



NEWS & VIEWS

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Executive Headteacher: Mr Jamie Foster

Headteacher's Comment:

This week we were delighted to welcome Emmanuel College, Cambridge, for an informative session on the Oxbridge application process. This provided invaluable guidance to pupils and parents, covering key aspects such as the college system, personal statements, and interviews. Meanwhile, our Year 12 Philosophy students had the unique opportunity to visit Cambridge, engaging in thought-provoking discussions on topics like skepticism, morality, and artificial intelligence. These experiences continue to inspire our pupils to aim high and explore their academic potential.

We are also incredibly proud of our sports achievements and also the Law Society Club, which performed exceptionally well in the Magistrates' Mock Trial competition. Competing for the first time, our pupils demonstrated remarkable legal skills, securing third place overall—a fantastic achievement! Additionally, our Year 11s participated in a networking breakfast hosted by Brentwood Beauty Room, gaining first-hand insights into the beauty industry. A huge well done to everyone involved.

This week's Headteacher's Gallery goes to Emilio Donaldson in Year 9, for his inspirational performance at the Spring concert this week. Our Make a Difference staff award goes to Miss Cox, for her continued enthusiasm and promotion for literacy and reading.

Finally, can I please politely remind parents and carers to park appropriately when dropping and picking up pupils within the school car park and the surrounding areas. Parents and Sixth Form pupils, are not permitted to park on the Hutton Mount Estate, particularly along Challacombe close, Longaford Way and Wambrook Close, as this is a private road.



Emmanuel College Workshop

On Wednesday, St Martin's School Brentwood, welcomed Emmanuel College, Cambridge to deliver a parents' information evening to potential Oxbridge candidates or pupils applying to other competitive universities.

The talk introduced the college system, the application process, advice on the new UCAS personal statement, the interview process and allowed the audience to ask the outreach team, Tom and Fran, questions.



★ Year 11 Beauty Room Networking Breakfast

On Tuesday, Brentwood Beauty Room ran our first breakfast networking event with Year 11's interested in pursuing a career in the beauty industry. Pupils heard from the owner Harriet about her background and starting her own business. Likewise, pupils gained an understanding from apprentices Millie and Paris about their training.

We hope to run more of these breakfast networking events. If you, your company or somebody you know would be interested in holding a similar event for pupils interested in your sector, please email Mrs. Frappell frappell@st-martins.essex.sch.uk



★ Magistrates Mock Trial Competition

The Law Society Club participated in a Magistrate mock trial heat competing against other schools at Basildon Crown Court on Saturday 15 March. This is the first time that St Martin's pupils have entered this competition organised by Young Citizens and the Year 9 pupils involved performed fantastically well. Over the past term, they studied a case appertaining to Section 1 of the Prevention of Crime Act 1953, requiring them to take on the various roles such as, Defence and Prosecution Barristers, Usher, Witnesses for defence and prosecution, Court Clerk, and Magistrates. From the facts of the case, they wrote their own scripts and rehearsed together, with some guidance from a Magistrate, Mr Hayward JP. In their first heat, our Defence Barristers competed against Ormiston River's Prosecution team. Although their prosecution was formidable, our Defence Barristers and Witnesses provided the Magistrates with reasonable doubt that the accused was guilty, therefore winning their heat! Next were our Prosecution Barristers and Witnesses against the Defence team of Gilberd School. Our team did not falter and actually did the impossible; they argued and proved that the accused was guilty in a case with many loop holes! Although, we won both of our heats, we achieved 3rd place overall. However, the Lead Magistrate advised Miss Goulding that they were extremely impressed with our pupils and achieving 3rd place for a first-time entry, was amazing! We also had the honour of meeting the King's High Sheriff of Essex, who explained the importance of democracy. Well done to **The Law Society Club – Lily Bezuidenhout, Harry Doe-Smith, Isabelle Neale, Tyler M, Holly Adams, Spencer Young, Christiana Bournell, Toby Matthews, Kamran Choudhury, Max Chow, Eva Inman, Hannah Wanless, and Ishika Naik.**



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★ Philosophy Trip to Cambridge

Year 12 Philosophy students had the opportunity to visit the University of Cambridge for a day of lectures based on their A-Level. They had talks on skepticism and perception, the trolley problem, the necessity of God, and whether or not machines can think. The talks were engaging and challenging, but it was an amazing chance to experience higher education. They also found out about what studying Philosophy at the Cambridge is like, whilst exploring the grounds, and Cambridge itself.



★ Essex Cup Semi Final for Year 10 Boys' Football

Our U15 boys secured a 3 - 1 win over Plume in the quarter-final of the Essex Cup this week. Every player gave it their all, showing skill, determination, and teamwork to get us one step closer to the cup! A special shoutout to Jamal Kemdjo Wouche and James Brentnall for their goals and Harry Rouse for some unbelievable saves! Too close to separate for MOM. Let's keep the momentum going! #SemiFinalBound #EssexCup



★ U14 Essex Cup Netball Silver Medalist

Congratulations to our U14 Netball team on their recent success in becoming silver medalists in the U14 Essex Cup. Our squad have faced schools from the whole of the county, including many London Borough teams who were eligible. As previous Year 7 Essex Cup Champions, the girls were determined to reach the finals again and that is what they did - a fantastic achievement!

We are extremely proud of the whole team for their commitment to develop as players and their ability to take on coaching advice. The girls put in 100% effort during the final and were in the lead at several points. With 2 minutes to go, SAINTS took the lead by 1 but unfortunately the final score went against us by 1 goal, finishing at 26-27. Throughout the competition the team have scored an amazing 207 goals for compared, to only 112 goals against. Credit must go to our fantastic captain, Sophie Penn (GA) and our vice-captain, Freya Lee (GS) for always remaining calm and composed. Our defence have spent lots of time to improve their knowledge of tactics within the opposing circle and our mid-court engines never stop working.

Thank you to our reserve players and our team manager Evie, who ensure that they are always there to support and be a part of the team in training and matches. Lastly, thank you to all of the brilliant parents and carers and staff who came to support at the final, including the girls' Head of Year, Mr Bryan and Head of Boys' PE, Mr Hallahan.



📅 Dates for the Diary

- 22.04.2025 – Start of Summer Term
Year 12 PPEs commence
Year 13 Controlled Assessments
- 23.04.2025 – GCSE DT & A Level DT Moderation
- 24.04.2025 – Year 11 Apprenticeship workshop

Word of the Week Week 25 equinox



noun: either of the two occasions in the year when the centre of the sun is directly above the Equator, and day and night are approximately equal in length
Sentence: The spring equinox this year occurred on 20 March, marking what is officially the first day of spring.

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

**WE ARE
BACK!**
DUE TO POPULAR
DEMAND

PRE-LOVED PROM POP-UP SHOP

Friday 11th April & Saturday 12th April
9am-5.30pm 9am-5.30pm

The Baytree Shopping Centre in Brentwood are running **ANOTHER** pre-loved Prom shop on Friday 11th and Saturday 12th April. They have collected donations of prom dresses, suits and accessories.

The pop-up shop will be open to teens who would not otherwise be able to afford a Prom outfit. The shop will be located at The Baytree Shopping Centre, Brentwood, CM14 4BX

All items will be FREE, there is no catch.

Bookings to visit the shop and try on items can be made at www.baytreeshoppingcentre.com/pre-loved-prom-pop-up-shop

USEFUL INFORMATION

Each teen can bring a guest with them.

The only information we will ask the student is their school and year group - this is to make sure that any duplicate dresses do not go to the same school Prom.

The event is being run by Key Lime, a marketing agency based in Billericay, Essex. Key Lime work with shopping centres all over the country on events and activities. Key Lime staff will run the event and have obtained DBS checks for staff volunteering at the event.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT

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