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BARBADOS TOUR 2016



49 students from Years 9 and 10 had the amazing opportunity to tour Barbados in the May half term on a cricket and netball tour. The squads took part in some intense pre-trip training and as we arrived the sun was shining, the steel drums playing and we were ready for what the Caribbean had to throw at us!

The highlight for the boys' team was the T20 fixture under the lights where they managed to beat one of the strongest club teams in Barbados. For the girls the Friday fitness sessions most definitely paid off as they managed to beat all the opposition Barbados had to offer and on a few occasions by a landslide.

It wasn't all about the fixtures though. The students had some amazing

experiences throughout the nine days; swimming with turtles, island safaris, beach BBQs, beach shows and beach parties. On our dedicated day of culture the students visited and learnt about the fascinating Harrison's Caves and walked through the Welchman Hall Gully trying to spot the monkeys.

The trip was most definitely a ticked box on a wish list with memories to last forever. All the students were an absolute credit to the school and discussions have already started for the next trip, hopefully in 2018.

Mr Roberts,
Head of Year 8



UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE TRIP: YEARS 9-11

On Tuesday 26 April, 35 students from our Most Able register were selected to spend a day at Emmanuel College, at the University of Cambridge. It is one of the larger colleges, which has a community of around 500 undergraduate students; 150 graduate students; 90 Fellows and 150 college staff. It was founded in 1584, on the site of a Dominican priory, by Sir Walter Mildmay, Chancellor of the Exchequer to Elizabeth I. Parts of the monastic buildings remain today.

The students took part in a variety of activities such as budget planning and admissions choices, which helped them to gain an insight into life at university. They also got to tour the impressive buildings with some current university students and took a walk through Cambridge to see some of the other colleges. The day ended with a trip to the Cambridge University Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology.

Mrs Fernandez, Teacher of English



STAFF CAKE AND COFFEE FUNDRAISING

We have so far held five very successful coffee mornings in the staff room. Thank you to staff who have very kindly donated gifts for raffles, cakes for each event and of course, offered support by coming along and spending their hard earned money. Mrs Moodley's sausage rolls have been one of the highlights. Staff have proudly raised a significant amount of money for lots of worthy causes:

Guide Dogs for the Blind	£144
Crisis at Christmas	£166
The Shishu Bhaven School in Goa	£146
Cystic Fibrosis	£153
The Verulam Regional Hospice in South Africa	£100
East Cheshire Hospice	£80

The total amounted to a very generous sum of **£789**

Thank you to Mrs Playford and Trish on reception for organising, setting out tables, filling hot water urns and clearing up after these events.



YEAR 7 TRIP TO PGL MARCHANTS HILL

St Martin's School has for many years organised a trip to PGL Marchants Hill in Surrey. This year I was accompanied by Miss Jeffs, Miss Levis, Miss Hawkins, Miss Iliff, Miss Jones and Mr Davis and we all had an excellent weekend packed full of fun and exciting activities.

Both staff and students alike were able to enjoy a wide range of activities which included Abseiling, Climbing, Trapeze, Giant Swing, Powerfan, Archery, Aeroball and Low Ropes. Giant Swing, Powerfan and Trapeze proved to be firm favourites this year and many students were able to overcome a fear of heights with the help and encouragement from PGL staff and other students in their groups.



During Friday evening students were able to enjoy a very wet and muddy 'Robot Wars' while they attempted to destroy each other's robots. On the Saturday evening the famous fancy dress disco was in full swing to the latest hits. All students had a thoroughly good time, and we are all looking forward to next year's trip.

Mr Bourton, Teacher of MFL

YEARS 7 AND 8 SCIENCE TRIPS

The science department offered exciting trips to Year 7 and 8 this year, both of which had such huge interest they were split over two days.

The Year 7 students had the opportunity to go to Colchester Zoo to learn about enclosure design and why animals have particular features. The students had the chance to encounter various animals and participate in feeding, they could also test their skills against animals such as cheetahs, chimps and orangutans. This was all in order to learn about animal classification and adaptation leading into a project where the students will design their own enclosure for an animal of their choosing.

The Year 8 students went to London to visit the Natural History Museum to learn what scientists actually do in the museum on a day to day basis. The students acted as scientists for the day asking insightful questions which they then used as a knowledge base to compare their own skills when answering questions in the labs. They were allowed to use some artefacts the museum had on offer such as; model human skulls, sea turtles and

live insects. They also had the opportunity to visit an area in the museum of their own choosing, the dinosaurs and the sensory exhibit were the most popular probably due to these areas being interactive.

Both trips were an overwhelming success and enjoyed by all so the science department are hoping to put the trips on again next year which may lead on to some more practical opportunities.

Mr Reeder, Head of Key Stage 3 Science



JACK PETCHEY AWARDS

ST MARTIN'S SCHOOL 2015 – 2016 JACK PETCHEY AWARD WINNERS

Buddy Miller

Despite difficult situations during his younger years, Buddy has gone on to be a positive, happy, young man. He has worked very hard to achieve the levels he is currently working at and with his continued positive attitude and effort will continue to push forward in school. You will never see Buddy without a smile on his face.



Daniel Omolabi

Daniel is a bright likeable young boy with a sunny personality. Daniel likes to be around people and enjoys helping people in need whilst having serious medical conditions to deal with himself. Whilst having a bone marrow transplant, he offered to explain the whole process to other families that were about to go through the process. The whole treatment lasted for about a year and is still on-going but he has been very brave throughout the process. While on admission at the St Mary's Hospital he helped nurses and play specialist with activities for other children. He refused to let it get him down both mentally and physically, if anything this made him a lot stronger.



Lawrence Griffiths

Since May 2014 Lawrence has been a tower of strength to his family. His nan sadly passed away in December 2013 then his dad had a massive stroke which has left him paralysed and in a wheel chair and unable to communicate. With two huge blows to the family it was hard for all of them to cope. His dad was in hospital from May to January, eight months. It was a complete change of life for Lawrence, he had hospital visits to deal with as well as looking after his younger brother and mum. Lawrence has shown empathy, understanding, compassion, love and so much more through these difficult times.



Aimee Ebsworth

Since joining St Martin's I believe Aimee has really started to shine. During her two years at St Martin's her teachers have always expressed how hard she works and the effort she puts into her lessons which resulted in her going up a level in English this year. She has really embraced life at secondary school from taking part in the school swimming gala, modelling clothes at the fashion show and successfully auditioning for the part of Sharpay in the lower school production of High School Musical which she played brilliantly.



Skye Stack

The family looked after three foster girls (2yr, 5yr and 7yrs) for nearly three years and Skye started St Martin's School during this time which understandably was a very stressful and chaotic period in her life. She helped and was a great carer of the girls whilst causing no problems at school or home and worked hard through these times and has proved a great asset for the school which I am sure will be backed up. When the girls left the family in 2014 it was a highly traumatic time for us all and Skye always smiled and has a fantastic outlook on life. She has been outstanding for the school at many sports including netball, football, rounders, athletics and basketball plus more.



Emily Haley

Against all odds this year she has sadly battled through traumatic times within her family whilst also focusing on her own health. Emily still has continual hospital appointments for other illnesses and was in hospital for two weeks again over the summer holidays. Yet she put on a brave face and smiled and came back to Year 11 a more confident and beautiful person inside and out.



Ryan Emery

Ryan is a hardworking, conscientious pupil of the school who manages to find time to do a lot of extracurricular activities, volunteer work and fundraising as well as achieving good grades for his academic work and being a member of the school council. In his spare time Ryan has worked for Champions Academy coaching basketball for over four years, three of these were voluntary. He also works voluntarily for Elaine's Swim School in Upminster and has done for over two years. Ryan has been part of the AV team within St Martin's since year 7 and has provided technical help with several school productions and assemblies over the years. As a Corporal for the local Air Cadet Squadron Ryan has taken part in many charity events raising funds for both the squadron and other organisations such as Help 4 Heroes, RAF Association and the Poppy Appeal. During his time with the Air Cadets Ryan has completed his Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award and has almost completed his Silver award.



Molly White

Molly has thrown herself completely into school life. She has a 100% attendance and punctuality record throughout her time whilst being in drama productions, representing the school in cross country, being a member of musical groups such as Pop Vocal and Steel Pans, being on the school council, attending cheerleading, helping out every year at open evenings and competing for the school in the Pecha-kucha area finals. As someone who has been a part of the Girl Guiding organisation since age 5, Molly has often taken the opportunity to help, especially in the local community whether it is from raising money for good causes to singing at retirement homes for the elderly.



Olivia Murrell

Olivia has worked hard over years for charities in the local community and the UK. Her latest project was Little Princess Trust which raised £1,481.50 by cutting 10 inches from her hair for a wig for a child suffering hair loss as a result of treatment for cancer. She organised flyers and posters, advertised, talked to the local community, and worked tirelessly to raise these funds for the local Trust children, and for those in the UK. The charity work does not stop there. Olivia participated in the Local Herongate Football Club variety



show for the "Stroke Association". She has previously worked for the Anna Kennedy OBE "Wear it for Autism" by way of introducing the show and giving her time and energy to this worthy cause. Despite suffering from scoliosis hypermobility syndrome herself - which causes great discomfort - Olivia sets aside her own difficulties to help others.

The Jack Petchey Achievement Awards have really been an inspiration to this year's winners from St Martin's School. Achievement comes in many forms and the evening celebrated and acknowledged the range and diversity of all of the individuals receiving an award on the

night. A special thanks also goes to Ceri Jones (yr8) for an outstanding piano performance at the event.

We were very proud to receive nine awards, here are our fantastic award winners:

Buddy Miller
Daniel Omolabi
Aimee Ebsworth
Skye Stack
Lawrence Griffiths
Emily Haley
Ryan Emery
Molly White
Olivia Murrell

Leaders Award: Mrs Jane Penny



JACK PETCHEY "SPEAK OUT" COMPETITION



Photographs of Daniel Game at the Jack Petchey "Speak Out" competition.

Daniel presented his speech with fantastic confidence and passion and was a superb ambassador for St Martin's School.



"I would like to congratulate every single one of our award winners. You should all be extremely proud of your achievements and continue to aspire to bigger and better things. You are all admirable role models to others".

**Miss Ruffell,
Jack Petchey Co-ordinator**



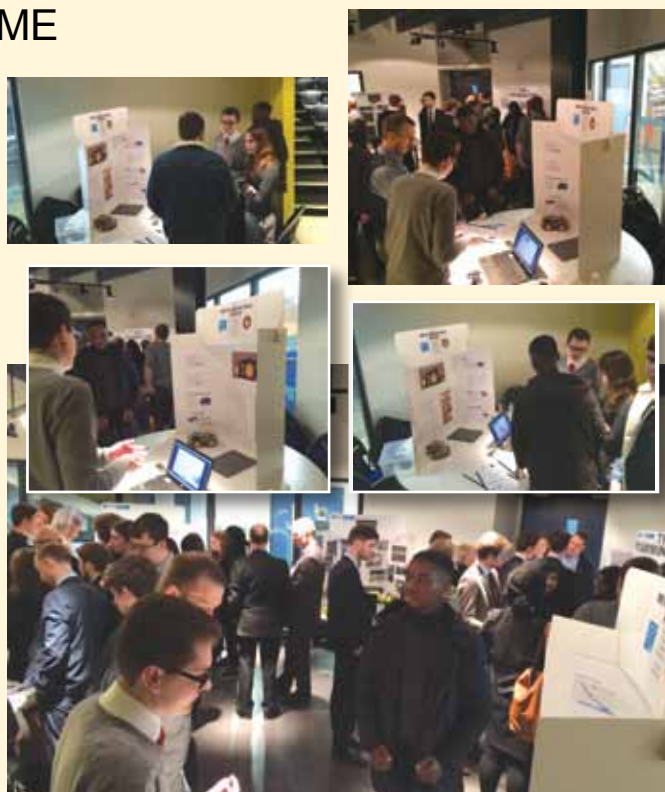
ENGINEERING EDUCATION SCHEME

The Technology Faculty had a successful year running the Engineering Education Scheme with four Year 12 students; Tara Burns, Alex Chamberlain, Fifeh Mustafa and Jacob Reilly. We are lucky to be sponsored by Selex ES (now called Leonardo-Finmeccanica) from Basildon, an international engineering company. They set our students a brief of designing and prototyping a remote controlled vehicle to follow a GPS route to a destination and then take a series of photographs that could be relayed back to a base station.

The student team attended the Celebration Assessment Day at PROCAT in Basildon. They presented their results in front of a team of professional engineers; this involved a written report, a presentation and then being interviewed at their display stand. They performed well and were complemented on their team work, planning and the excellent final product that they had prototyped.

Well done to the students for their drive, enthusiasm and skilled initiatives.

Mr Parker, Teacher of Technology



JACK PETCHY GUIDES AWARD



Three St Martin's students received Jack Petchey awards for their commitment and volunteering in Girl Guiding. They received individual nominations for their particular support in the community.

Lilliana Folan, 8B1, who attends 3rd Hutton Guides received her award for helping with Rainbows and Brownies, excellent commitment to Guides and for her voluntary work.

Sophie Chandler, 8H3, who attends 3rd Hutton Guides, received her award for helping with Rainbows and Brownies, excellent commitment to Guides and for her voluntary work.

Lauren Game, 8B1, who attends 1st Doddington Guides, received her award for good leadership.

Well done girls a real example of great community spirit.

MANDARIN

I thought the Mandarin lessons were really useful. I have learned a lot and enjoyed the experience. During the course we covered 5 topics: greetings, family members, facial features, numbers and the Chinese zodiac. My favourite topic was family members because I got to learn how to say them in a different language. (Lauren Game, Year 8)



I found the Mandarin lessons very enjoyable, I learned about greetings, zodiacs, body parts, colours and family members. We were also taught about Chinese culture. (Ferado Smyth, Year 8)



BUDE

Over May half-term, when the weather was poor at home, 52 students from Years 8, 9 and 10 made their way to Bude in Cornwall for a week of outdoor activities. The week ended up being blessed with glorious sunshine. It was an action packed, fun filled week, which saw the students rise at 7am starting with a run on the beach or a dip in the sea pool, then going on to commit to a busy day with their instructors.

Fears were faced and conquered on the climbing wall and high ropes course. Waves were caught on body boards and surfboards. Canals and rivers explored in kayaks and canoes. The evenings encouraged the students to join each other in fancy dress discos, football and basketball competitions, karaoke and a finale of an awards presentation to cap off the week. Students and staff alike thoroughly enjoyed themselves – we can't wait until next year's trip!

Mr Smith, Trip Leader



SEUSSICAL THE MUSICAL

This year's production of 'Seussical the Musical', containing the classic stories from Dr Seuss, has been a huge success due to the hard work and dedication of all the students and staff involved. As my second show, I have had the pleasure of working with many of the students before, as well as welcoming in some amazing new talent. I was very excited this year to be putting on a play with such a large amount of main roles which allowed many of our talented students the opportunity to show us their incredible talents, whether it be singing, dancing, acting or even acrobatics!

A huge thank you needs to be said to the rest of the drama department, who have been supportive and helpful throughout the process. I have also been assisted by my upper school helpers, Mrs Randell and tech team led by Mr Moseley who have helped to create a professional, exciting and fun show. I am incredibly proud of all the students involved and how outstanding their performances were and I am very excited for what next year holds!

Miss Barnes (Director), Teacher of Drama





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SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

On Wednesday 8 June 2016, the GCSE drama students performed a series of Shakespeare plays in our annual Shakespeare Festival. The students were tasked with editing and modernising a Shakespeare classic into 15 minutes, making it relevant for a modern audience. The calibre of performances was exceptional with interpretations ranging from 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' set in a residential home, 'Othello' on-board a pirate ship and 'The Taming of the Shrew' in Ibiza. The evening was supported by family, friends and teachers and all were agreed it was an enjoyable evening of Shakespeare made accessible for all.

Mrs Wilkinson, Head of Drama



STRATFORD UPON AVON

In June the Year 12 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 RSC plays; Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' and Ben Jonson's 'The Alchemist,' upon arrival students participated in a five hour practical workshop which was led by the RSC education department. The next day students were involved in a backstage tour exploring the costume and wig rooms and going under the stage to see the mechanics of the staging. They then went onto Shakespeare's birthplace and participated in the local 'Street Theatre'. Students were then lucky enough to meet with the main actor Ken Nwosu from The Alchemist, where they questioned him about becoming an actor and the undertaking of his role. The purpose of the weekend is extremely beneficial to unit 4 of the course, being a historical study of Shakespeare.

Mrs Page, Head of Year 12



ETON COLLEGE SUMMER SCHOOL

As I moved into year 12, I wanted to cease on the opportunities to assist my university applications and where possible experience university life.



Eton makes its facilities and expertise available to 120 sixth form boys and girls for a 10 day residential course in July. The course is intended for state school pupils who aspire to Oxbridge.

I had also applied to Cambridge for their two-day shadowing scheme in December and attended this in February. It was an enriching time and my mentor had also attended Eton Summer School previously and told me what a fantastic experience it was.

It was therefore a privilege to be selected by the school to make an application to Eton Summer School. Whilst my GCSE grades were of a high standard, I knew that these alone would not gain me a place in a highly, sought after residential course. I needed to stand out.

From a young age, I have lived with a stammer. With the help of intensive therapy, from the Michael Palin Centre in London, I am able to manage my speech difficulties successfully. However, new environments are especially challenging and with university approaching, a summer school at Eton would be an invaluable experience. I included this information within my Eton application and I believe that this has contributed to my success in being offered a place.

I feel extremely fortunate to have been given this experience. I will embrace my time at Eton and take all the help and advice on board in the hope that I will be successful in my future university applications.

Will Eathy, Year 12 student

YEAR 11 BADE FAREWELL IN STYLE



YEAR 11 GCSE DRAMA

In April, Year 11 GCSE drama students performed their devised performances worth 30% of their GCSE grade. They started devising in December, each group having a different performance text as their stimulus. The depth and subject matter of some of the plays combined with the students' mature and confident approach at tackling them culminated in final performances of an extremely high standard with many of the students performing beyond their years. Their dedication and commitment over the past two years are a credit to them and we wish them luck in their post 16 studies.

Mrs Wilkinson, Head of Drama



YEAR 6 DESIGN TECHNOLOGY EXPERIENCE AT ST MARTIN'S

During the summer term the Technology Faculty hosted four design and technology experience days for pupils from Ingrave Johnston, Willowbrook and Larchwood Primary Schools who will be joining St Martin's School in September.



The day is designed to help the transition period between Year 6 pupils in primary school coming up to secondary school and give them insight into what they can expect from design and technology lessons at St Martin's.

Pupils spent the day working in two technology specialist areas. The first half of the day was devoted to textiles, where pupils used the sewing machines to design and make stuffed frogs. In the afternoon pupils took part in graphics and they made packaging for their newly made stuffed frog and learnt about CAD/CAM.

Pupils from Ingrave Johnston attended two of the first technology days and made some 'Toadally' awesome stuffed frogs. This can be a daunting step for the pupils but when asked they said they thoroughly enjoyed their day.



**Mrs Varney,
Teacher of
Technology
and
Miss Oakden,
Teacher of
Textiles**

COPENHAGEN

Year 10 student Theo Hughes competed in the Copenhagen Invitational European Basketball Tournament a few weeks ago and was made Captain of the England U15 team, shortly after this they beat Finland in the Final, 75 – 62!



Theo was named as one of the best five players in the tournament (All Stars Team chosen by the referees and table officials at the tournament).

Theo has since been invited to join the U16 England squad which will enable him to join selected camps, attending these camps will open doors, highlight his skills and hopefully give him the opportunity to be picked to play in the European Championships in Sofia, Bulgaria in August.

Well done and Good Luck

<https://www.basketballengland.co.uk/England-under-15-Boys-take-the-2016-Copenhagen-invitational-title>



SPORTS DAY 2016

On Tuesday 12 July St Martin's School students took a trip to Brentwood School for the annual sports day. Sadly the weather decided to be unkind and around lunch time the heavens opened. This did not dampen our competitors spirits or the enthusiasm of the supporters. As the day progressed it was clear that there were some great sporting achievements being witnessed by those in attendance! With the 1500m run prior to the day and gruelling trials taking place to determine the runners for the sprint events, everyone was fighting to come out on top. There were a number of stand-out stars from each year group who picked up multiple medals for their house.

With a change in results from previous years, Quinlan house had to hold the lead going into the relays to pick

up the overall house cup. Roman, Becket and Hunter trailed closely behind but were unable to snatch the final points. After a competitive day for all, participants from Hunter house managed to take the lead and are the victors for the academic year 2015/ 2016 with Isobel Palmer and Tom Richards collecting the cup.

Well done to all students, staff and parents for their commitment, involvement and support for the competitors.

Yr 7 winners- Quinlan
Yr 8 winners- Roman
Yr 9 winners- Hunter
Yr 10 winners- Quinlan
OVERALL- QUINLAN



TEN SAINTS TEAMS GO MARCHING INTO THE COUNTY SEMI-FINALS

Ten of our amazing basketball teams reached the semi-finals of their respective Essex Cup competitions in the 2015-16 season. All of the girls' and boys' teams from the U12s through to the U16s made it into the last four places in the county. The U14 boys and girls both ended up as Essex Champions as did the U12 and U15 boys.

Mrs Swan, Head of Girls PE



YOUNG AMERICANS

This year we had the good fortune of inviting back, once again, the popular Young Americans group. With over 120 students from St Martin's School and local primary schools involved, we had no doubt that it would be a fantastic weekend for all involved and an amazing show. The company arrived on the Friday with enthusiasm and energy excited to meet our talented students and they did not disappoint. After an intense introduction and rehearsal on the Friday, the Young Americans unanimously decided to add an extra part into the show so more of our students could have their spotlight moment, this was the first time they had ever added in extra parts for a school. It was all systems go on Saturday and Sunday for the dress rehearsal and two performances. The first half consisted of the Young Americans performing a breathtaking medley of songs and dances showing their talent, passion and creativity. However, the real success came from the St Martin's students, who in the second act wowed with dance numbers, a look at music through the ages, a Beatles Medley and ended with a show stopping finale from the Lion King. 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.

Miss Barnes, Teacher of Drama



A LEVEL DRAMA

In May the Year 12 Drama and Theatre students performed their exam pieces to a visiting examiner and a large audience of friends and family. There were two performances, both of which were set in the year 1250 BC during the Trojan War. Hecuba by Marina Carr was about the Queen of a defeated Empire and Penelopiad by Margaret Atwood followed Penelopiad's life and marriage to King Odysseus. Students' performances were outstanding and were a credit to their hard work. Mrs Howells, Head of Sixth Form quotes 'I was so engaged in the students' acting that I had forgotten these were students performing in the school hall.' The drama department were very proud of them.

Mrs Page, Head of Year 12





YEAR 11 PROM

The Year 11 Leavers' Prom was this year held on Friday 8th July at Boreham House in Chelmsford, a change from our previous venue. We were very fortunate to be treated to a beautiful warm summer's evening to enjoy the fantastic surroundings and watch the students arrive in style. With entrances ranging from London red buses, VW Camper Van, party buses, a Ford Anglia and stretch limos, there was an array of fantastic vehicles lining the long driveway up to the house.

Students were welcomed with a fruit punch and lawn games in the gardens, a buffet, specially made St Martin's cupcakes, photo booth and dancing awaiting in the marquee. The Prom was extremely well attended, with almost 300 students and staff there to celebrate the end of a successful year. It was a fantastic evening for all and the dance floor was never empty!

Miss Holland, Head of Year 11



YEAR 13 LEAVERS



SIXTH FORM HEADBOY AND HEADGIRL

Following numerous applications and interviews for those shortlisted, St Martin's School would like to congratulate Ben Nash and Christina Lazell on becoming the new Head Boy and Head Girl. Their deputies are Harry Mason, Charlie Bacon, Chloe White, Laura Ovens and Alice Andrews. The student leadership team had to work hard to gain their positions against great competition - well done to you all.

Mrs Howell, Head of Sixth Form

