



# NEWS & VIEWS

Be the best you can be.

Executive Headteacher: Mr Jamie Foster

## Headteacher's Comment:

Year 10 pupils had career interviews with employees and managers from different industries this week. I want to thank all the volunteers who gave up their time over the two days to give the pupils an interview experience. The next page has a full write-up of the event.

This week I would like to highlight a member of staff Mrs Bauers, Deputy Head of Year 7, for the 'Making a Difference' award. Mrs Bauers goes above and beyond for our St Martin's community. Your support and guidance to our younger pupils encourage us all to be the best we can be. This week's Headteachers Gallery goes to Thomas Abery in Year 7 for consistently achieving a high standard in Maths throughout the year and Sean Park in Year 7 for achieving 100% in his recent Maths test. Well done to you both!

Finally, the local authority has an advert out to replace our school crossing patrol officer. Dave will be leaving at the February half term, and I want to personally thank him for his positive manner with our pupils and for helping keep us safe. If you are interested in the role or can help promote the vacancy that would be truly appreciated. The link to the vacancy can be found [here](#)



## Young Chef Competition

We recently hosted a cooking competition for the Brentwood Rotary Club in the Food Technology department.

Two very keen and talented Year 10 pupils took part in the competition. Erika Rodway and Ruby Walsh had to produce a two-course meal in only two hours in front of a judging panel of four adults and myself.

They were put under close scrutiny and came up with some delightful outcomes. They proved to be calm under pressure and the results were fantastic.

They have both progressed to the district final in February where they will have to cook in front of another judging panel at Harlow College. I would like to wish the girls the best of luck in the next round.

**Mr Baxter, Teacher of Food Preparation and Nutrition**





## Year 10 Mock Interviews Workshop

On Tuesday and Wednesday this week, every Year 10 pupil was given the opportunity to have a 30 minute interview with an employer. Pupils used their CVs that they created with the Department for Work and Pensions in the Autumn term to apply for an imaginary job. Pupils were asked questions similar to those that they could be asked in future job interviews and also asked questions based on their answers as well as CVs. Pupils were provided with feedback on their interview technique as well as their CV. It is intended that pupils will now edit their CVs and make improvements based on the advice that they received.



In turn they can continue to use their CVs in a bid to find a work experience placement or perhaps their first part time job. The mock interviews are part of our 'getting work ready' careers programme at St Martin's. The final part of this programme will be a work experience placement 3 June - 4 July, where all Year 10 pupils will have the unique opportunity to gain experience in an industry that they may wish to pursue as a career path. Parents are reminded that all Year 10 pupils should log the work experience placement that they have found on Unifrog by Friday 31 January.



## Trip To *The Phantom of the Opera*

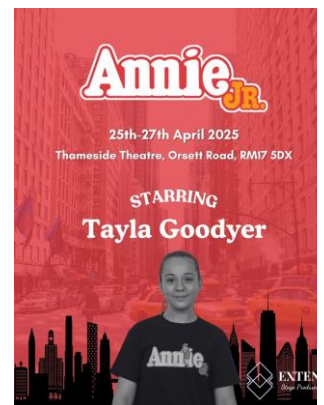
Last Thursday, A Level Music students travelled to London to watch the West End classic *Phantom of the Opera* at His Majesties Theatre as part of their A Level Music course. At A Level, students study multiple composers including Andrew Lloyd Webber and this was a wonderful opportunity to see a musical that they had studied come to life on stage. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the show, costumes, and extravagant set designs, some now calling it their new favourite show!



## Year 7 pupil in a Production of *Annie Jr.*

Tayla Goodyer, one of our Year 7 pupils will be taking part in the production of *Annie Jr.* at the Thameside Theatre, Orsett Road. We are very proud of our pupils aspiring to "be the best they can be" outside of school as well as in school.

**Mrs Bauers DHOY 7**



## Dates for the Diary

- 28.01.25 – Year 10 Art Trip
- 29.01.25 – Hollywood Trip Parent Information Evening
- 30.01.25 – Year 11 Poetry Live Trip
- 31.01.25 – Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge

**Word of the Week**  
**Week 18 arduous**



**adjective:** involving or requiring strenuous effort; difficult and tiring.  
**Sentence:** It was an arduous seven-hour journey to get there.



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**Chief Executive Officer: Mr R Duff**

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