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SPORTS DAY 2017

On Tuesday 11 July St Martin's School students took a trip to Brentwood School for our annual sports day. After several weeks of beautiful sunshine, the weather decided to change during the morning and gave us some light showers. This did not dampen the spirits of our students with enthusiasm from both competitors and supporters remaining high. As the day progressed it was clear that there were some great sporting achievements being witnessed by those in attendance and new school records being made. With the 1500m race 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.

Throughout the day the lead was regularly changing. Hunter house was in the lead prior to the relays, with Roman, Becket and Quinlan trailing closely behind. After a competitive day for all, participants from Roman house managed to take the lead and were victorious for the academic year 2016/2017 with Games Captains Harry Pugh and Kate Tucay collecting the cup.

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

Miss Ruffell, Sports Day Organiser

RESULTS:

Yr 7 winners - Becket & Roman
Yr 8 winners - Quinlan
Yr 9 winners - Roman
Yr 10 winners - Hunter

**OVERALL - ROMAN
STAFF RELAY - BECKET**

NEW SCHOOL RECORDS;

Sarah Ladapo Yr 7 100m 13.39
Lenia Smith Yr 8 100m 13.44



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"Voice Kids UK was the most incredible experience of my life. I met some of, what are now, my best friends filming the show and working with Pixie Lott was completely surreal and phenomenal. The competition was extremely terrifying but more than anything it was so much fun. I still cannot believe it. I feel so lucky to be a part of such an inspirational project".

Jess Folley Year 10 student and Winner of Voice Kids UK



SIXTH FORM HEADBOY, HEADGIRL & DEPUTIES

INTRODUCING OUR NEW SIXTH FORM COUNCIL:

Head Girl - Jessica Lamb. **Headboy** - Harry Wilkins. **Deputies** - Sophia Strange, Louis Barrow, Bethany Wilkins, Ryan Emery, Emily Barry, Archie Russell.

The Sixth Form Council were selected by the Head of Sixth Form, Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher after a rigorous interviewing and selection process. They will be putting lots of new ideas forward to try and get students involved in the everyday life and events held for the sixth form students.



MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES TRIP TO PARIS

In temperatures well into the thirties, 17 students from Years 9, 10 and 12 set off on the Eurostar in June for a three day trip to Paris accompanied by Mr Faulconbridge and myself.

After checking in to the hostel we headed straight off to the Seine for a river boat cruise which provided a

leisurely introduction to the main sights of Paris plus welcome relief from the heat. After an enjoyable evening meal at the hotel, we spent the first evening strolling around the Latin Quarter soaking up the atmosphere.

On Friday morning the students participated in a two hour language lesson learning about the history and culture of Paris which also allowed them to practise their French. We then headed off for a picnic outside Notre Dame Cathedral before enjoying a guided tour of the Stade de France. After our return to the hotel for our evening meal, we had a short wander down the Champs Elysées and saw the Arc de Triomphe. The

day was rounded off with a trip up to the second floor of the Eiffel Tower, where we watched the sunset over the Trocadéro.

Saturday was our final day in this beautiful city and not a moment was wasted, with a trip to the Musée d'Orsay and lunch in the Jardin des Tuileries.

All the students had a fantastic time, practising their French and learning about the French way of life. We were all sad that we had to say "au revoir" to Paris. As always, St Martin's students were a credit to the school.

Mrs Ballard, Head of MFL

I very much enjoyed our adventure around Paris. I liked how we experienced getting the métro and living like a real Parisien. Kendra

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



JACK PETCHEY

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.

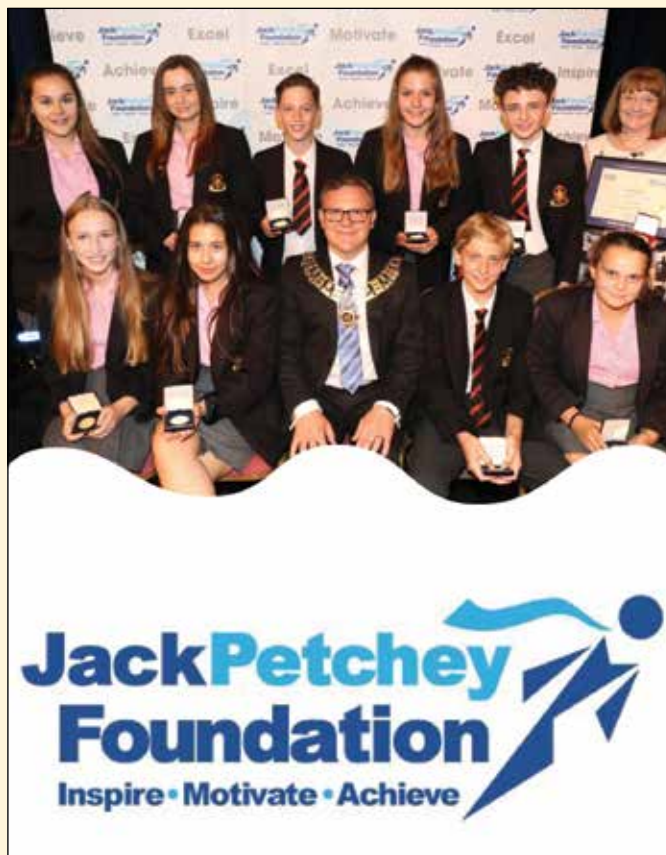
We were very proud to receive nine awards; here are our fantastic award winners:

Alex Griffiths	Lilliana Folan
Kayla- Rae Hoad	Paola Tacchia
Antonia Antoniou	Megan Smalley
Ceri Jones	Sonny Vanlint
Flynn Williams-Chester	

LEADER AWARD; Mrs Elma Stewart

"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. Well done!"

Miss Ruffell, Jack Petchey Co-ordinator



YEAR 10 INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKER - DAVID DEIN

Year 10 enjoyed an inspirational assembly from David Dein. David has featured in a list of the 50 most influential people in the history of the Premier League and was in the top ten with people like Sir Alex Ferguson.

David shared his experiences as Vice-Chairman at Arsenal FC and the Football Association linking in how hard work and commitment can lead to life success. He left the Year 10s with the quote "Nobody can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending".

We hope that this the students reflect on this message as they prepare for their final year at St Martins before sitting their GCSEs.

Mr Peacock, Assistant Headteacher



MANDARIN CLASSES SUMMER 2017

Our popular Mandarin lessons came to an end in the summer term and we would like to thank our teacher Miss Yu for running the lessons and providing a wide ranging programme.

Students have enjoyed a variety of both cultural and linguistic activities such as cooking dumplings, making Chinese lanterns and singing traditional Chinese songs. The students also had the opportunity to use the Chinese abacus, known as the suanpan.

This has been a successful and enriching programme for all students involved and we look forward to continuing with lessons for Year 7 and 8 students in September.

Mrs Mercer, Teacher of MFL



RAISING MONEY FOR LENNOX CHILDREN'S CANCER FUND

During half term one of our Year 7 students, Oliver McDonagh, was a volunteer involved in a production of "Oliver! The musical" at Queen's Theatre in Hornchurch.

The production, which sold out all six shows, was staged to raise money for a very worthwhile charity, the Lennox Children's Cancer Fund. The fund was set up in 1992 with the primary aim of supporting hospitals with children's wards and, although this is still very much a part of the Lennox ethos, they now also offer support directly to the families most in need. To do this

they provide practical, emotional and financial support through key projects such as the Respite Breaks Project and Care Grants Project.

Oliver (McDonagh) was part of the cast for all six shows, playing the part of Oliver Twist in three of them with one reviewer saying "his voice was remarkable and his performance of "Where is Love" was heart wrenching." Oliver tells us he enjoyed every minute of being involved and has learnt much from such a fantastic cast and crew with the final reward of a great show.

During rehearsals, Oliver met St Martin's old boy Simon Cook, who attended the school from 1986 until 1991. Simon trod the boards whilst at St Martin's School and remembered many fantastic teachers. He played alongside one Steve Emery, who went on to become the famous actor and director, Stephen Moyer!

A quote from Simon Cook "I had great fun hauling Oliver across the stage



each night. Imagine my delight when I realised he attended the greatest school of them all!"

Well done Oliver from all at St Martin's School and congratulations for getting involved with such a worth while charity.



SUMMER ARTS EXHIBITION

During the summer term the Art and Textiles departments hosted the annual Summer Arts Exhibition. The event was held on a warm summer's evening and was well attended by parents, staff and students. A superb array of art produced by both GCSE and A Level students was on display accompanied by intricate model houses made by the Graphics students. The event finale was a fashion show of the fantastic garments produced by the textiles students this year. The varying range of clothes were modelled by students and their friends ranging from ages 3 to 15 years. It was a fantastic event and we were very proud to raise £110 for Young Minds, the charity that supports young people's mental health and well-being.

Mrs Rainbird, Head of Textiles



HEART PROJECT

During the summer term 50 talented creative arts students were selected to produce an independent piece of artwork competing for the opportunity to have their finished piece displayed in the Farleigh Hospice Gallery in Chelmsford.

The core foundation of the project was to effectively create purposeful and thoughtful pieces of work that inspire spirit, promote joy and instil peace.

The SAINTS SHOWCASE exhibit held on the 9 June 2017, celebrated and shared the work of all the students who took part in this project. St Martin's School art department hosted the

event on a summer's afternoon where volunteers and the young artists, aged 11-15, were joined by the Farleigh Hospice representatives, supporting staff and family members.

The lucky winner chosen by the visitors vote, Sophie Milham, produced a striking and impressive tiger's eye in coloured pencil. An exciting range of materials were explored by the selected 15 students. The exhibit at the Farleigh Hospice runs from the 1 July to the 18 September 2017. The project has to give all students that participated a sense of pride and achievement. The pieces completed not only have encouraged and



inspired their peers but also brought happiness, warmth and enrichment to the hospice community through their love of art and personal involvement in a positive and gratifying project.

Miss Jeffs, Teacher of Art





ALADDIN

This year's production of Disney's 'Aladdin Jr.' the classic love story of two people from the City of Agrabah, but from completely different worlds, has been a huge success due to the hard work and dedication of all the students and staff involved. As my third show, I have had the pleasure of working with many of the students since Year 7, watching them grow and blossom into some extremely talented performers. We have also been lucky to welcome in some amazing new talent in lead and supporting roles and featuring their

skills as singers, actors and dancers. I was very excited this year to be putting on such a well-known play and the fact I managed to double cast some of the main roles shows how much talent we have in KS3.

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 in Year 10 including Samantha St Pier-Groves, Tayla Bunting and Charlotte Renwick for

rehearsals and choreography. The set was a wonderful backdrop for the talented students, due to Mrs Randell's hard work and the students looked and sounded incredible thanks to our upper school make up and tech team led by Mr Moseley. All have helped to create a professional, exciting and fun show. I am so very proud of all the students involved and their outstanding performances, I now look forward to revealing more talent next year!

Miss Barnes (Director)





PGL TRIP

In April, 71 students from Year 7 went to PGL, Marchant's Hill. I found the visit amazing because I was with my friends and we got to know each other more. My favourite activity was Jacob's Ladder because I could race to the top feeling safe and secure.

Jared Smith – 7R1



SPRING MUSIC CONCERT

Spring was 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 them. Steelpans to Oasis,

the Orchestra to advanced vocals; soloists, duos and more, we are so proud of our gifted and active music community. We ended the academic year with our Summer Concert which was based around the theme of musicals, this was a wonderful finale to a successful year. We now are preparing for our

annual music tour to Barcelona in October so everyone is fine tuning their instruments and voices.

Mr Paul, Acting Head of Music



YEAR 10 & 12 MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

TRIP TO BERLIN



We have over the last three years organised a languages trip to Berlin for GCSE and A Level German students and this year proved, once again, to be a packed schedule of many of Berlin's most famous sights.

After an incredibly early departure from school; the students, Mrs Ballard, Mrs Mercer and myself arrived in Berlin. We started off our trip with some fantastic 360° views of the city from the top of the Fernsehturm. After a bit of shopping and a delicious Döner lunch we made our way to our hostel to enjoy some free time, the students then took advantage of the hotel's basketball court and rooftop terrace.

On day two we gained a deeper understanding of Berlin's history through a guided walking tour, which took us from the well-known Brandenburg Gate, towards Checkpoint Charlie,

the Holocaust Memorial and Hitler's bunker via the famous chocolate shop Fassbender und Rausch. We were able to enjoy some traditional German Currywurst for lunch before making our way to the concentration camp at Sachsenhausen, where we had another guided tour. The evening finished off with a visit to the Hofbräuhaus (Germany's most famous beerhall), where the students tried out some traditional Wiener Schnitzel with Kartoffelsalat, entertained by live music from an Oompah band, which encouraged many of us to get up and dance along!

On day three after a traditional German breakfast, we had plenty of free time. We started off our day with a walk along the East Side Gallery, the largest remaining part of the Berlin Wall which separated East and West Berlin for 28 years. We then headed towards Potsdamer Platz for some more shopping followed by some important souvenir-buying opportunities from the famous Ampelmann shop. We then experienced more German history with a visit to the Holocaust Museum and after (another) delicious Döner lunch we then entered the Reichstag, and walked up to the dome at the top. The day was made complete by a relaxing visit to a bowling alley where we all enjoyed some light-hearted competitiveness.

I enjoyed having the opportunity to practise my German, seeing the interesting sights of Berlin and the German History.
Oluseyi Adaramola – 10Q2



I really enjoyed the bowling, the dome of the Reichstag and seeing the Berlin Wall.
Harriet Hiskett – 10R2

The tour of Berlin was really interesting as was visiting the different memorials around the city. The Holocaust Museum was particularly informative and insightful.
Brett Downton – 10B3

Overall the trip was a great success and an excellent way for all the students to practise their German skills and to gain an introduction into German life, history and culture. Both Year 10 and Year 12 students were an asset to St Martin's School during this visit and it was a pleasure to accompany them to my favourite German city.

Mr Bourton, Teacher of MFL



Getting the train everywhere was good fun and a new experience as well as having some independence to explore parts of the city ourselves. We all enjoyed experiencing German culture as it was interesting to see different ways of life.
Millicent Barfoot – 10B1



SAINTS U15 DOUBLE COUNTY BASKETBALL CHAMPS

Our U15 girls and boys were both crowned Essex County Basketball Champions this season.

The girls had an exciting final against a strong Greensward School team with Saints coming out on top 45-31. The boys followed this with a convincing 73-42 victory against Fitzwimarc School (Rayleigh). Mrs Swan, Mrs Allen and Mr Hallahan were super proud of their teams!



MATTHEW DOE 11Q3

Matthew attended the Essex County Tennis and had an incredible four days. He won all of his matches, and set a new record for Essex County Tennis. He is the first person in 20 years to win all of his matches over the four days, and due to the success of Matthew and the team Essex won the championship, beating Sussex in the final. Well done Matthew we hope to see you one day at Wimbledon – on court!



NOAH NEAL'S LATEST ACHIEVEMENTS IN SWIMMING



Noah competed in the London Regional Age Group Championships held at the Crystal Palace National Sports Centre in London.

Noah won the gold medal and is the London Regional Champion in the 400 metre freestyle for his age group. He

then went on to win bronze in the 200 metre Fly (missing silver by 0.3 seconds), came 4th in the 1500 metre freestyle (missed a medal by 2 seconds) and has made three other finals.

This is a massive achievement for Noah, as he was competing with and beating some of the best young swimmers in the UK. We know the training to be a contender in the national swimming stakes takes real commitment and true grit. We are very proud of you and hope you know you have at least 2000 people spurring you on every time you dip your toe into the pool.

U12 BOYS FOOTBALL TEAM

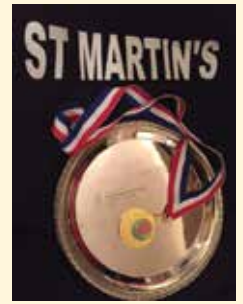
Congratulation to the U12 boys football team who won the Essex Cup. The boys played some great Football throughout the season beating Southend Boys Grammar, Rokeby and Chingford. This left us with a final against Kingsford Community School. Kingsford had the better of the first half, leading 3-1 at the break. Saints came back strong in the second half and the pressure finally paid off with three goals in the last 10 minutes to win the Cup 4-3.

Mr Cavanagh, Teacher of Boys PE



U19 NETBALLERS WIN ESSEX CUP PLATE

Our U19 Netball team had a brilliant season losing only one game by one goal, from September to March. The girls culminated their first year as a combined Year 12/13 team by beating Davenant Foundation School (Loughton) 35-17 in the Essex Cup Plate final. Head of Girls' PE Mrs Swan said "The girls are incredibly talented and really enjoy their netball. It is so important that sixth forms offer opportunities for girls to continue participation in extra-curricular activities. The girls have been a pleasure to work with and I look forward to them to building upon this year's success with next year's intake." Mrs Swan & Miss Jones



Our Mavericks U19 player Rosie Andrews demonstrating some serious airtime.



SAINTS ATHLETES REPRESENT MID ESSEX SCHOOLS

Four of our Year 7 athletes were selected to represent Mid-Essex at the County Athletics Championships in July. Freya Godfrey and Matt Blacklock competed in the 800m, Chelsea Olawuyi in the 100m and Denham Minors in the high jump. All performed brilliantly but Matt was star of the show, becoming the U12 Essex County Champion in an incredible 02.17.2



RAMPAGING CHARIOTS

For the sixth year running a group of Year 9 students entered the Rampaging Chariots competition, sponsored by Leonardo UK. The students manufactured a remote control robot, from component parts supplied by Leonardo UK, to compete against other schools from Essex. On Saturday 1 July the team entered the three event competition - they made the semi-final in the assault course, and won the sumo and two-a-side football competitions. This was by far our best result ever in the six years of competing. My congratulations to Matthew Coale, Rachel Cummins, Thomas Kirkpatrick, Adam Missen, Toby Smith and Jay Wood. Good organisation, planning and teamwork delivered the results."

Mr Parker, Teacher of ICT



ST MARTIN'S SCHOOL WELCOMES A SURVIVOR FROM THE HOLOCAUST EDUCATIONAL TRUST



In June a number of students from St Martin's School heard testimony from Holocaust survivor, Susie Barnett as part of a visit organised by the Holocaust Educational Trust (HET).

Her testimony was followed by a question and answer session to enable students to better understand the nature of the Holocaust and to explore its lessons in more depth. The visit is part of the Holocaust Educational Trust's extensive all year round Outreach Programme, which is available to schools across the UK.

Karen Pollock MBE, Chief Executive of the Holocaust Educational Trust added:

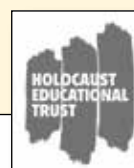
"The Holocaust Educational Trust educates and engages students from across the UK, from all communities about the Holocaust and there can be no better way than through the first-hand testimony of a survivor. Susie Barnett's story is one of tremendous courage during horrific circumstances and by hearing her testimony, students will have the opportunity to learn where prejudice and racism can ultimately lead."

"At the Trust, we impart the history of the Holocaust to young people, to ensure that we honour the memory of those whose lives were lost and take forward the lessons taught by those who survived."

For further press information, please contact Samantha Abrahams on 020 7222 6822 or email samantha.abrahams@het.org.uk

Miss Cooper said:

"It is a privilege for us to welcome Susie Barnett to our school and her testimony will remain a powerful reminder of the horrors so many experienced. We are grateful to the Holocaust Educational Trust for co-ordinating the visit and we hope that by hearing Susie's testimony, it will encourage our students to learn from the lessons of the Holocaust and make a positive difference in their own lives."



Susie Barnett

Susie Barnett, née Frankenberg, was born in Hamburg, in Nazi Germany. She tells the story of her family's life in pre-war Germany, how they all escaped individually, but the price they nonetheless paid as a family.

Susie's parents were Minna and Arthur Frankenberg. She was the youngest child of four. Her one brother and two sisters came to England on kindertransport, not together but separately, a frightening experience for all refugee children.

After being in a concentration camp, her father managed to reach Shanghai, China. Her mother was left on her own in Hamburg with Susie who was just a baby. A Jewish family offered to adopt Susie to make it possible for her mother to escape to England where her other three children were living in foster homes. However, she refused, fearing she would never have peace of mind again if she agreed.

Susie owes her life to the kindness of two caring people in London. She considers the way they helped her mother to escape from the horrors of Nazi Germany to be a 'miracle'.

Although both her parents and the four children survived they never lived together again as a family and Susie thinks that this was damaging to all of them, especially to her.

Susie's childhood was spent in foster homes and children's homes where she was all too often unhappy. She only met her father when she was nine; a difficult and bitter-sweet relationship developed.

In 1958 Susie became a secondary school teacher. She taught for 28 years. In 1963 she married. She has a son and daughter and four grandchildren. For the first time she understood how good family life could be. So, after many unhappy years as a child, she found true happiness in her adult life.

YEAR 12 CHEMISTRY ORGANIC PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF EAST ANGLIA

Our Year 12 Chemistry students enjoyed a hands on practical experience at the University of East Anglia (UEA). Working in pairs, they produced their own paracetamol and then used analytical techniques to work out the purity of the end product. The skills learnt will help them demonstrate the practical skills required for A Level.



KS3 SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS

In science we use practicals to help secure content learnt during lessons. It is also an ideal opportunity to learn practical skills which students will need for their required practicals at GCSE.

In Year 9 students learn how to test foods for the presences of proteins, fats, sugars and starch. This is a photograph showing the testing for the presence of protein using Benedict's solution on marshmallow, potato and cheese. The cheese solution has gone purple to indicate protein is present. Students also learn about the movement of substances through osmosis and diffusion. To test this the students placed a gummy bear in different

concentrations of sugar solutions to observe the movement of water into the gummy bears. This photo shows the comparison between a gummy bear left in water next to a normal sized gummy bear. The water moved into the bear making it increase in size. Students measured the sizes of the gummy bears in different concentrations and used the data to predict the sizes of gummy bears in other concentrations. They are then able to draw a graph of their results.



In Year 7 we build up the level of practicals from when the students join up to the end of Year 7. We teach the students how to use equipment safely and how to use the data they collect. The photograph shows a practical completed by Year 7 students near the end of the year. They create their own indicator then use it to test different substances to identify if they are acids or alkalis and their strength. The students then move on to understanding how they can neutralise the substances.

Miss French, Teacher of Science



Year 8 students get a chance to create a model of a plant cell. The photograph shows the models made recently by Year 8s which are currently on display in a lab in the science department. The students could use whatever materials they wanted to. The ones in the picture are made from Lego, clay, Hama beads and an old tissue box. They are then given an opportunity to develop their models by adding descriptions of the structures within the cell.

YEAR 12 SPECTROSCOPY TRIP TO UCL

Year 12 Chemistry students attended a session looking at Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) and other analytical techniques. It was a great opportunity for the students to experience equipment that is only available in university chemistry departments, some of which was worth over a million pounds. The day ended with a fascinating lecture about the chemistry of water.

Mr Peacock, Trip Leader/Assistant Headteacher



YEAR 11 PROM

The Year 11 students all looked amazing, celebrating the end of their five years of secondary education at St Martin's School. The event took place on Friday 7 July at Boreham House in Chelmsford. They certainly arrived in style, from London buses, very smart limousines and a first for St Martin's – a helicopter!

The students had an enjoyable end to their secondary school career by dancing the night away and celebrating with fellow students and staff.

We all wish them every success in the future.

Mrs Hale, Head of Year 11

