



NEWS & VIEWS

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Executive Headteacher: Mr Jamie Foster

Headteacher's Comment:

Happy New Year! This week I led the 'welcome back' assemblies with all year groups to remind pupils about why we focus on developing good habits and why being disciplined in their approach is a marker for success. Good uniform, punctuality and organisation are the building blocks for a positive learning culture. I shared stories from our alumni that are products of St Martin's. I am sure you are aware of George Earthy (West Ham) and Jess Foley (the Voice Kids winner) but I shared stories of Lucy McQuade (ITV producer) and Conor Knight (Radio 1 presenter) as well as Toby Smith (Red Bull Racing). All of which have sat in their chairs and embraced the St Martin's culture.

Pupils were also introduced to Mr Graham Samuels, Deputy Headteacher in charge of the Sixth Form, who will be spearheading our post-16 provision to ensure the next generation of alumni are equally as successful.

Lucy McQuade
ITV Producer



Conor Knight
BBC Radio One Presenter



Toby Smith
Red Bull Racing



Bright Futures Workshop

This Monday, Year 13 students had a fantastic opportunity to take part in a 'Bright Futures workshop' with 'Study Skills Zone', exploring revision techniques and study skills, in preparation for their upcoming exams. The students found the day very successful with some students' feedback stated:

"I found ways to successfully revise as I normally struggle to do it".

"A wide variety of revision techniques were shown that I've never seen before".

"Helping to plan the amount of revision in hours and dividing it by the number of subjects made the amount of time left visual".

"The range of techniques to help us learn and retrieve information was really useful".



Chief Executive Officer: Mr R Duff

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★ Year 9 Boys are Mid-Essex FUTSAL Runners Up

Our Year 9 boys took part in the Mid Essex Futsal competition at Shenfield School this week and competed superbly! Some excellent group games against Great Baddow and Becket Keys saw the boys progress to the semi-finals, where they had a hard-fought match against Shenfield. The game ended 1-1 and was decided on penalties which SAINTS won! The final vs Brentwood County High was an end to end thriller finishing 2-2. Unfortunately, the sudden death penalty shoot-out did not go our way this time, ending in an agonising 4-3 defeat. We are very proud of our boys' brilliant team effort with Wiktor Berkovicz, Ayo Durojayie, Legend Robinson, Luke Rainbow, Harry Coombes and Elliot Laniyan all playing a key part in the tournament.



★ School Communication

It has been brought to our attention that some parents have not been receiving our emails. Please can parents check their email spam folders regularly. If you see any of our communication emails in a spam folder, please mark the email as **not spam**, so future communications will go into your inbox. Thank you.



Dates for the Diary

- 14.01.25 – Year 10, 11 and Post 16 Theatre visit Ballet Shoes
Year 9 Labour Market Workshop
- 15.01.25 – Year 9 Labour Market Workshop
Post-16 Guest Speaker
- 16.01.25 – Post-16 Trip Phantom of the Opera

Word of the Week Week 15 resolution



noun: a firm decision to do or not to do something.

Sentence: She kept her new year's resolution to go to the gym.

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