



NEWSLETTER

"The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him..." John 1:9-10

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've got to the end of a busy term, with everything from mock exams through to the lovely Christmas Fayre that we had last week. Thank you to all our families who supported the event. We've ended this week with Christmas masses and Advent liturgies to celebrate this sacred Christian time of year. I have noted down some of the many Christmas services in our local Catholic Parishes, you can find these on page 3. You will also find, on page 2, a message from Neil Lockyer, the CEO of our Multi Academy Trust.

Farewells

We say goodbye this term to three members of staff, Ms Sanders has been with us at Saint Martin's for many years, first as a pupil and, then appointed as a teacher in 2015 and was eventually promoted to Assistant Headteacher as well as Director of the Direct Instruction Hub, an organisation, based at Saint Martin's, that trains teachers in literacy and maths intervention. Ms Sanders has gained a further promotion and will be working at another Secondary School in Leicestershire from January.

Mrs Aguilar is a superb member of the English Department, she has been with us since 2014 and has also been promoted to a post in another Leicestershire school in charge of whole school literacy.

Miss Pitman was also a pupil at Saint Martin's and began work as a Learning Support Assistant in 2019. Being still very young, she's decided to take a break and travel the world.

I would like to thank them all for their dedication and service to Saint Martin's, to our pupils and for the impact they have had.

Carpark

As we come to the end of 2022, we enter year number three of the carpark saga! Amongst many issues that have caused the delay, the contractors are currently in discussions with the powers that be over joining the new entrance to the main road and the possible road closure that might need to take

place. Having other road works in Stoke Golding has meant that some of these road closures will have to be completed before the closure arrangements for our project are permitted. Once complete, there will be a new carpark, an overflow carpark with grids under the grass to make it drivable in winter, a new entrance, and a dual exit to improve the speed of flow out of the carpark.

Some of you may have also heard about the damage that befell our school hall recently. During the October break our premises team arrived at work to inches of water covering the floor. This caused irreparable damage to the wood, lifting areas into dangerous peaks. We are having the entire hall floor replaced during the Christmas break, this work will continue into January, so please make sure that students pack extra warm clothes in their PE kits, all sports activities will be outside until further notice.

Finally, can I wish all our families a very happy, restful, and blessed Christmas Holiday. Pupils return to school on Wednesday 4 January 2023.


C Wright
Principal

Keep up to date!

Visit our school website

www.saint-martins.net

Our home page is updated weekly with school news and information about events.

Facebook and Twitter feeds:

www.facebook.com/stmartins.stokegolding
[@stmartin1963](https://twitter.com/stmartin1963)

14 December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Merry Christmas

I hope that you and your families are well as we reach the end of the Advent term. It has been an exciting and eventful term across the CMAT family of schools, reaching a wonderful point two weeks ago when we were finally able to get back to De Montfort Hall for the Catholic Schools Carol Concert in aid of Menphys. Having missed the last two years because of the pandemic, it was great to see pupils from our schools singing together again. Looking forward to next term, we anticipate another exciting communal event when we celebrate our feast day at the end of January.

During this term, we have carried out reviews of all our schools and it has been inspiring to see each and every one of them moving forward. I want to pay a special tribute to all those in our schools who work so tirelessly to provide the best they can for your children; our leaders, our teachers, our support staff, and our school governors. The way in which they work collaboratively across our CMAT to harness the very best teaching and learning approaches is one of the greatest strengths of working together as we do.

I want to let you know about a slight change to the school calendar for **next school year** (2023-24). We will be returning slightly later at the start of the school year, with pupils back in school from **Thursday 31 August 2023** rather than the published Tuesday 29 August. The reason for this is to move our staff training days away from the GCSE results day the previous week; as I am sure you will understand, our secondary school colleagues want to focus their attention entirely on the Year 11 pupils receiving their results on that day. The only other implication of this is that we will finish the school year on **Friday 12 July 2024** rather than Thursday 11 July. I appreciate that all this is a long way off, but I wanted to provide you with maximum notice. An updated copy of the holiday dates for next year is overleaf.

Finally, as we approach the wonderful and holy festival of Christmas, I wish you and all those you love every blessing. May the light of the infant Christ heal our broken world and, most of all, bring peace.

God bless,



Neil Lockyer
Chief Executive Officer

We have a number of pre-loved blazers and other uniform items, still in very good condition, that have been donated to the school by past students. We are selling these items for a nominal charge.

If you have any queries please contact Mrs Davies via the school office on 01455 212386. Thank you.

Manners and politeness on phone calls

At Saint Martin's, we consider manners and politeness to be a really important quality that we promote. In the same way, we expect all who ring in to the school to exhibit good manners as well. Mr Wright has instructed staff that if anyone calling the school is rude, abusive or shouts over the phone, the member of staff is to inform the caller politely and put the phone down.

St. Dominic's Community
Christmas & New Year events 2022-2023
Saint Peter's Church

Saturday December 24th

6.00pm – Christmas Mass in Earl Shilton
 7.00pm – Children's Christmas Mass in Hinckley
 11.30pm – Midnight Mass in Hinckley

Sunday December 25th

8.00am – Christmas morning Mass in Hinckley
 9.00am - Christmas morning Mass in Market Bosworth
 10.00am – Christmas morning Mass in Hinckley
 10.30am - Christmas morning Mass in Earl Shilton

Monday December 26th

9.30am – Mass in Hinckley
 10.30am – Mass in Earl Shilton

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

4th January 2023	School Opens for Lenten Term 1
7th—14th January	Year 9 Ski Trip—Italy
W/C 16th January	Year 9 Art Trip—National Gallery
18th—20th January	Year 8 Alton Castle trip
21st—28th January	Year 8 Ski Trip—Italy
6th February	Year 8 Parents Evening / Options Evening
9th February	Non-Uniform Day—Chaplaincy
13th February	Year 9 Parents Evening
W/C 13th February	Year 8 Options Exams
Half Term Monday 20th February-Friday 24th February	
27th February	School Opens for Lenten Term 2
2nd March	Non-Uniform Day—World Book Day
W/c 6th March	National Careers Week
20th March	Year 7 Parents Evening
27th March	Year 10 Parents Evening
31st March	School Closes for Easter Break
School Opens Monday 17th April 2023	

School Funding

As you may be aware Government funding for schools has been significantly cut across the country. To continue our high level of education here at Saint Martin's we have set up a voluntary school fund to help subject departments buy essential resources, which are vital in supporting your child's to learning.

Any contribution is entirely voluntary and anything from £1 a month upwards would be gratefully received. We realise that lots of families are also under financial pressures so any contribution, however small, is appreciated and will be used to enhance our curriculum

If you would like to contribute to Saint Martin's on a monthly basis, then please arrange a standing order with your bank using the details below:

Name of Account: St Thomas Aquinas Multi Academy Trust

Name of Bank: Lloyds Bank

Account Number: 63927868

Sort Code: 30-96-18

Ref: Childs Name and Year of birth (eg. Fred Smith 03)

Amount: What ever you wish to donate per month.

School Calendar and
Weekly Parental Bulletin

The first port of call for information is the school website

www.saint-martins.net.

The main events, like parents evenings, are published on the school calendar which can be found on the website under 'Parents'. We also publish a weekly Parental Bulletin, also under the Parents section of the website, which outlines the main events happening that week.

Please also see the 'Dates for your Diary' section of this newsletter.

News from the Divinity Department

We are delighted to have received news that the following students are runners up for the 2022 Catholic Young Writer of the Year. Well Done to Jayden, Esme, Max, Georgia and Florence all who are in Year 9. This is the second Year we have entered the competition and come runners up.

Thank you to all our students who took part to produce work of the highest standard on The Eucharist and why this is so important focusing on the work of St Pope John Paul 11.

To celebrate our Feast of St Martin de Porres who is the Patron Saint of Social Justice, we welcomed Alex Jakeman from City of Leicester Sanctuary and Raj Randhawa from Kick it Out to speak about the work they do on a daily basis helping migrants and refugees and how to stop racism and discrimination in our communities.

For the Feast of St Martin de Porres, Alex (one of the volunteers at Leicester City of Sanctuary) visited our school and gave us a presentation in Divinity on the heart-wrenching reality of the experience many refugees or asylum seekers go through to receive one thing we should all be granted: safety. The Sanctuary meets a multitude of people every week and helps them by making sure they feel welcome, helping them to meet others like them and, above all, they listen to the stories they have to tell. This reminds us of Jesus, and the compassion they show reflects what he once told us, which is to love our neighbours as ourselves.

What are Refugees and Asylum Seekers?

Though many perceive the people who fit these categories to be the same thing, they are not, although they are very closely connected. A refugee is someone who has to flee from their home due to many reasons, commonly war, but also: poverty/hunger, discrimination for things like religion and race and many more things. An asylum seeker is the same, just they have not yet been legally recognised by the government, and this can take an average of three years, and sometimes more. Alex told us that one person had been waiting for 18 years, as he had not been approved by the government to be classified as a refugee. However, his country would not take him back either, leaving him no choice but to stay in England and live on only £5 a day. Sadly, this is a reality for numerous asylum seekers, despite appealing multiple times. Without being recognised, there is no way for them to make money, in fact, it is illegal to do so.

Children Seeking Refuge

Globally, there are a staggering 26 million refugees and the number is on the rise. This number has doubled in the

past ten years, which is astonishing and inhumane. What is even more appalling is that over half of these people are children, and some have had to leave their country and journey to a safer place without the help and support of their parents. This number has reached 5000 and to me and many others, this is horrifying. The pure terror these children must feel is unimaginable and is the devastating truth of what these young refugees and asylum seekers have to face. Even the thought of crossing treacherous seas and entering a country where you know no-one, and everyone speaks a language unfamiliar to you is terrifying, let alone having to make the commitment and do it. Just imagine if you were faced with a scenario where you had to leave everything and everyone you know and love behind to escape your country. There is no way to think of the way this must feel for children forced to flee.

What do Leicester City of Sanctuary do to Help?

There can never be enough funding for charities such as these, but there are many ways Leicester City of Sanctuary help the refugees and asylum seekers that regularly cross their path. They run activities such as:

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What Can we do to Help?

In 2020, France and Germany each received almost 120 thousand refugees and asylum seekers and welcomed them, which makes the UK's 40,000 seem measly. There is no denying that we as a nation, need to do more.

Fortunately, there are things we can do to help Leicester City of Sanctuary, and they involve very little effort. As kids, it's obvious that it would be hard to donate, and that isn't what the Sanctuary want from us. All we have to do is spread the word about refugees and make them feel welcome if we ever see them. Above all, keep an open mind.

The sanctuary has a significant role and treat others like Saint Martin treated those around him. He is the patron saint of social justice and if anything, Leicester City of Sanctuary reflects this in their work by being kind, compassionate, caring and treating everyone with respect, just like Martin did. In this case, we are called to break down the unfairness of how refugees are being treated. A quote from Pope Francis states:

"Today is World Day of **Migrants and Refugees**. Let us renew our commitment to building a future that puts **migrants, refugees**, displaced persons and victims of human trafficking at the centre. The Kingdom of God is built together with them."

The Leicester City of Sanctuary do this and more, and we should take advice from these words and show it in our everyday lives.— Naomi Year 7 Divinity

Chaplaincy

On 23rd – 25th November, 66 year 7's went to the Briar's for a retreat. Whilst there we took part in many different activities, including a 'Virtues Catwalk' where each group were given a virtue. With this information they then had to dress one team member up into a walking virtue and think about the qualities that make an individual virtuous.

On Thursday 8th December, the choir were taken out to visit 5 local care homes. The choir sang 4 Christmas carols to the residents. They filled the care home with joy! Songs sung included 'God Rest You Merry Gentlemen' and we rounded off the visit by singing '-----'. The students had fun!

On the 13th December, 6 students from the Divinity team went out to the local Lidl to do a food shop for Hinckley food bank. Their mission was to fill the trolley with food and toiletries which would help families in need this Christmas. Many items were bought, including rice, chopped tomatoes, pasta, cornflakes, toothbrushes, and deodorant. This was then loaded in the minibus and taken to Hinckley foodbank drop-off where the students learned how the food is stored and where it gets delivered to. From the Lidl food shop and the donations from school we have donated £505.76 worth of food and toiletries to Hinckley Foodbank.



Thank you so much to those who brought food in.

We have helped many families who are struggling this Christmas



On Wednesday 14th December, we had our Christmas Masses and liturgies. Our priests, Father Jonathan Cotton and Father Frank, came in to celebrate with us. We also had another special guest, Jean Connor, the lay Chaplain from the local primary schools came and read the bidding prayers which the primary school Chaplaincy team wrote.

Administering Medicines in School

Prescribed medicines may be administered in school (by any of the first aid team) where it is deemed essential. Most prescribed medicines can be taken outside of normal school hours. Wherever possible, the pupil will administer their own medicine, under the supervision of a member of staff. In cases where this is not possible, the staff member will administer the medicine.

If a child refuses to take their medication, staff will accept their decision and inform the parents accordingly.

In all cases, we must have written parental permission outlining the type of medicine, dosage and the time the medicine needs to be given. These forms are available in the school office.

Staff will ensure that records are kept of any medication given.

Spare Epi Pens and Inhalers should be kept in the school office. These should be in the original packaging with your child's name on, please ensure that you come in to the school at the start of each term, to check that these are in date and in full working order.

Please note that if your child is due to take part in a school trip or visit and does not have their medication, as listed on the school system (e.g. asthma inhaler) with them, they may not be taken on the trip.

Non-prescribed medicines (Paracetamol / hay fever tablets) will not be held in the school office.

If your child need these type of tablets for cold symptoms, period pain etc they must be responsible for them by keeping them in their blazer or bag. Please ensure they know when to administer their next dose, students will not be supervised by a member of staff when doing this, they should also have water with them .

Please keep the school office up to date with any changes to your child's medical needs.

P=RIODEQUALITY

We believe that period products should be made available to all those who need them in education, as they are a necessity, not a luxury. No-one should be held back from accessing education due to their period.

Last Year the Department for Education (DfE) launched it's 'Period Equality' scheme to provide free period products to young people in schools and colleges across England.

The scheme offers period products, for all who need them, when they need them, in order to access education. Having periods should not be a barrier to education for any learner especially during these financially challenging times

We are remove the stigma and embarrassment that some girls may feel when asking for sanitary products in school and so far we have had an encouraging response. Both the Reception and Girls PE Office have stocks of sanitary pads, tampons and more environmentally-friendly and reusable products, and can provide these to students with the upmost discretion. Not all students may be aware of the scheme and so we will be placing 'Period Equality' posters in the girls toilets notifying them of where they can collect sanitary products from should they need them.

If any parents / carers need support in providing sanitary products while students are at home please speak to the school office, we will be happy to help.

Mobile Phone Policy

Phones must be kept in
Lockers during the
school day

Mobile phones are an integral part of the modern world and we know that the majority of students will own a mobile phone. They are brilliant for parents/carers outside of school so that you can keep in touch with your children at all times. As you know, at Saint Martin's students must turn their mobile phones off once they arrive on school premises and ensure they are placed in their lockers until the end of the day. There is zero tolerance on this, phones will be confiscated for a minimum of 24 hours and must be collected by a parent/carer. If a student has forgotten their locker key they can hand their phone into the main reception for safekeeping. The responsibility of not getting a phone confiscated lies solely with the student. If you wish not be inconvenienced by having to collect your child's phone, please ensure that they follow the rules.

Sporting Highlights

You can find out about all of your sporting achievements, including results from our matches with other local school on our Facebook Page.

[www.facebook.com/
stmartins.stokegolding](https://www.facebook.com/stmartins.stokegolding)

Reading

One of the primary elements of academic success is how much quality reading a child does each day. We create opportunities throughout the day for pupils to read, 15 minutes most mornings of tutor lead reading of a whole text, as well as a significant amount of reading in literacy-based lessons. I would also urge you as parents and carers to read with your child, either listening to them read, encouraging them to take time each day to read, or even setting the example and having time when the family just switches off the TV to read together. The collective impact of all this reading will dramatically enhance your child's academic success. Just twenty minutes of reading high-quality text each day can dramatically improve a child's reading age.

In 2018 the Reading Agency conducted a review of similar programmes. An analysis by Kirsch comparing the engaged reading time of 2.2 million students found that –

0-5 mins per day = well below national average

5-14 mins per day = sluggish gains, below national average

15+ mins = accelerated reading gains

20 mins per day = likely score better than 90% of their peers on standardized tests. **National Centre for Education Statistics**

33 ceramic poppies. Each representing a Stoke Golding life, lost at war. Carefully made by staff and students at St. Martin's. We will remember them.

Do not stand at my grave and weep,
I am not there, I do not sleep.

I am a thousand winds that blow.
I am the diamond glint on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.
I am the gentle autumn rain.

When you wake in the morning hush,
I am the swift, uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circling flight.
I am the soft starlight at night.
Do not stand at my grave and weep.
I am not there, I do not sleep.

Do not stand at my grave and cry.
I am not there, I did not die!

Mary Elizabeth Frye



One of our Yr11 students was selected to exhibit her painting at the Open 33 this year.

Congratulations Aimee

You can go and see her work, along with many other stunning entries at Leicester Museum & Art Gallery between 10th December and 20th January.





SAINT MARTIN'S *Catholic Academy*

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

It was third time lucky for our Christmas Fayre this year. In 2020 and 2021 we were only able to run online fundraising events due to the ongoing restrictions surrounding the Pandemic. This year we forged ahead with the planning and were so happy to be able to invite you all to enjoy the festive season with us, and what a fantastic Christmas Fayre it turned out to be!

Our Prize Draw was as popular as ever, we had 34 prizes in total, ranging from enormous hampers to Christmas decorations, drinks bottles to vouchers. Some very generously gifted to us by local businesses and parents, some of which we purchased with money donated by staff and members of our school community. We are extremely grateful to everyone that supported this draw and hope that all of our winners enjoy their prizes; to everyone that entered but didn't win, thank you for taking part, and better luck next year.

We had more outside stall holders than ever before, selling crafts and cakes, wreaths and wax melts, we really enjoyed being able to support so many local businesses! Of course, we also had our ever-successful wrapped present stall, chocolate tombola and bottle pull games – always huge hits with the crowds. Every department in the school ran a stall, although working on a Friday night might not be at the top of the list of things to do, everyone had a good time and it gave them an opportunity to have fun with their colleagues, a bit of light relief from the Year 11 mock marking.

We have had some really lovely comments about our Grotto this year. We used Saint Bernadette's, which is an office building made of wood near the netball courts, with the frost and the glowing fairy lights it truly did look like a magical gingerbread house in the

North Pole! We asked for donations this year rather than charging for this attraction, by doing so we were able to give a donation to Leicestershire Air Ambulance at the request of Santa in lieu of his payment. We are sure that Santa will come back and visit us again next year, and we're sure there will be a queue around the school waiting to see him.

We would like to thank everyone that supported our Christmas Fayre this year, either by taking part in the non-uniform day to gather wrapped presents, chocolate and bottles for our games, by entering our prize draw or by attending the event, without your generosity we would not be able to help the people we do with the enormous amount of money we raised. -

£3486.94

'Friday was amazing thank you so much. The best Santa ever and a boy who was so happy to meet him. The smile on his face did not stop all evening.'



Christmas Window Competition

The rivalry was as fierce as last year with our Christmas window decorating competition, so much so that we had to organise for the judges to be from outside of our current staff – we wouldn't have wanted any bribery to take place! Mrs Murphy and Mrs Coghlan arrived at 9am last Friday and promptly began their duties, inspecting each window, (classrooms and offices, 10 in total) marking out of 5 for a specific set of criteria.

When the results were in, as expected there was uproar within the Admin department, Mrs Turvey was knocked off here first place podium and for the second year in a row Mrs Wheatcroft and Mrs Trotman came third.

Mrs Franklin and her office colleagues, Miss Hickey and Mrs Hennigan were crowned this years winners with their '12 days of Christmas' window scene, this is a contentious win according to a number of other participants, while the window was colourful and comical, the main element that saw the judges award the extra half point that won it for them was not actually part of the window, it was a song – '12 days of Christmas' rewritten to encompass Saint Martin's staff – Eight Admin Angels !!?!!

Well done ladies, enjoy it while it lasts, Mrs Turvey is already planning her window for next year!!!



CAREERdays

TRIPS AND VISITORS

BRIGHT FUTURES

You may remember me telling you at the end of last year that our new careers programme was being re-branded as 'Bright Futures' and that we would be asking some students to design the logo. Well here it is! The winner was chosen by Mr Wright.



Teagan won a lovely hamper full of art goodies. Well done Teagan, your logo will be displayed on all things 'careers' at Saint Martin's.

XELLO

Our Year 7 students all now have access to Xello – the online careers platform that we use here at Saint Martin's. They have all been given their log in details and have started using the resources available on the site. I would like to ask you as parents and carers to continue to encourage your child to log on at home if possible, to explore the different careers and courses that may suit them in the future. Your child can also record their achievements within and outside of school, research universities and do quizzes to help them with their decisions. Students in all other year groups have access too! If your child doesn't know their login details, ask them to speak to Mrs Tones in the Library.

EXPLORE OPTIONS

CAREERS 500 +	COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES 3,500 +	COURSES & APPRENTICESHIPS 20,000 +
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Account Manager £18,000 - £31,975 Actor £20,000 - £1,000,000 Actuary £25,000 - £49,999 Acupuncturist £20,000 - £25,000 Counsellor £20,000 - £28,000 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bournemouth University Poole, Dorset Abingdon and Witney C... Abingdon, Oxfordshire Bath Spa University Bath, Somerset Accrington and Rossend... Accrington, Lancashire Barnfield College Luton, East of England 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business, Finance, & Law Health, Care, & Public Services Construction & Planning Land based & Animal Care Engineering & Manufacturing Science & Maths Information Technology Education Arts & Media Retail & Enterprise Humanities Social Sciences Languages, Literature, & Culture Leisure, Travel, & Tourism

For our Year 11 students, this term has been full of visitors from all of our local 6th forms and colleges to help prepare our students for the next stage of their educational journey. Post 16 applications are now well underway and we are supporting our students where needed to ensure that they are confident in the decisions. Most colleges have now had their open day events but you are still able to contact the establishments directly to book a tour. North Warwickshire and South Leicester College also came and presented to our Year 10 students to get them thinking about their post 16 options.



In November we took a group of Year 9 students who are on the Princes Trust programme to RAF Wittering. They heard all about the wide range of careers available in the RAF including Police Officer, Regiment Officer, Engineer and Vehicle Technician as well as the amazing benefits that the RAF have to offer.



Some of our Year 8 students got a taste of what college life is like when we visited Stephenson College, Coalville. The aim was to get them thinking about their future ahead of selecting their GCSE options and to widen their knowledge of the opportunities available to them after Saint Martin's.



Uniform

At Saint Martin's we have the **highest expectations** regarding **school uniform**, **behaviour** and **work ethic** **and there will be zero tolerance of any non compliance**. Where there is pride in appearance and good behaviour, by implication, there is a **positive attitude** to learning. If a student chooses not to adhere to our School Uniform Policy then sanctions will apply. Which can include afterschool detentions and inclusions. Our uniform unites all members of the community and therefore must be adhered to by all members of the community.

If you have any queries regarding uniform purchases or choices please contact the school office.

May we remind all parents/carers and students of the following:

- Shirts must be tucked in at all times and ALL buttons fully fastened.
- Ties done up properly.
- Skirts must be knee length
- Trousers cannot be skinny fit.
- Blazers are always worn, unless permission is given to remove it.
- Jewellery of any description may not be worn in school, including earrings. This rule applies to girls and boys. Watches may be worn.
- Extremes of hairstyle, including unnatural colours or shaved sides, are not permitted. The Principal will be the final arbiter of what counts as 'extreme'.
- Make-up (including thick eye brows) or nail varnish must not be worn in school. If make-up or nail varnish is used, students will be asked to remove it. False, acrylic, or gel nails are not allowed for health and safety reasons.

SHOES

**PLAIN BLACK LEATHER, ACADEMY TYPE.
MUST BE POLISHABLE.**

We expect all pupils to wear school shoes in line with our uniform guidelines.

The guidelines on shoes is being strictly enforced. Please see the examples shown if you are unsure about acceptable shoe styles.

If you have any queries about the Academy Uniform Policy please see the school website for clarification, or contact the school office.

Sanctions

As a parent / carer of a Saint Martin's students we have appreciated your full support in maintaining exceptional standards of behaviour by ensuring your child understands and adheres to all of our school rules and policies. Any sanctions that occur from poor behaviour, lacking equipment, incorrect uniform etc. are the sole responsibility of the students. There is no option to opt out of after school detentions, whether they be same night or next day, if this sanction is used. Saint Martin's also holds no responsibility for getting students home if we put them in detention as per Section 5 of the 1997 Education Act in choosing a school that uses this form of sanction you are agreeing to support its use when deemed necessary.

Social media use

The majority of our students equally have social media accounts (despite most having a minimum age of 13) so we must also advise acceptable use of all social media platforms. The school offers lots of advice on E-Safety and we would ask parents/carers to check your child's internet use regularly to ensure that they are not putting themselves at risk. Cyberbullying has become an issue nationally since the merge of Social Media and the school will not tolerate unpleasant behaviour of any kind towards our students. Whether in school or not, the school can and will impart sanctions if a member of our community is found to be cyberbullying. Please contact a member of staff if you have any concerns.

 Plain black shoes that can be polished.	 No trainer style, canvas, elaborate decoration, Velcro or high heels.
	
	
	
	



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Michaelmas Term 2022

Our Chair of Governors can be contacted via admin@saint-martins.net