



NEWS & VIEWS

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Executive Headteacher: Mr Jamie Foster

Headteacher's Comment:

On Tuesday, it was a pleasure to welcome back our past Year 11 pupils for the annual GCSE Awards Evening. Pupils received their GCSE certificates and special awards were presented for outstanding achievement, progress and attainment. A special mention goes to Poppy Lee, who won the overall 'Service to the School' presented by the Rotary Club, as well as the separate Science and History awards.

It is also that time of year, where I would like to thank any staff that are leaving us at the Christmas break and on this occasion, I am sure you will join me to say thank you and good luck to Mr Dan Langley, Head of Sixth Form. Mr Langley has secured a promotion and is moving to a school nearer to his home and I know he will do a great job on his next venture. Mr Samuels will be joining us as Deputy Headteacher to lead the Sixth Form, to help us continue on our journey of success.

I am extremely pleased to announce this year's Christmas Card Competition winner, Sean Park in Year 7, who I had the pleasure of meeting today. Well done to Sean whose design will be the St Martin's Christmas card for 2024! I would also like to congratulate our runners up whose design will feature on the back of the cards.

Congratulations to this week's Headteacher's gallery winner Izabella Jones in Year 10, for their outstanding determination and resilience in their GCSE art workshop unit, pushing herself to achieve the very best and creating outstanding work as a result.



Holocaust Education Trust Visit

Over Tuesday and Wednesday, GCSE Historians each had a two-hour interactive session with the Holocaust Education Trust. In line with the GCSE specification, where pupils have been learning about Nazi Germany's persecution of Jews, the pupils spent time learning about a Holocaust survivor's story, Manfred. Pupils were able to use a website where Manfred has been turned into a hologram and they could ask him questions as if they were sat having a conversation with him. The technology has been created so that Manfred responds to pupils' questions as if they were having a virtual conversation online. Pupils asked Manfred about his pre-war life and his family, as well as the persecution that his family received after 1933, especially on Kristallnacht.

In the second hour, pupils were able to put on VR headsets and were instantly transported to the street that Manfred lived on before the Holocaust. Then the VR headset took the pupils to the concentration camp that Manfred and his mother were imprisoned in during WWII. This incredible technology allowed pupils to learn about the Holocaust through Manfred's little story. We hope that this will inspire pupils to learn more about the Holocaust and use what they have learned in their History GCSE.



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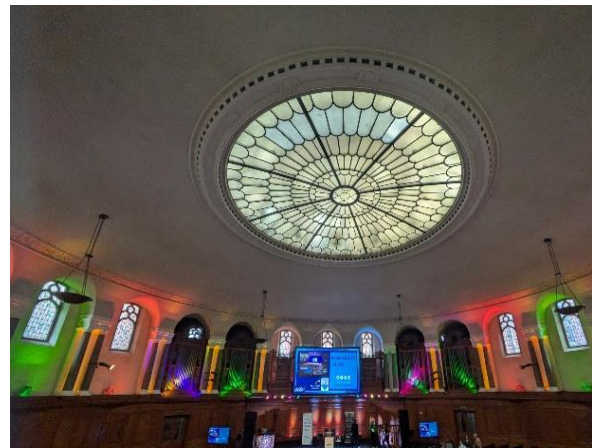
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★ Year 12 & 13 Trip to Emmanuel Centre

Year 12 and 13 Art and Photography students were offered an exciting opportunity to attend an inspiring event to meet and learn from four established artists at the Emmanuel Centre in London on Wednesday. Students heard from Cornelia Parker CBE RA, Sculptor and Installation Artist, Lakwena Maciver, Artist, Stuart Pearson Wright, Artist, Simon Roberts, Photographer.

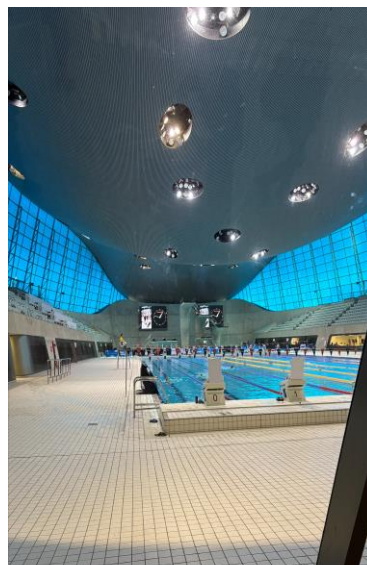
Students gained insights into the artists' inspirations, creative processes, and how they sustain their careers in the arts. The trip looked to educate and inspire students looking to enter the creative industry and where a career in the arts can take you.



★ Panathlon Challenge

Some of our Year 7 pupils took part in the Secondary Swimming Hybrid Gala, at the London Aquatics Centre in Stratford on Wednesday. They participated in a range of events in the pool, including freestyle relays, raft races and a treasure hunt. The competition comprised of 10 races, with SAINTS finishing third overall, earning themselves some brilliant bronze medals!

Well done to everyone involved. We are very proud of you!



★ Badminton National Champion

Mrs Swan became National O45 Women's Doubles Champion this weekend, with her partner (Olympic medallist) Joanne Goode MBE. Mrs Swan said "I've been playing badminton since I was 6 years old and I hope I will still be playing when I'm in the over 70's category! #LifeLongLoveOfSport



★ Dates for the Diary

- 09.12.24 – 11.12.24 – Year 13 PPE Art
- 10.12.24 – LAMDA Acting Exams
- 11.12.24 – STEM visit to the University of Essex
Year 10 Work Experience Information Evening
- 12.12.24 – 13.12.24 – Year 13 PPE Photography
- 12.12.24 – Christmas Dinner Year 11
Year 13 Parents Evening (in person)
On line Safety Workshop
- 13.12.24 – Christmas Charity Fundraiser
Christmas Dinner Year 10 and 8

For PE fixtures please follow twitter @STMartinsSchPE for further PE updates

Word of the Week Week 12 Empower



verb: to give someone the authority, confidence, or power to do something

Sentence: The teacher's goal was to empower her students by encouraging them to think critically and take ownership of their learning.



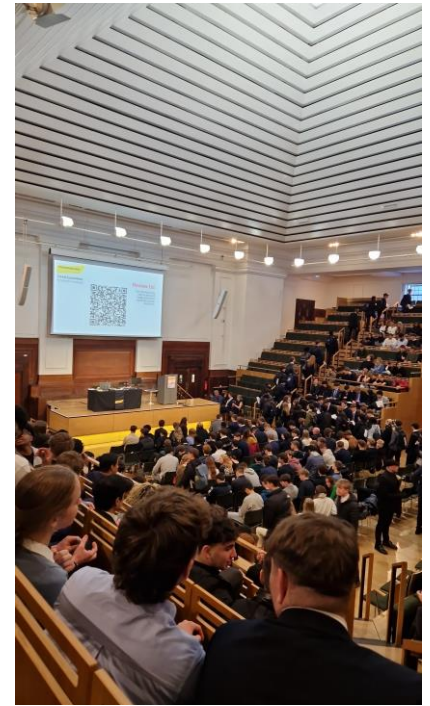
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★ Economics Conference 2024

A select group of our A-Level Economics students were fortunate to attend an exclusive Economics Conference last week. Hosted by experts from a variety of sectors, the conference covered everything from fiscal policy to migration, and from healthcare economics to the global economic challenges of the future.

Key Speakers included: Ed Balls, Former Shadow Chancellor, Hugh Pym, Health Editor BBC, Carl Emmerson and Paul Johnson, Institute for Fiscal Studies, Tim Harford, The Undercover Economist, Grace Blakeley, Author, Dr Madeleine Sumption MBE, Migration Advisory Committee, Mark Littlewood, Director of the Institute of Economic Affairs and Kate Raworth, Author

The students were inspired by the unique perspectives of leading economists and journalists, each offering their expertise and real-world experiences. The conference was an excellent experience for our A-Level students, providing them with access to some of the brightest minds in economics.



★ SAINTS' Sporting Success

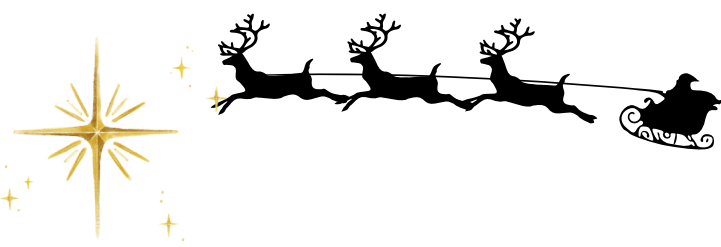
Congratulations to our Dolci Hoyte in Year 8 who recently represented Great Britain in the World Aerial Hoop Championships in Sweden. What a super star #HardWorkPaysOff #Proud



Our Year 7 girls' A Netball team remain unbeaten this season, winning many of their Essex Cup games by significant margins. Good luck in the next round girls!

Our Year 7 boys' football team has maintained their impressive performance in the National Cup, securing a 2-1 win over St. Thomas More High School. They now move into the final 32!





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St Martin's Christmas Charity Fundraiser

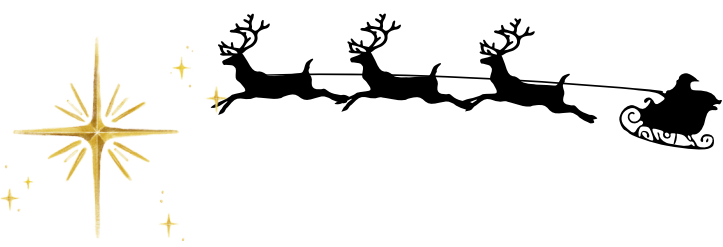
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