



NEWS & VIEWS

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Executive Headteacher: Mr Jamie Foster

Headteacher's Comment:

On Monday, we came together as a school community for our first remembrance service. Two thousand staff and pupils attended the event to commemorate Remembrance Day. Alex in Year 11, played the 'last post' and members of our Junior Leadership Team gave several readings prior to the two-minute silence. Both Year 7 and Year 13 meet today at Brentwood Cathedral for St Martin's Day and I will share more detail in next week's edition.

This week's Headteachers Gallery goes to Will Wright in Year 12, for coming runner-up in the U18 Essex Schools Golf Championships. Congratulations Will!

And finally, this week you received our recent excellent OFSTED report, going forward you have my commitment to continue to drive standards of education at the school. We are proud of our community and I particularly like the opening paragraph that I make no apologies for highlighting again:

"Pupils are very positive about their school. They talk confidently about their great experience at St Martin's. The culture is very supportive. Pupils respect each other and display high levels of kindness towards others. Across all year groups, including sixth form, pupils are incredibly well mannered and polite. Both during and outside of lessons, it is common practice to greet and talk to adults in a friendly manner. This contributes to the warm ethos that is felt around the school"



Year 7 Trip to The Royal Academy

Thursday 24 October, 35 budding Year 7 artists went to the Royal Academy, in Piccadilly, to see the work of renowned contemporary Artist, Michael Craig-Martin. Year 7 have been studying the Artist in their first unit of work, so it was especially exciting to be able to see the work up close!

We were very fortunate to be able to participate in a workshop, led by the Royal Academy, that helped to bring the artwork to life for the pupils. It was wonderful to see the pupils excited by the artwork and really engaged with it. In the workshop, pupils were shown the techniques Michael Craig-Martin uses to create his large scale works.

Pupils were then able to create their own work in his style, using those techniques. Pupils produced large, colourful collaborative work, which were brought back to school. We hope to get it on display soon.



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★ Sixth Form New York Trip

Over Autumn half term, 40 Sixth Form students had the opportunity to visit the Big Apple, New York city. Students were able to experience cycling around Central Park, visit the top of the rock in the Rockefeller Centre, take a boat ride to the Statue of Liberty, explore 9/11 memorial Trade Centre and Grand Central Station and view Time Square via a Theatrical Bus Tour.



Students enjoyed being entertained by the staff of Gayle's Dinner with songs from Broadway Musicals while they ate. This was a fantastic opportunity for all the students who enjoyed both the excursions and shopping time.



★ Children in Need 2024

Our Children in Need fundraising was a huge success this week! All year groups participated in their PE lessons either wearing their own choice of kit or fancy dress. Many students generously baked cakes and cookies to sell and the Pudsey theme was evident throughout! Lots of fun was had in Just Dance and beat the teacher penalty shoot outs. Thank you to everyone who donated to help improve the lives of disadvantaged children & young people across the UK! #MakeADifference #SAINTS



Dates for the Diary

- 18.11.24 – Year 11 component 1 Practical Exams
Year 11 PPEs and Drama Exams commence
- 20.11.24 – 21.11.24 – Year 9 Career Skills Day
- 21.11.24 – Inclusion Information Evening
- 22.11.24 – Year 9 Reports sent home
Year 13 Apprenticeship Workshop
SENDCO Forum
- 23.11.24 – Year 11 and Year 13 Art coursework session

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

Word of the Week Week 9 Curiosity



noun: a strong desire to know, explore or learn something.
Sentence: Filled with curiosity, she peered through the window.



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12 November 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Measles in Essex

Measles is circulating in Essex. Most cases of measles have been in school children and preschool children not protected by a full course of the MMR vaccine.

Measles is very infectious and spreads easily amongst people who are unvaccinated. It can be a very serious illness and can sometimes lead to hospitalisation – and in rare cases, can cause death.

If you or your child have symptoms of measles, seek medical attention. Be sure to phone ahead before you visit your GP surgery or other healthcare setting. This allows arrangements to be made to prevent others from being infected. Do not send a child with these symptoms to school unless they have been medically assessed and told they can go to school.

Measles signs and symptoms

- cold-like symptoms (runny nose, sneezing or coughing)
- sore, red eyes
- a high temperature (fever)
- A few days later, a red-brown blotchy rash will appear. This usually starts on the head or upper neck, before spreading outwards to the rest of the body.

Protection against measles

The best way to protect yourself, family, and friends, is the Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccination. MMR is a highly effective and safe vaccine and protects against measles, mumps and rubella. Anyone who has missed a dose of MMR should contact their GP surgery to get vaccinated. 2 doses of the MMR vaccine gives long-term protection.

If you are not sure if your child has missed an MMR dose (or any other vaccination) you can contact the Essex Children's Immunisation and Vaccination team on 0300 790 0597. You can also ring this number to have your child vaccinated in a community vaccination clinic.

Vaccination clinics:

All clinics listed below are from 10am – 3pm.

Saturday, 16 November 2024 at Sydney House Clacton



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Saturday, 16 November 2024 at Timberlog Youth Centre, SS14 1UX (Walk-ins available for flu vaccine)

Saturday, 16 November 2024 at St Margaret's Hospital, Epping, Maple Lodge, CM16 6TN (Walk-ins available for flu vaccine)

Saturday, 23 November 2024 at Fryatt Hospital, Harwich

Saturday, 23 November 2024 at Leigh PCC, SS9 3NG (Walk-ins available for flu vaccine)

Saturday, 23 November 2024 at Livewell Hub Braintree, CM7 3HP

Saturday, 23 November 2024 at Fryatt Hospital, Harwich, CO12 4EX

Saturday, 23 November 2024 at Crouch Vale Medical Centre, CM3 5QP

Saturday, 30 November 2024 at Thameside House, Thurrock Hospital RM16 2PX

Saturday, 30 November 2024 at The Lodge, Wickford, SS11 7XX

Saturday, 7 December 2024 at Leigh PCC, SS9 3NG (Walk-ins available for flu vaccine)

Saturday, 7 December 2024 at Timberlog YC, SS14 1UX (Walk-ins available for flu vaccine)

Saturday, 7 December 2024 at St Margaret's Hospital, Epping, Orchard Day room, CM16 6TN (Walk-ins available for flu vaccine)

Saturday, 14 December 2024 at Hermit YC, CM15 8AG

Saturday, 14 December 2024 at Livewell Hub, Braintree, CM7 3HP

Saturday, 14 December 2024 at Clough Road, Colchester, CO4 9QS

Parents should Call 0300 790 0597 to book MMR appointments.

For further information about measles, please visit

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/>

Information about the MMR vaccine can be found here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/mmr-vaccine/>

Kind regards,

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UK Health Security Agency



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Dr Danny Showell, Consultant in Public Health,
Essex County Council



ST MARTIN'S SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

SUBMIT YOUR ENTRIES TO
MRS SAPSFORD IN C101 BY:

WEDNESDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

A5 or A4 Paper using
2D Materials such as pencil, paint,
pen... get creative!

Prizes and Satchel points for entries,
winners and runners up!

