

# NEWS & VIEWS

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**Executive Headteacher: Mr Jamie Foster** 



#### Headteacher's Comment:

Over the past few weeks, our pupils have demonstrated remarkable enthusiasm, resilience, and excellence across various academic, cultural, and sporting activities.

Our Year 10 Geography pupils excelled during their fieldwork in Stratford, confidently engaging with the public and conducting insightful research. Meanwhile, our Year 9 pupils had an unforgettable experience at Warner Brothers' Harry Potter Studios, where they explored the magic of filmmaking and learned about career pathways in the industry.

Pupils from Years 8 and 9 also had the privilege of attending West End productions, where they witnessed first-hand the power of live performance. The adaptability and positive attitude of our Year 8 pupils, following an unexpected show change, were particularly commendable.

In the sports arena, outstanding performances in the Brentwood District Netball Championships to the fantastic achievements in the New Age Kurling competition, it is evident that teamwork, dedication, and perseverance remain at the heart of our school community.

This week's Headteacher gallery goes to Ivy Turner, for recognition of her outstanding achievement in attaining 100% in the Year 7 PPE; Luke Hanreck for his excellent progress in Maths; Esme Monk for her achievement in winning their division with her cheerleading team in Dallas.





## Year 10 Geography Field Trip

On Friday 28 February, Tuesday 4 March and Friday 7 March, our Year 10 Geography pupils visited Stratford for their GCSE field work. While in Stratford, the pupils collected data to help them investigate 'How successful has the London Olympic regeneration been in the Stratford area'. Our pupils conducted interviews with the public, footfall surveys, environmental quality surveys and much more! Those who attended were a real credit to St Martin's School and we were very proud of their confidence when dealing with the public and their high levels of effort shown throughout the day. Well done to everyone on completing their data collection and analysis of the results!









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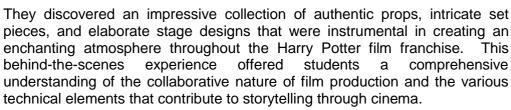
### Italy Year 9 Visit to Harry Potter Studios

Last week, a select group of Year 9 pupils embarked on an exciting educational journey to Warner Brothers' Harry Potter Studios. During their visit, they participated in an immersive workshop focused on diverse career opportunities within the film industry. The pupils had the unique chance to step into the roles of director and set designer, gaining hands-on experience by planning and conceptualizing scenes from "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban."

A highlight of the experience was when several pupils had the extraordinary opportunity to examine Hagrid's original costumes up close. They learned about the innovative techniques and creative solutions the directors employed to accurately portray the dramatic size differences between characters, staying true to J.K. Rowling's original vision. This demonstration provided valuable insights into the practical aspects of bringing magical characters to life on screen.



Following the workshop, group was treated to extensive backstage tour where they explored the fascinating world of movie-making.





## **Trips to West End Productions**

On Thursday 6 March and Monday 10 March, Years 8 and 9 had the opportunity to see a West End Production to enrich their cultural capital and have the opportunity to see live performances including singing, acting and dancing. On Monday, Year 9 pupils visited the Shaftesbury Theatre to see Mrs Doubtfire the Musical based on the hit comedy film starring Robin Williams.

The pupils were amazed at the lightning quick dress changes, the comedy impressions of the lead actor and the production elements that brought the whole show together.





Last Thursday, Year 8 was due to see MJ the Musical, however, a last-minute show cancellation resulted in the accompanying staff having to think quickly on their feet. Instead, they managed to secure tickets to see Back to the Future to ensure the pupils did not miss out! The show was unbelievable with amazing technology. The acting, singing and dancing, left us laughing and dancing along with them. The behaviour of both sets of pupils was excellent and a real credit to the school, especially the Year 8s, who adapted quickly to our change of plans and also received multiple comments from the public commending them on their superb theatre etiquette.









#### Year 7 A & B Brentwood District Champions

Our year 7 A & B netball teams both won their respective district tournaments last week. The A team scored 36 goals in 40 minutes of play and conceded only 5 across the whole competition, held at Brentwood School.

The B team scored 32 goals and also conceded only 5 against 5 other local schools. Mrs Swan is very proud of all the girls involved. They have worked really hard as part of our Elite Netball Academy since starting at St Martin's in September. Their commitment to training and match play has been outstanding.







### Kurling at Basildon Sporting Village

Before half term, some of our pupils took part in an exciting Kurling competition at Basildon Sporting village. New Age Kurling, is an evolution of the original sport of Curling, adapted so that it can be played indoors instead of on ice. The rubber Kurling stones run on bearings, making the game accessible to everyone. It's also great fun!

SAINTS had three teams in the competition and one of our teams came out as overall competition winners! Well done for everyone involved who represented St Martin's with pride #Inclusion







#### Parent Communication

Local residents have requested if parents could refrain from parking and blocking their driveways when dropping off and collecting their children. Thank you.



## Dates for the Diary

18.03.2025 - Year 7 and 8 Author Chris Bradford Visit

19.03.2025 - Year 9 Essex University Trip

Year 12 Study Skills Workshop

Year 13 Parent Workshop

20.03.2025 - Year 10 Parents' Evening - Online

Cambridge Sixth Form Philosophy Day

Word of the Week **noun:** the act of correcting or improving a text, or a change made to correct or improve a text. Sentence: He made one tiny but

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