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Executive Headteacher **Jamie Foster**

Year 11 Information Evening



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Key Staff

Mr G Welton:

Head of Year 11

Mr A Laundry:

Deputy Head of Year 11

Ms L Potter:

Director of KS4

Mrs G Tatman:

Deputy Headteacher (Students, DSL)

Mrs A Day:

Deputy Headteacher (Quality of Education)

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PPEs and Beyond

Mrs A Day – Deputy Headteacher (Quality of Education)

- Understand the GCSE grading system
- To understand the expectation of GCSE pupils
- To highlight key strategies used within St Martin's to develop learning and progress
- To demonstrate practical tips/approaches to help during their GCSEs
- Revision timetable

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How the new grades compare with the old ones

GCSE Grading System

Old grades	New grades
A*	9
A	8
B	7
C	6 5 STRONG PASS 4 STANDARD PASS
D	3
E	2
F	1
G	1
U	U

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Expectations of GCSE pupils

- Above 95% attendance
- Punctual
- Engages with Satchel One to keep on top of home learning, notices, communications with teachers etc
- Conscientious about their work and mistakes
- Proactive in their learning
- Plans forward (Proactive not Reactive)

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Strategies to develop learning and progress

- Flash Cards
- Retrieval Practice
- Spaced Retrieval
- Deconstructing exam questions
- Exemplar answer/mark schemes
- Practice papers
- Websites/Apps

Recipe for effective revision & successful results ...



Year 11 Revision Timetable



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Times	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School 07.45 - 08.25					PE GCSE Badminton LSW/Sports Hall PE GCSE Cross Country HDY/ABE
Lunchtime 13.25 - 14.05	Art Coursework Club GCSE Art rooms	Art Coursework Club GCSE Art Rooms	Art Coursework Club GCSE Art rooms	Art Coursework Club GCSE Art rooms	Art Coursework Club GCSE Art rooms
	Music Coursework LAS / Rm C006			Music Coursework AMC / Rm C006	
	French Week A N202 GSN	Geography LDA RM N012	French Week B N203 LRO	Geography KCN L001	Geography BSM N016
	Computer Science L101	Computer Science L101	Computer Science L101	Computer Science L101	Computer Science L101
	PE GCSE Trampoline /PHA/ North Gym	PE GCSE / Table Tennis PHA / North Hall	PE GCSE Theory PHA / S116	German Revision check on Satchelone	
After School 15.05 - 16.00		Art Coursework Club GCSE Art Rooms	Art Coursework Club GCSE Art rooms	Art Coursework Club GCSE Art rooms	Music Coursework AMW / C006
		PRE Drop-In DSH / R003	DT NEA Catchup DT rooms	German Rm N106 / N107 N108	
		Food NEA catchup S006 & S012	Food NEA catchup S006 & S012	Science (Science Team) Rm: N101 / N102 / N105	
		Maths Drop-In S110	English (English Team) Rm S201	Drama LW C004	
		Health and Social Care RFE / N103	Sociology Starting 21 October 2024 RRO R002		
			PE GCSE Handball PHA & GWE South Gym		

Year 11 History teachers are providing exam papers for pupils to complete independently and offering 1:1 guidance to support with specific questions or papers on an individual basis

Year 11 PPE Timetable



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Date	Start	End	Length	Component Title
18/11/2024	08:45	13:25	P1-4	Drama Practical
18/11/2024	08:45	10:45	120	Computer Science Paper 1: Computational Thinking
18/11/2024	11:50	13:20	90	Music: Listening & Appraising
19/11/2024	09:00	10:45	105	PRE: Study of Religions
19/11/2024	11:30	12:30	60	Physical Education: Physical Factors affecting Performance
19/11/2024	Release from P4 at 13:10 for lunch until 13:50			
19/11/2024	14:00	14:50	50	English Literature An Inspector Calls
20/11/2024	09:00	10:45	105	Biology
20/11/2024	09:00	10:15	75	Combined Science* Biology
	Media students early lunch 12:20-12:55			
20/11/2024	13:05	14:35	90	Media Two (moving image)
20/11/2024	14:30	16:00	90	Further Maths
21/11/2024	09:00	10:45	105	French Reading (1hr) & Listening (45min) Higher
21/11/2024	09:00	10:20	80	French Reading (45min) & Listening (35min) Foundation
21/11/2024	09:00	10:45	105	German Reading & Listening Higher
21/11/2024	09:00	10:20	80	German Reading & Listening Foundation
	Early lunch 12:20-12:55			
21/11/2024	13:05	14:35	90	Maths Paper 1: Non-Calculator
22/11/2024	09:00	10:45	105	English Language Paper 1
22/11/2024	11:30	13:15	105	Business Studies: Investigating Small Business
25/11/2024	09:00	10:45	105	Chemistry
25/11/2024	09:00	10:15	75	Combined Science* Chemistry
	Early lunch for Geography Students 12:20-12:55			
25/11/2024	13:05	14:35	90	Geography Paper 1: Living with the physical environment

26/11/2024	09:00	10:45	105	Food & Nutrition
Early lunch for French and German Students 12:20-13:00				
26/11/2024	13:10	14:25	75	French Writing Higher
26/11/2024	13:10	14:10	60	French Writing Foundation
26/11/2024	13:10	14:25	75	German Writing Higher
26/11/2024	13:10	14:10	60	German Writing Foundation
27/11/2024	09:00	10:45	105	Physics
27/11/2024	09:00	10:15	75	Combined Science* Physics
	Early lunch 12:20-12:55			
27/11/2024	13:05	14:35	90	Maths Paper 2: Calculator
28/11/2024	09:00	10:45	105	Sociology Paper 2: Crime & Social stratification
	Early lunch 12:20-12:55			
28/11/2024	13:05	14:35	90	Geography Paper 2: Challenges in the human environment
29/11/2024	08:45	10:45	120	History: Medicine and Conflict & Tension
29/11/2024	11:30	13:15	105	Computer Science Paper 2: Computing Concepts
29/11/2024	12:25	13:25	60	Health & Social Care NEA Session 11C
29/11/2024	14:00	14:50	50	English Literature Merchant of Venice
02/12/2024	08:45	10:45	120	Design & Technology
02/12/2024	08:50	09:50	60	Health & Social Care NEA Session 11B
02/12/2024	11:30	13:15	105	Drama
16/12/2024	08:25		5 hrs	Art Practical Day 1
17/12/2024	08:25		5 hrs	Art Practical Day 2

English

Ms R Goulding – Head of English



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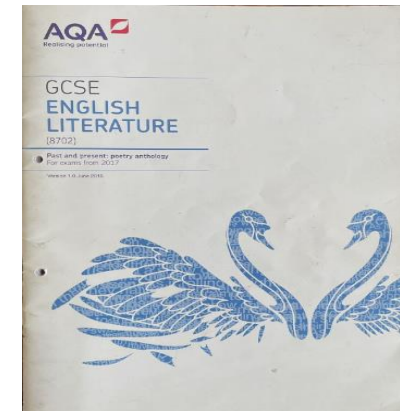
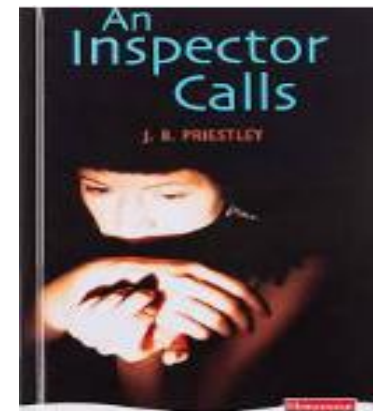
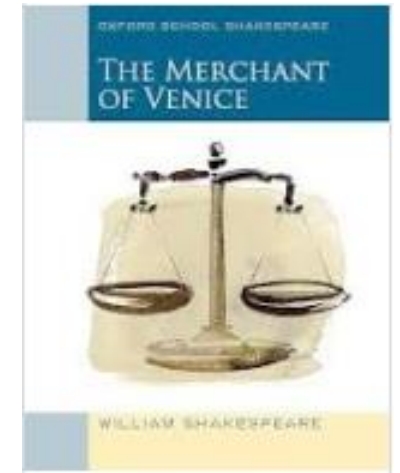
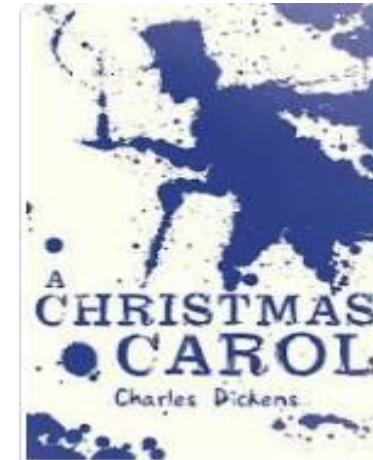
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GCSE Curriculum

English Literature:

- An Inspector Calls
- The Merchant of Venice
- A Christmas Carol
- Power & Conflict poetry
- Unseen Poetry



English Language:

- Paper 1 = Reading and Writing (fiction)
- Paper 2 = Reading and Writing (non-fiction)

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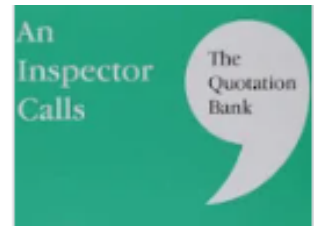
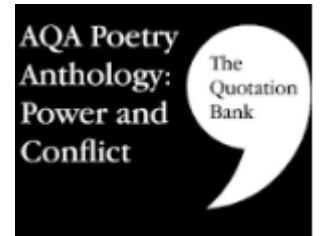
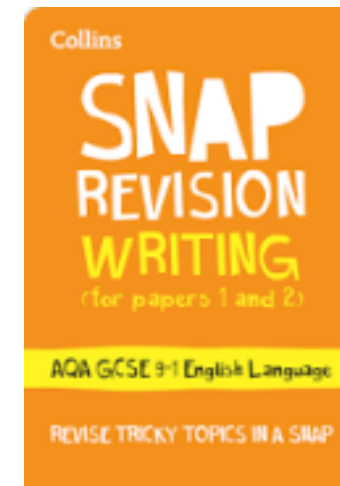
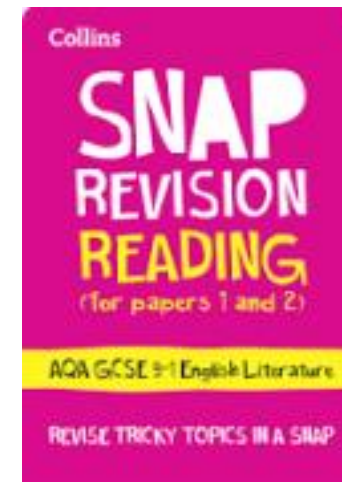
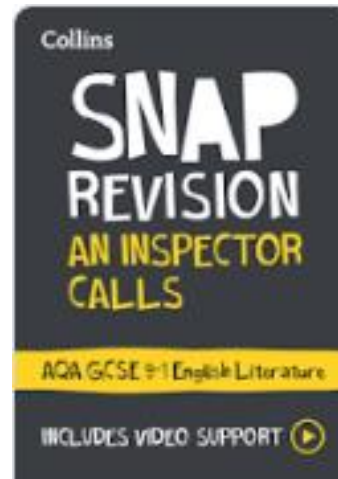
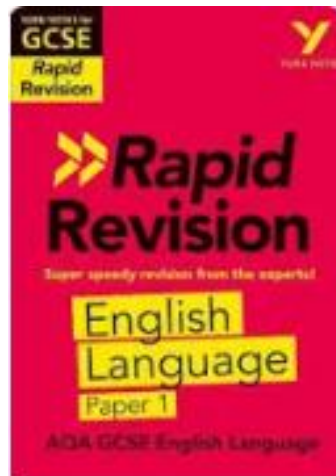
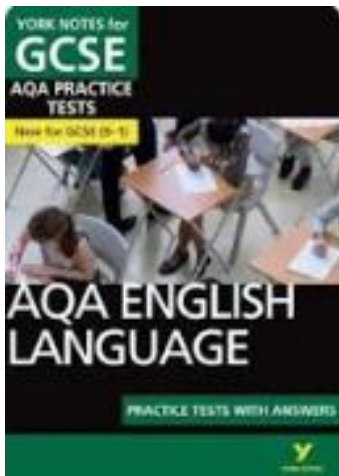
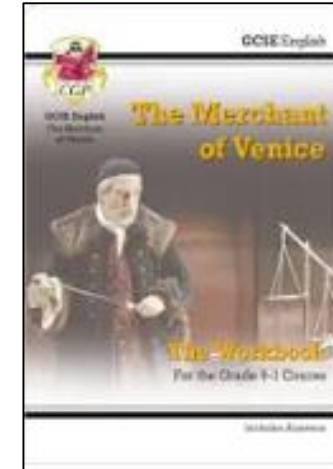
Revision Guides:

CGP

York Notes

Snap

The Quotation Bank



English



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Revision & Mental Health

- A quiet space to work
- Short sessions are more effective than hours of cramming
- Talking and sharing ideas together
- Quizzing using directory cards
- Watching the film/live play versions
- BBC Bitesize – Mr Bruff on Youtube
- Drop in sessions every Wednesday after school



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GCSE AQA

English Language

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Maths

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Ms N O'Hare – Head of Maths

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SPARX MATHS


<https://www.sparxmaths.uk/>

1. Select student
2. Press



3. Use school email address as username
4. Use same password as for school computer login
5. Complete compulsory tasks before exploring XP Boost, Target and Independent learning

Bookwork codes

- Each question presented to students has a code that is displayed at the top of the question screen:

- This code is formed of a number (which corresponds to the task number) and a letter (which corresponds to the position within the task).
- Students must note down this code before they do their workings and answer their questions.
- Using randomised codes helps make it harder for students to rely on guesswork when they are given a bookwork check.

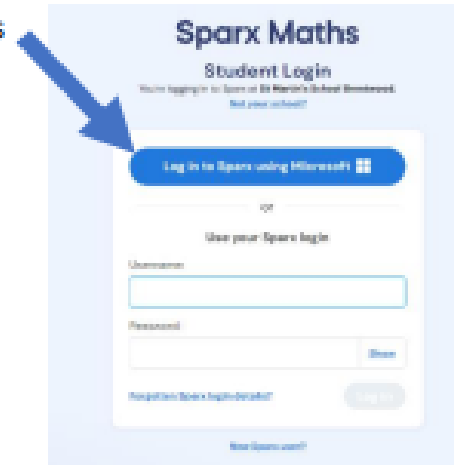
Other recommended online resources

- <https://corbettmaths.com/contents/>
- index of all GCSE topics with videos, worksheets and answers
- <https://corbettmaths.com/2023/02/15/edexcel-gcse-foundation-revision/>
- revision videos and practice papers (foundation)
- <https://corbettmaths.com/2023/02/15/edexcel-gcse-higher-revision/>
- revision videos and practice papers (higher)
- <https://www.mathsgenie.co.uk/gcse.html>
-GCSE topics listed in order of grade with videos, exam-style questions and worked solutions for each
- <https://www.mathsgenie.co.uk/papers.html>
-past exam papers along with worked solutions, markschemes and video walkthroughs

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Bookwork code: 2B

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**Online
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edexcel 

Maths - SPARX



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**“1 hour of Sparx Maths a week significantly improves student grades”
(Independently evaluated by University of Cambridge and RAND Europe)**

Sparx Maths 70 XP Mr R Weston

Independent Learning

Find topics My activity

Search for topics: Enter topic name or code Your curriculum: Key Stage 3 Default level: Level 2

Select a topic:

- Number
- Algebra
- Ratio and Proportion
- Geometry
- Probability
- Statistics

Maths - Revision



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- revision videos and practice papers (foundation)
- <https://corbettmaths.com/2023/02/15/edexcel-gcse-higher-revision/>
- revision videos and practice papers (higher)
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Y11 Diagnostic 1H	Corbett Maths Video Number	Name		
Topic		Question	Marks	Morris Chris You Got
Indices	174/175/17	1	4	4
Volume of cuboid	355	2	5	5
Forming and solving linear equations	115	3	4	2
Simultaneous Equations	295	4	3	3
Standard Form	300-303	5	5	3
Combined mean	53a	6	4	4
Inverse proportion	255	7	3	1
Form and solve quadratics	266	8	5	1
Rates of change	390a/b	9	3	2
Density	384	10	4	1
Difference of two squares	120	11a	3	0
Simplifying Algebraic Fractions	24	11b	3	3
Graph Transformations	323	12	2	0
Surds Rationalising Denominators	307	13	5	3
Total			53	32

Y11 Diagnostic 2H	Corbett Maths Video Number	Name		
Topic		Question	Marks	You Got
Dividing in a ratio	270	1	2	2
Venns and set notation	379/380	2	5	3
Trigonometry	329-331	3	3	3
Compound shapes	41	4	5	5
Inverse proportion	255	5	3	3
Compound Interest	236	6	3	1
Boxplots	149/150	7	4	3
3D Trigonometry	332	8	4	1
Indices	17/174	9	5	4
Expressing ratio as fractions	269a	10	4	0
Quadratic Inequalities	378	11	4	4
Vector Geometry	353	12	3	1
Function Notation	369/370	13	4	0
Probability Equations	Mathsgenie	14	5	0
Total			54	30



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Study tips:

1. Know what you need to know: AQA specification

Highlight all the key words in one colour. Make sure you make flashcards or learn the definitions for all of these.

Highlight anything you feel like you've never heard of before in another colour. These are the parts of the spec you need to sit down with a revision guide or textbook and try to learn about before you start your revision.

Highlight areas you're not fully confident on in a third colour. These are areas where you need to make sure you are testing yourself on key words/concepts with flashcard, doing mind maps and practising past paper questions for.

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Study tips:

2. Make sure you are revising content in enough detail

Keep referring back to the specification you printed off and tick off each section as you revise it. This will help you make sure you're not missing out on details you need to know!

All of this revision should be as active as possible.

Scientists have proven we are more likely to remember information if we rehearse it, process it, and practise retrieving it. This is one reason flashcards are so great!

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Study tips:

3. Practice your maths skills.

Maths skills are assessed across all the GCSE Sciences

- graph skills
- algebra
- handling data: means
- percentages
- significant figures
- decimal places

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Study tips:

4. Make use of the resources you have at school

Revision sessions on Thursday after school

Teachers

Satchel

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5. Practice your exam technique

Supporting your child during PPEs/GCSEs

Ms G Welton - HOY11



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Exams are a stressful time for any young person

- Mood swings and outbursts are more likely to occur during this period.
- Look out for other signs that your child may be struggling, including poor sleep patterns or a change in appetite or behaviour.



It's worth preparing ways of supporting your child during exam weeks and thinking about how you will react and respond on the day if they don't get the result that they, or you, are hoping for.

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Supporting your child during PPEs/GCSEs



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Things that can help your child in the lead up to exams

- Work with your child to find what revision style works for them.
- Encourage your child to take revision breaks and find a balance between studying and doing things they find enjoyable and relaxing.
- Make sure they are eating and drinking at regular intervals.
- Anxiety is often worst at night and this means it is useful to encourage a good bedtime routine.
- Work with them to develop relaxation techniques.

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Things that can help your child in the lead up to exams

- Encourage them to take some time after revising to wind down.
- Reassure them – reinforce that you are and will be proud of them no matter what happens.
- Plan a treat or an activity together to mark the end of the exams.
- Set aside one to one time so that they can talk to you about any worries.
- Let them know their feelings are valid and normal, but also offer support and solutions where possible.

Contact us if you have concerns

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Year 11 Key Dates 2024-2025

DATE	EVENT
Thursday 17 October 2024	Year 11 Information and Sixth Form Open Evening
Monday 18 November	St Martin's Sixth Form online application opens
Monday 11 November – Friday 15 November 2024	Year 11 PPEs - orals/practicals etc (students will come out of normal lessons to <u>attend</u>)
Monday 18 November 2024	Year 11 GCSE Drama Exam
Monday 18 November – Friday 29 November 2024	Year 11 PPEs - written papers (no study <u>leave</u>)
Friday 29 November 2024	St Martin's Sixth Form online application closes
Monday 16 December 2024 –Tuesday 17 December 2024	Art practical PPE exam
TBC	Year 11 Christmas dinner
Friday 20 December 2024	Year 11 PPE results on Insight. End of term, school closes at 13.30
Saturday 21 December 2024 – Sunday 5 January 2025	Christmas Holiday
Thursday 9 January 2025	Year 11 Parents' Evening – face to face
Monday 3 February 2025 – Friday 7 February 2025	GCSE Food Practical Exams
Sunday 16 February 2025 – Sunday 23 February 2025	February Half term
Wednesday 26 February – Tuesday 4 March 2025	Year 11 Core Subjects Pre-Public Examinations 2 (PPE)+ in class assessments
Monday 10 March 2024 -Wednesday 12 March 2025	Year 11 Music Controlled assessments
Monday 17 March 2025	Drama <u>Q2</u> ; Scripted Tech & Exam
Friday 4 April 2025	Early Closure 13.30
Saturday 5 April 2025 – Monday 22 April 2025	Easter Holiday
Thursday 8 May 2025	GCSE exam series begins
TBC	Leavers' Day
Tuesday 27 May 2025 -Sunday 1 June 2025	May Half term
Thursday 17 July 2025	Prom – venue TBC
Thursday 21 August 2025	GCSE Results Day/St Martin's Sixth Form Enrolment

St Martin's Sixth Form

Mr D Langley – Assistant Headteacher



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SMS Vision & Values Language



Traditional Values – **Be Kind, Be Safe, Be Responsible**

Learning for the Future – **THRIVE**

Outstanding Personal Development – **Be the Best You Can Be**

Sixth Form Vision



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Sixth Form at St Martin's is about ensuring students have outstanding personal achievement, both academically and personally. To help us do this we encourage students to demonstrate and enhance their:

- **Confidence**
- **Resilience**
- **Motivation**

Sixth Form Achievement



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- Daisy Chadwick who achieved A*A*A* (Mathematics, Biology and Chemistry); Daisy will be studying Biochemistry at University of Bristol.
- Aimee Tomalin who achieved A*A*A* (Mathematics, Further Maths and Psychology); Aimee will be studying Mathematics with a professional placement at University of Bath.
- Varun Gupta who achieved A*A*A (Mathematics, Further Maths and Computer Science); Varun will be taking a gap year before applying for Oxbridge in 2025.
- Elise Tullett who achieved A*A*A (Mathematics, Further Maths and Physics); Elise will be studying Mathematics at University of Bath.
- Louis Boreland who achieved A*A*A (Psychology, Biology and Mathematics); Louis will be studying Psychology at Queen Mary, London.
- Alfie Thorn who achieved A*AAA (Mathematics, Further Maths, Physics and Computer Science); Alfie will be studying Computer Science at University of Exeter.
- Alice Freeman who achieved A*AA (Art, History and English Literature); Alice will be studying Ancient History and Archaeology at Durham University.
- Harriet Larter who achieved A*AA (Biology, Chemistry and History); Harriet will be studying Biochemistry at University of York.
- James Stretch who achieved A*AA (Mathematics, Further Maths and Physics); James will be studying Physics at University of Exeter.
- Charlotte Smith who achieved A*A*B (English Language, Psychology and Drama); Charlotte will be studying Psychological Sciences at University of Liverpool.
- Rahul Tohani who achieved A*A*B (English Language, Psychology and Business); Rahul will be studying Marketing Management at Lancaster University.

What do we offer?



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- Different curriculum pathways – A-Levels and BTECs
- Bespoke support for competitive universities and courses
- Apprenticeship guidance
- Independent careers advisor to offer clear support
- Sixth form block and space
- Supra curricular and extra curricular opportunities
- Student leadership
- EPQ

Sixth Form Opportunities

Student Leadership and Student Voice



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**Senior Student Leadership
Team**

Subject Ambassadors

Student Voice

Peer mentoring

Newspaper

Eco-Team

Sixth Form Opportunities

Extra Curricular and Supra Curricular



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Next steps...



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- Complete Year 11 Options Audit survey by Friday, 21:00
- Applications open on our school website from Friday 18 October. **Deadline for applications by Friday 29 November**
- Conditional offers made from deadline closure
- Taster Day at St Martin's on Tuesday 24 June 2025
- Enrolment on results day (at St Martin's) on GCSE Results Day
- Year 12 term starts in September 2025

