



NEWS & VIEWS

Be the best you can be.

Executive Headteacher: Mr Jamie Foster

Headteacher's Comment:

I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable half-term break. As we step into this busy half of the term, it's fantastic to see our pupils excelling both academically and beyond the classroom.

A huge well done to our Year 8 pupils who took part in the French Food Project over the break. Their enthusiasm and creativity in bringing French cuisine to life were truly impressive! Congratulations to all participants for their hard work. Our Year 10 GCSE PE pupils also had a valuable experience at Drumbeat ASD School, where they learned about supporting pupils with Autism in PE lessons. Their maturity and empathy were commendable, and they represented our school with great pride.



I would also like to take a moment to celebrate the incredible achievements of our Netball Academy teams. Their dedication, training, and teamwork have placed them among the top teams in Essex – a remarkable accomplishment! We wish them the best of luck in their upcoming fixtures.

With exciting trips, events, and competitions ahead, I encourage all our pupils to continue embracing every opportunity available to them. Thank you for your ongoing support, and I look forward to seeing the successes of this half term unfold.

Finally, congratulations to this week's Headteacher's Gallery which goes to Poppy Lee, Annie Goddard and Alfie Pennington in Year 12, for their support and assistance with the KS3 Science Club and coming up with different practical ideas.

French Food Project

Over February half term we set an optional project for Year 8 French pupils to research and make a French dish their choice. Pupils had completed a module about food and drink in their French lessons.

I am very pleased to share the excellent results. Each pupil has been awarded 10 achievement points and a French pin badge.

Well done to: David Baxter, Megan Woods, Daniel Payne, Sebastian Sweeney-Webb, Ayden Sajid, Joshua



Joshua Adams – *Les pommes de terres au gratin (dauphinoises)*



Ayden Sajid – *Le pain perdu*



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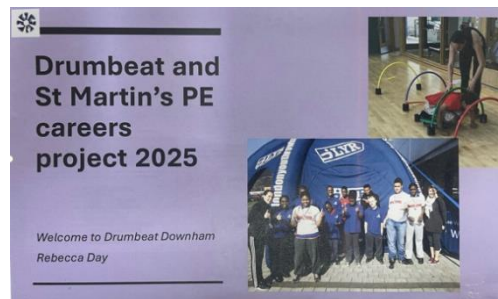


★ Young Leaders SEND Support Visit

Fifteen of our Year 10 GCSE PE pupils were selected to spend the day at Drumbeat ASD School in Kent before half term. Here, they looked at Autism support in PE lessons and received specialist training from the school's PE lead.

The group met children from the classes they will be teaching when they return to the school this half term. The visit was a brilliant insight to SEND support in PE and potential careers in this industry.

Our pupils embraced the experience with mature levels of understanding & empathy throughout the day. They were fantastic ambassadors for our school 🌀🟦 #INCLUSION #Careers



★ Essex Cup Netball Success

Our Elite Netball Academies have been training incredibly hard since September, before school, at lunch and after school, and they have certainly reaped the rewards! All of our age group teams are through to either the semi-final or 1/4 final stage of their respective Essex Cup Competitions. There are over 130 secondary schools in Essex (not including the London Borough schools who are eligible and play). For our Year 7, U14 and U16 teams to all be in, at least, the top 8 in the County is a fantastic achievement and testament to the hard work and commitment of the girls and the staff. Good luck in your games this coming half term!



📅 Dates for the Diary

- 03.03.25 – Sixth Form Trip Model United Nations Conference
- 04.03.25 – Year 10 Geography Trip Stratford
- 05.03.25 – Year 10 PPE Art
- 06.03.25 – PIPs training (South Hall) / Year 7 & 8 Musical Trip
- 07.03.25 – Year 10 Geography Field Trip to Stratford

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

Word of the Week Week 21 **aberration**



noun: a departure from what is normal, usual, or expected, typically an unwelcome one.
Sentence: They described the outbreak of violence in the area as an aberration.



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World Book Day Photo Challenge!

This World Book Day, take a picture of yourself reading in a crazy way! The best photographs will win ten achievement points, a book voucher and a giant Easter Egg!

Wondering how to get involved? Just take a picture of yourself reading in a crazy way! You could be reading upside-down, reading to your pet, reading whilst skiing, or anything else that you can think of! Send your full name and picture to Miss Cox at kcox@st-martins.essex.sch.uk. We can't wait to see your submissions! Please be aware that your picture may be used in a school display and on the school website.

Good Luck and Happy World Book Day!

