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Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to start by sincerely thanking you for your continued efforts and, supporting your child, the year team and the school. In our short time working together, it is very apparent this year group has the potential to go on to achieve great things in their time at St Martin's, and in later life. Working in education, we fear the thought of any pupil not reaching their potential, with that in mind I challenge you to join us in sustaining these current efforts throughout their time here, so we can enjoy their success together in the near future.

We need you to challenge their resilience; the cold and flu season is upon us and our pupils need to be aware of the world, their education does not stop; they should take the appropriate medication and persevere. Please support us develop their organisational skills by asking them to check their satchel/timetables daily, guide them to pack their own bag and give them dedicated time to complete homework each week. This year group already has a great sense of responsibility, and they must continue to learn from their own mistakes of forgetting homework, running out of equipment and ensuring they have the basic provisions to eat and drink each day.

In a changing world, we must ensure their safety by actively checking phones, gaming accounts and any other method of accessing the internet; this should be done weekly as a caring parent and not as a threat. This helps secure your relationships and could prove to be a great asset as they grow up and through school.

As a school, and particularly the Year Office, we take great pride in treating your children like our own, we want all our pupils to feel safe and cared for every day, if ever they need extra support, please direct them to our pastoral support team.

As a reminder, some important dates for your diary are below, for more information please click in the link [here](#) to access our school calendar:



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DATE	EVENT
Thursday 28 November 2024	Year 7 Online Parents' Evening
Monday 16 December 2024	Year 7 Christmas Dinner
Friday 20 December 2024	Early Closure 13.30
Saturday 21 December 2024 – Sunday 5 January 2025	Christmas Holiday
Monday 3 February – Friday 7 February 2025	Year 7 Mid-Year assessments
Monday 17 February 2025 – Friday 21 February 2025	February half term
Friday 4 April 2025	Early Closure 13.30
Saturday 5 April March 2025 – Monday 22 April 2025	Easter holiday
Tuesday 27 May 2025 – Sunday 31 May 2025	May half term

I would like to take the opportunity by sincerely thanking you for your continued efforts in supporting your child, however should you have any questions or concerns, please email myself Wbayston@st-martins.essex.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

Mr W Bayston
Head of Year 7