (left to right) – Oliver Mawer, Harrison Yeldham, James Whitton, Tom Rose, Alex Oakley, Michael Lindsey, James Killington, Jack Wells (Captain), Kyle Juniper, Ryan Bottono, George Lapslie, Tom Humpheryes, Billy Barclay

Front Row (left to right) – Kieran Cornish, Sammy Williams, Rob Carroll, Josh Stannard, Gleni Gjurra, Armin Mir-Tahmasebi, Bradley Wilson, Jack Richards

Missing: Reece Croucher, Will Hann, Josh Barry

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GIRLS' PE DO THE SPORT RELIEF MILE

A huge big thank you to all the girls that took part in the Sport Relief Mile in their curriculum PE lessons. We had a great time and everyone made a big effort with their outfits and participation! A grand total of £361 was raised which has been shared between local Brentwood charity SNAP, that supports children with special needs and disabilities and £60.00 has been used to buy sports equipment for a school called St Martin's in Gambia. Trainee teacher Miss Banks, who organised the event, visited this school back in 2013 with the University of Brighton, teaching Physical Education through a charity scheme. The school has very limited resources and is in an extremely poor area but this did not stop the children being enthusiastic about PE. They will be 'over the moon' and very grateful for all your hard work. See below for picture being presented to the school in April 2014.

Miss Banks, Trainee Teacher of P.E.



RAMPAGING CHARIOTS

St Martin's is again proud to enter the Rampaging Chariots event run by Selex ES in Basildon. Five Year 9 students; Max Dawson, Ben Petty, Leonard Stannard, Will Tucker, and Ethan Williams have been assembling a kit of parts to make a robot that will be entered in 3 competitions. Selex have provided 2 apprentices to oversee the work and they have commented on how successfully the students worked as a team to complete the build. In past competitions St Martin's has come away with a medal for one of the events, so no pressure boys! The event takes place on July 5th at Selex ES in Basildon.



PEACHAM POISED FOR PEAK PERFORMANCE

St Martin's School girl Chloe Peacham, has had a hat trick of recent successes.

Following her successful selection for Mid Essex competing in the Essex Schools Athletics Championships. Chloe medalled in the 300m Hurdles with a fantastic time of 56 seconds, winning Silver. This was a new event for Chloe as previously she had only competed in the 80m Hurdles and was competing against competitors a year older than herself. Chloe's performance impressed the coaches and as a result of this Chloe has been selected as a reserve for the National Track and Field Championships in Birmingham in July.

Chloe's next achievement was competing in the Race for Life at Garons Park, Southend, which had 3000 women competing she finished an incredible 4th with a time of 22 minutes and 32 seconds. Chloe raised over £1,500 for charity and was inspired by her grandad.

But Chloe's most recent success was only one she could dream of after receiving the fantastic news that she had been selected for the Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. Chloe, aged 15, found out about the challenge through her trampolining club when an email was received asking for contestants aged 12-18. From the 250 applications only 80 would be considered; 40 contestants were selected from Essex and 40 from Birmingham. Chloe along with her fellow competitors took part in a gruelling challenge at the Stubbers Adventure Centre in Upminster. This

included high ropes, raft building and interviews in between each activity. Chloe's extreme fitness levels coupled with her enthusiasm and diligent answers in the interviews sealed her success as Chloe was one of the final 12 to be selected from the initial 250 young athletes competing in the trials.

Chloe begins her challenge on Sunday 22nd June when along with her 11 newly formed teammates she travels to France, staying on the coast of La Rochelle. From there they will travel by boat to the Fort to battle for keys and points each day.

Chloe said "I am really excited. Hopefully my team will win and become the ultimate conquerors of the Fort". Miss Jackson, Chloe's PE teacher said "I am delighted for Chloe. This is an exceptional achievement. I am extremely proud of her, as are all of our PE Department and school. This is testament to all of Chloe's hard work and training. We wish her the very best of luck and hope she will return home victorious, completing her recent successes".



U13 GIRLS HAMMER COMPETITION

Rebecca Ashley pictured here competing in the U13 Girls Hammer competition at the Essex AA Championships. Rebecca came first winning the event, well done.



WORLD CHALLENGE MARATHON

Oliver Johnson, James Andrews and Naomi Wakeman completed the Brentwood Fun Run, on the 23rd of March, to help them raise money for their World Challenge trip to Tanzania in July 2014. On this trip they will: trek through Tanzania; help local communities and learn about the culture. Collectively they raised almost £600 towards their total of £2395 each and they would like to thank everyone who supported and encouraged them.

Jess Rogers, Head of Year 13



THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE



This year's lower school production of Thoroughly Modern Millie was another huge success for the Drama Department. Under the direction of Mr Beavis, students from Years 7, 8 and 9 worked hard to give an energetic, polished performance of this 1920s musical comedy.

The cast performed to over 400 Year 5 and 6 pupils from some of our local primary schools as well as giving two evening performances which delighted staff, students and families.

Thoroughly Modern Millie follows the antics of a young country girl as she tries to make a life in the hustle and bustle of 1920s New York. In pursuit of becoming a

'modern', Millie rubs shoulders with celebrities, befriends a secret billionaire and narrowly escapes being shipped off the orient by her suspicious landlady, all whilst singing, dancing and acting in true showbiz style! Our students worked exceptionally hard, meeting the challenge of performing some hefty show tunes, creating some interesting characters and also mastering some complicated dance routines, including showing off their tap skills!

As always, the school productions at St Martin's are a



fantastic way of showcasing our talent and bringing the whole school together as a community.

A big thanks goes out to everyone who was involved in this year's show. We look forward to seeing you at future productions so that we can continue to celebrate the talent and creativity of our students.

Mr Beavis, Teacher of Drama



STRATFORD UPON AVON-DRAMA

In June the Drama and Theatre Studies students went on a trip to Shakespeare's home town of Stratford Upon Avon for an educational weekend visit. The weekend

consisted of watching two plays, Shakespeare's 'Henry IV' & the RSC's version of 'The Roaring Girl', both performed by the Royal Shakespeare Company. Upon arriving students were involved in a six hour practical workshop which was lead by the RSC education department. The next day students went to Shakespeare's birthplace to work on some research and also got an opportunity to meet and talk with the actor who played Prince Harry in the Henry IV performance. Students were then lucky enough to go on a back stage tour of both the Swan and RSC Theatre, exploring the costume and wig rooms and going under the stage to see the mechanics of the staging. The purpose of the weekend is extremely beneficial to unit 4 of the course, being a historical study of Shakespeare.

Mrs Page, Teacher of Drama



U13 AND U14 GIRLS' FLYING THE FLAG FOR ST MARTIN'S AT THE NATIONAL BASKETBALL FINALS



A season of hard work and passion saw both our U13 and U14 girls' basketball teams reach their respective national school's finals. Both teams were flying high and confident off the back of being crowned Essex Cup champions back in March.

The U14 girls played their final fours weekend at the London Sports Dock. St Martin's first played Kingsway School from Stockport in the semi-final. Saints started slowly and both teams traded baskets for much of the first half, Kingsway's intense defence prevented St Martin's from finding their flow. A change in personnel and the realisation of what was at stake seemed to have the right effect as Tonie Abbott and Eleanor Potter took over proceedings and started to find the basket. The final score ended 80-53 to St Martin's.

St Martin's knew they were in for a tough test in the final against Greig City Academy. The two schools had contested the national title in 2013 with Saints falling short on that occasion by 30 points. Greig City were favourites, boasting no less than 8 different teams in the varying ages groups at this year's final fours. From the start both teams matched each other, both showing the tenacity and desire to win that a national final deserved. The St Martin's defence turned the ball over time and again in the first quarter but in offence the ball wouldn't drop. Greig City started to pull away and the gap was double figures. Eventually, the insatiable Tia Stack found her form putting in the performance of her life to find scoring opportunities for both her and her team mates.

At half time Greig City were leading by just 1, 30-29 and it was anyone's game to win. St Martin's had their eyes firmly on the prize and with 3 minutes to go took the lead for the first time 53-50. Unfortunately Saints'

high pressure full-court defence cost them and 4 players ended their game on the bench, having been deemed to have committed 5 fouls, the final score ended 64-59 to Greig City Academy.

Following the excitement of the U14 final, the next weekend saw the U13 girls travel to Nottingham Wild Cats Arena for their first experience of basketball at this level. St Martin's knew their semi-final opponents Aylesbury High School were going to be tall and athletic as they had been recently crowned netball and badminton national champions. Just like the U14 semi-final, St Martin's started slowly, creating scoring opportunities but were just not able to put the ball in the basket and yet Aylesbury were scoring everything. At only 12 years of age the sense of occasion seemed to inspire Skye Stack and Ria Brown and they began to give St Martin's some life, fighting for every ball on defence and working hard to score on offence. Unfortunately, a few missed opportunities meant that St Martin's lost 49-42, however the girls had learnt a lot from such a big occasion and would take this into the 3rd/4th play off. It was important



for the U13 girls to finish an emphatic season on a high and whilst the disappointment of losing the semi-final was still evident in the opening phase of the game, Megan Smalley led her team to 3rd place in the country with a final score of 62-36 against St Aiden's C of E School, Liverpool.

Head of Girls' PE, Mrs Swan said "Two Essex Cup titles with 2nd and 3rd place finishes in the country is testament to how hard the girls have trained and played but they couldn't have done it without the fantastic coaching from teachers Miss Allen and Miss Smith. I am incredibly proud of their collective achievements".

YEAR 6 EXPERIENCE TECHNOLOGY AT ST MARTIN'S SCHOOL

During the summer term the Technology Department is hosting three technology days for pupils from Ingrave Johnston, Willowbrook and Larchwood primary schools. The day is designed to help Year 6 pupils feel less daunted when starting secondary school and give them an insight into technology at St Martin's.

The students started their day in Food Technology making healthy Pretzels and then moved to Graphics where they made packaging for their pretzels whilst learning about CAD/CAM. All of the pupils who have attended said they 'thoroughly enjoyed their day' and 'that they had learnt a lot about areas of technology that they had not previously experienced.'

Mrs Lewis, Teacher of Technology



FAREWELL YEAR 13



On Thursday 22nd May, St Martin's School said goodbye to Year 13 as they completed their courses and commenced their study leave in preparation for their examinations. The Leavers' Assembly took place during the morning, where students enjoyed an excellent scene from 'We Will Rock You', featuring Kuba Chiagorom and Sophie Borzak, both Year 13 students, followed by the annual staff awards and speeches. The assembly was rounded off by a montage of photos collected by Miss Rogers from all the students and finally a video of Pharrell's 'Happy' that featured many of the teaching staff and the Year 13 students (thank you to Lucy McQuade for her contribution towards the making of the video). The students and sixth form tutor team then enjoyed music and a hog roast before saying their final farewells. Mrs Howells would like to wish all the students good luck in the examinations on behalf of all the staff at St Martin's.

THE YOUNG AMERICANS TOUR

This year we had the good fortune of hosting the Young Americans again. With over 150 students from St Martin's and the local primary schools involved, we had no doubts that the show would be outstanding. The company came with enthusiasm to spare which definitely rubbed off on those lucky students involved. To kick off the weekend the Young Americans held a flash mob in school where students were able to watch the performers to get a flavour of what the weekend would hold. After an intense rehearsal day Friday and Saturday it was all systems go on Sunday for the dress run and

2 performances. The first half consisted of the Young Americans performing a Broadway worthy medley of songs and dances. Then the students stepped up to perform the second act consisting of songs, dances and even gymnastics from some of the biggest musicals past and present including Newsies, Matilda and the older students performed a show stopping number from Les Miserables. The show and whole weekend was a success and has been praised highly by staff, parents, students and the Young Americans themselves. We look forward to welcoming them back in the future.



YEAR 11 PIPS



Photographed to the left are a selection of our Year 11 prefects in peer support preparing to welcome some of our Year 6 pupils to their induction day at St Martin's School. PIPS are selected from prefects chosen in Year 11 to undergo specialised training in 'Kidscape' anti-bullying strategies, child protection, safeguarding and risk management. They undertake regular duties in form time with Year 7 and assist with lunchtime clubs and mentoring programmes for students with low self-esteem and are a valuable asset to our outstanding pastoral team. Their training and support is led by Mrs Wilson, SEAL coordinator.

PETER COLE

It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of one of our governors Peter Cole in May.

Peter gave a lot of his time to St Martins on a voluntary basis. He had been involved in the school's Insight into Management programme for 15 years and became one of our governors in 2007.

The Headteacher, staff and governors attended a service for Peter held at Bentley Crematorium on 12 June. Those attending remarked what an uplifting service it was, celebrating as it did Peter's life, inspiring character and many achievements.

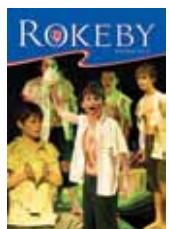
Peter gave much, with no thought of a return, to many students he has left a wonderful example of how to give freely. He is pictured here at one of his many voluntary events – the 2013 London Olympics. We pass on our deepest condolences to Peter's wife Rosemary and to the rest of his family.

Mr Chris Plume, Chair of Governors.



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