



NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can hardly believe that we are at the end of another school year, and what a year it has been! This Newsletter is packed with articles detailing events and trips, fundraising and experiences we are happy to have been able to support. We have also included a number of bits of information for next year including term dates.

We are having extensive work done in the school building over the summer, including the laying of the new flooring in the Hall, renovations in the science department and we will be moving over to a 'cloud' based internet and print system, all this thanks to a grant secured by the IT team at our CMAT.

We are sad to be saying goodbye to a number of staff members at the end of term:

Mrs Beaty joined Saint Martin's in 2001 as an LSA, going on to be assistant SENDCo and also teaching Health & Social Care supporting many students through their exams, she will be going on to enjoy a well earned retirement.

Mr Blissett joined the Divinity department in 2017, during his time here he has delighted staff and students with his video editing talents, taking part in the Christmas 'Wet the Teacher' competition each year—undefeated champion! He has been an integral part of the team and will be missed by students and staff alike.

Mr Dennis took a year out from education and decided to join our staff team as an LSA, he will be starting University in September, we wish him the best of luck with his studies.

Miss Nelson joined our English department in 2020, she plans to retire from classroom teaching, she will be tutoring English, we wish her every success.

Mrs Wheatcroft, our Attendance Officer, has accepted a post at another Secondary school, she joined us in 2017 but has decided to pursue her passion for working in a Pastoral support role at her new school.

We have spent the past year instilling in our young people the virtues expected of them during their time at Saint Martin's in the hope that they will be values that continue to serve them well into their adult life. The purpose of school is not simply to prepare young people for a life of tests, but more importantly to prepare them for the tests of life. At Saint Martin's we believe that Faith is our foundation and we live out our mission through the strong foundation of the gospel values which are integral to our daily life and work.

Prudence Making wise decisions

Justice Treating people fairly

Fortitude Being courageous and having strength of character

Temperance Self-control

Humility Being Modest in Self

Charity Being Generous Towards Others. A willingness, or even desire, to help others

Chastity The ability to overcome temptation and show self-discipline

Gratitude Being deliberately grateful & positive

Patience Being willing to wait and put in the long-term effort needed to be successful

Diligence Being conscientious and giving your best

Faith Faith in God, stepping out with courage

Hope Knowing that God loves us, that even in the face of suffering, in the end all will be well

Love Being compassionate, forgiving, generous, even to those you may dislike


Truth Veritas – Honesty in dealing with others

Kindness Being good towards all life

Finally, I would like to extend my gratitude to all of our families for your generosity and support this year, I look forward to inviting you all to join in our 75th Anniversary celebrations—read more on page 2.

Wishing you all a happy and fun filled Summer.

God bless,


C Wright
Principal

Platinum Celebrations

Who remembers Saint Martin's Catholic Academy planting 70 trees for 70 years? Many of you will have taken part in this event, planting a sapling for your families, to remember loved ones or to make memories with future generations.

Now, 5 years on we are planning celebrations to commemorate 75 years of providing a Catholic Education to the children of Stoke Golding and the surrounding towns and villages.....a Platinum Anniversary.

Many changes have taken place during this time, most notable the size and location of the school building, Nuns gliding along the corridors have been replaced by almost 100 members of staff (some of which have worked at the school for over 20 years), and in just the past few years delivering an extensive curriculum to over 850 pupils, a far larger cohort than was ever planned for the school.

We have always received a huge amount of support from families in the community and so many happy memories have been made here, we want to remind you that these events will be for the whole Saint Martin's community, past and present, to recognise the generosity we are so grateful of.

We have a number of events planned in school for the coming academic year including a Summer Spectacular Open Day!

You may remember from our Christmas Newsletter that the parquet floor in the Main school Hall, a feature highly prized by Sister Louis, was severely damaged by a flood and had to be removed. Thanks to Eddie Smallwood—ex staff member and long time supporter of the school, some of the wood was salvaged and used to make some stunning Pen Holders commemorating the school celebrations, these will be available to buy later in the year to anyone wishing to own just a small piece of local history.

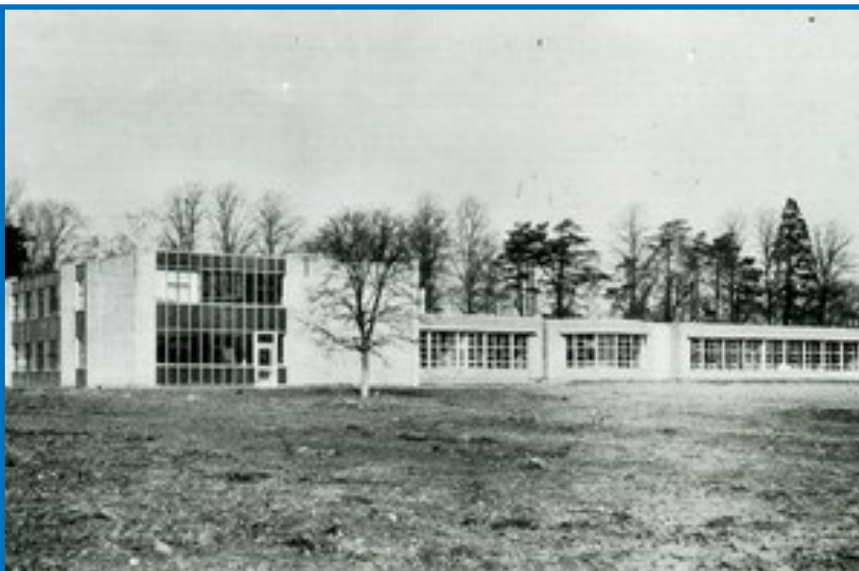


We can't wait to celebrate with you and invite you all to join us in marking our Platinum anniversary.

We will be looking for support from the local community for these events, including asking for memorabilia that you may have relating to the school; photos, school reports, old uniform to use as display items. If you have anything that you think we might be interested in please contact the school in the Autumn Term, 01455 212386.

More information will be available on our Facebook page in the coming months.

Thank you.



Term Dates 2023 / 24

ADVENT

Schools open: Thursday 29 August 2023 for Year 7 only
Monday 4 September ALL YEARS RETURN

Half term break: Monday 16 October - Friday 20 October 2023
Schools closes: Friday 22 December 2023

LENTEN

Schools open: Monday 8 January 2024
Half term break: Monday 19 February - Friday 23 February 2024
Schools closes: Friday 22 March 2024

PENTECOST

Schools open: Monday 8 April 2024
May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 6 May 2024
Bank Holiday: Monday 29 May 2024
Half term break: Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May 2024
Schools closes: Friday 12 July 2024

INSET DAYS

School closed to students
29 August 2023
30 August 2023
17 November 2023

Please Note

Saint Martin's Catholic Academy is committed to providing a working and learning environment that is free from abuse. Please respect all of our staff members. Verbal abuse of staff by parents or visitors will not be tolerated and action will be taken if this occurs. For the protection of our staff, phone calls may be recorded.

Parents / Carers are welcome to contact the school at any time. In the first instance you should speak to your child's Form Tutor if you have any questions or concerns. **Please be considerate of the fact that, in most cases, our Form Tutors are members of teaching staff and will be in lessons for most of the school day as well as having break or lunchtime duty, or be responsible for bus duty after school.**

Therefore we kindly ask that you give at least 24 hours for staff to return your call. If the matter requires an urgent response please inform our office staff who will be happy to ensure that your enquiry is dealt with at the earliest opportunity.

Saint Martin's,
Learning the **BEST** that has been
THOUGHT & SAID,
knowing that we are loved by **GOD**
& *LIVING A LIFE OF* *Virtue*

Please note that ALL lost property items will be thrown away or donated at the end of each term. It is the sole responsibility of your child to take care of their belongings and look for them if they are misplaced.

PE lost property will be with Mr Issitt, all other items will taken to the lost property area next to the Premises Office, opposite 5SD.

Thank you.

Catholic life



Pope Francis ✓
@Pontifex

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Dear young people, do not bury your talents, the gifts that God has given you! Do not be afraid to dream of great things!

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What a successful year it has been from the Divinity Department. We are grateful to all our students and their families for sharing their God-given talents in our School Community.

As mentioned in our Easter newsletter we are grateful for all the parents/carers, our visitors that helped with our Divinity Careers Week in March that looked at how our students can apply the principles of Catholic Social Teaching (these include the sanctity of life and the dignity of the person; the common good, social justice, The preferential option for the poor, dignity of work and workers, solidarity and stewardship) in their future vocations.

A huge thank you to the members of staff that helped plan, organise and attend the Big Sleep Out on Friday! It was an amazing evening, so many pop up tents it looked like we were at festival!

The students managed to fundraise a total of **£2380.40** which will go to Lawrence House Hinckley Homeless!



During the month of May our Chapel became a mini-Lourdes where we asked staff and pupils to bring in white flowers from their gardens to place in front of our Lady and then these flowers were gifted to families in our school community who had experienced bereavement. Many students lit candles and prayed the Rosary in their homes during the month of May. In Divinity we visited the Live stream of Lourdes and said a decade of the Rosary virtually at the Grotto.

In June our students were invited to take part in the CAFOD National Campaign by Pope Francis to write a prayer for tomorrow. Our students wrote beautiful and moving prayers, these were taken by CAFOD to Ten Downing Street. Lilly in Year 7 was delighted to receive the following email from CAFOD to say her prayer had been taken to Ten Downing Street.

For Refugee week in June in our Divinity lessons we explored the plight that refugees face on a daily basis using many of the resources from CAFOD.



Thank you to our Year 10's for all their hard work and dedication in their recent Divinity GCSE exams and we pray that the results you receive on Thursday 24th August will reflect this.

We wish you and all your families a happy and safe holiday and look forward to continuing our work with you in September.

God Bless,

Mrs Mulcrow.

Prom

Saint Martin's would like to wish the Year 11s every success in their future pursuits. The leaver's service took part shortly before half term. Students took full advantage of the traditional shirt signing beforehand and they showed great maturity throughout the day. The Prom took place on the 30th June and was the best supported Prom to date, with only a handful of students unable to attend. There were a vast array of vehicles dropping students at the venue and perhaps the most talked about arrival was that of one small group who were escorted by approximately 30 motorcycles. It was a very memorable event with a great deal of positive feedback from students and parents. It was a great way to end their time at Saint Martin's and begin an extended summer break.



Special thanks go to Redvers Photography who captured so many moments throughout the evening. They have published the following message on their website if you wish to purchase any of these photos:

The photos will be uploaded to www.RedversPhotography.com

Please feel free to scroll through your pictures on the Saint Martin's School Prom Page, click the Buy Images tab and you will see a trolley on the bottom of each picture. Click the trolley to add the photo to your Basket. When you have finished browsing go to the Checkout and enter your details to complete your order.

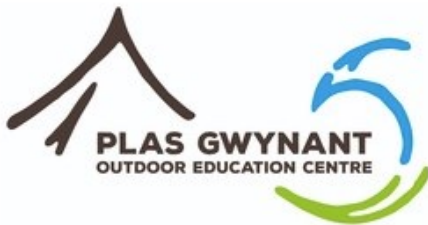
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If you would like to pay via BACs Payment then please email orders@redversphotography.com with your Name, Email and your photograph order and we will send you our BAC's information for you to complete payment.

If you would like to add a special effect to your photo then please email us with your request and we can enhance your photo. We can provide all photos in Black and White, Sepia, Spotlights or Fire background. Special Effects photographs are £10 each.

We really enjoyed sharing the evening with you and I hope you now share your photos with your family and friends.

Redvers



In May, 44 year 9 students enjoyed a fun packed 4 day's, deep inside the Snowdonia National park taking part in a whole range of adventurous activities. The activities included mountain walking, kayaking, abseiling in caves, orienteering, gorge walking, rock scrambling on the beach, and much more! The staff and students that took part had a fantastic week and we look forward to taking 45 of the new year 9's next May when the trip is due to run again.





SAINT MARTIN'S *Eco Club*



Friday the 16th of June saw the inaugural Eco Club Fair take place at Saint Martin's in Stoke Golding.

With mouthwatering cakes, hot coffees, and cold milkshakes the Eco Club was "The" place to be on a sunny afternoon. Huge thanks to Middle Field Moo Juice for supply us with fresh Milk for the event.

Everything from fashion shows to eco presentations were on show under the shade of the old courtyard trees. Students, parents, and visitors alike were treated to various stalls and plant sales, ice creams and raffles, all accompanied by the top sounds of our up-and-coming DJ.

The Eco Club fair was a well-attended event, hosted by the Eco Club students and assistants, and raised much needed funds for our exciting eco projects. Keep an eye on the school calendar for the date of next years event.



We have quite a large number of pre-loved uniform items, including blazers, shirts, skirts, trousers and even PE kit, all still in very good condition and lots of different sizes. These have been donated to the school by past students. We are selling these items for a nominal charge, washed and ready to wear.

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

Thank you



LIBRARY *events!*

Library Council Questionnaire

Our library council are a huge help taking on duties throughout the year such as tidying the shelves; putting books away; providing ideas for new books; supporting the Christmas Fair and World Book Day; manning our Book Fair, the list goes on.

As one of their duties this year, we asked them devise a questionnaire for students, so we can get an idea as to why and why not, students use the library. They did an amazing job of promoting it and we had 127 responses.

The responses were generally very positive. Most students find the space and staff welcoming. They think there is a good range of books. It's used equally for homework, computer, borrowing books and buying stationery. Students also read books from other sources, mainly from home with about 8% using their local library (if we don't use them, we'll lose them—it's important to try to support our local libraries).

Some of the criticisms were that the space is small, therefore it can be a bit daunting and sometime noisy at lunchtime. We have tried to ensure that the noise level is kept to a minimum to hopefully encourage more users. There were a lot of suggestions for books to be added to the library including horror books, Marcus Rashford and animal books. These have been taken into account and there will be some exciting new stock in the new school year.

There's always things we can improve on, so we'll keep trying.

Disturbingly, there were a number of respondents who said they don't read at all. It's so important that we all continue to read throughout our lives, if you don't use it you lose it! Reading builds brain-power which in turn makes all subjects easier. Try picking up something you would never normally read over the holiday, maybe a biography, a poetry book, non-fiction, a thriller or a romance—you might just get hooked!

Homework Club

Homework club will **be available until 4:35pm**, Monday to Friday It will only be available for students who want to study, complete homework or read. It will be a silent study area.

Students will need to reserve their place with the library staff by the end of lunch each day. If parents/carers know that a slot will be needed on a regular basis for a term, this can be booked in advance by emailing: library@saint-martins.net

Attendance

At Saint Martin's Catholic Academy our ethos is one of commitment to the improvement of attendance within the school. There is clear evidence that students whose attendance is higher have a greater opportunity to secure their full potential, in terms of both their emotional and academic progress. A clear link has been established between good attendance, progress and the best exam results for future choices whether they are applying for university, apprenticeships or work.

the best opportunity to attend and to achieve. There are a number of ways that parents/carers can assist in this:

- Where possible, make all appointments after school hours. Your child's attendance is crucial during morning and afternoon registration.
- Refrain from taking your child out for holidays in term time, in line with Government legislation
- In the case of illness, send your child to school unless it is contagious. If you are in doubt, please contact our attendance officer (option 1). After the third consecutive day of illness you will need to provide medical evidence for illness

CAREER *days*

Spring Lambing Trip

As a special treat, in May, we took 10 lucky students to Brooksby College to meet the lambs. They also got to see goats, alpaca's and cows as well as learning about the wildlife in the area and the value of wool! Stroking the lambs was the highlight and we had to check the minibus for stowaways before we left.



NWSLC 'STEAM into the future'

The Nuneaton campus of NWSLC put on a fantastic event for schools in June where some of our Year 10 students got to meet employers for the STEAM sectors (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths'). The event aimed to inspire the future workforce to pursue a career within STEAM. Employers at the event included the RAF and Army, Wincanton, NHS, TESLA and MIRA.



University of Leicester – 'Spotlight on GP' event

Our budding Year 9 Doctors, Nurses and other Healthcare workers had the opportunity to put themselves forward for this trip. It was chance for them to find out more about studying medicine, visit the University campus and to speak to other students who are currently studying medicine.



What else has been happening?

It has been another term of busy activity, especially for our Year 10 students who are preparing to transition into Year 11. There has been a lot of focus on them starting to think about their futures which has included T-level talks, Personal Statement Session and a talk from Oxford University. We ended the term with a Careers Drop Down Day for the whole of Year 10. It was an amazing day and the students were really engaged with all of the activities. They took part in First Aid training delivered by the British Red Cross, RAF Personal Development sessions, a Speed Networking Event, Careers Fair, and finally an inspirational talk from past student, Zoe Smallwood.





Junior Maths Challenge Success:

There was success for Saint Martins students in the Junior Maths Challenge this year.

77 students from Year 7 and 8 took part in this paper, made up of intriguing multiple-choice questions.

All students received a certificate, with 2 Gold Certificates, 13 Silver Certificates and 21 Bronze Certificates being awarded.

GOLD—Alfie Wassell, Olo Gawryluk

SILVER—Elmore B, Riley G, Oliver S, Oliver T, Noah W, Libby B, Kate B, Nicholas B, Pelayo D, Illia N, Quinn P, Oliver P, Seb T.

BRONZE—Max H, William P, Alfie R, Ivy R, Noah S, Alexander W, Ollie A, Scarlett A, Finley B, Thomas B, Chloe B, Ruby B, Filippas F, Lewis G, Oskar K, Rosemary M, Serena P, Samantha S, Casper S, Hari T, Sofija T.

A special mention should go to Olo Gawryluk, he did so well in the Junior Maths Challenge this year, he automatically qualified for the "Junior Kangaroo" follow-on round.

Like the Junior Challenge, the Kangaroo round comprises 25 multiple choice questions containing high-quality problems designed to encourage mathematical thinking.

Congratulations are in order, as Olo did so well in the Kangaroo, he achieved one of the top 25% of results, and was awarded a Certificate of Merit.

Things to remember

Equipment for lessons

All students should be equipped to work every day with a pencil case containing black/blue pens, pencils, a pencil sharpener, an eraser, a ruler, a green pen. A scientific calculator may also be required for certain lessons. If a student does not have these basic items then they may receive a behaviour point. Replacement items can be bought during the school day from the Library.

Coursework

It is extremely important that students meet coursework deadlines set by the school and also be prepared for whatever the conditions of the coursework are. These are set out by the exam board including the tasks involved in the course. Provision of all coursework materials will also need to be provided by parents, your support with this is vital. If the course requires a text book, it will need to be purchased to support in class learning. This isn't optional as those without will be at a disadvantage.

Drop off and Pick up Arrangements

We have received a lot of messages this year regarding changes to pick up routines which can be a timely task. Could we ask that where possible, arrangements are made before the school day with your child.

Contact details

Please ensure your child writes up to date contact numbers in their planner so that if they need to contact home this can be done quickly.

Can we ask that should your address or contact details change that you notify the school immediately as it can be a safeguarding matter if we need to get hold of you.

Pastoral care

Pastoral care is part of every pupil's entitlement in their school life. It can be defined as the promotion of pupils' personal and social development and the fostering of positive attitudes to school, learning, other members of the community and oneself. Pastoral care is central to academic achievement. A child who is emotionally and physically healthy is better able to reach their full potential.

The school is a community in which each person is valued as an individual.

The form tutor has prime duty of care for the members of their form, being the first port of call for concerns relating to your child. If you have specific questions relating to a certain department then the form tutor will be able to direct you.



We will be hosting
wreath making
workshop on
Wednesday 22nd
November 2023.

This will be one of

our Christmas Fundraising events to raise money for the school and to support local charities. More details on cost and how to book will be available in the Autumn Term.

Being such a rural school, many parents/carers need to pick up their sons or daughters by car. The logistics of getting so many cars on and off site within 20 minutes or so is a challenge. Although we have significantly expanded the parking facilities, we are still tight on space. We rely on the patience and politeness of drivers, so your co-operation is greatly appreciated. For drivers who park in the surrounding roads, please be aware of local residents who need constant access to Convent Drive and the other side roads.

The gates will close automatically at 9.00am each morning and re-open at 3.00pm (2pm on Mondays) ready for you to collect your child. If for any reason you do need to visit the school during the day, you can use the intercom which connects you with the School Office staff who can then let you in. **We would appreciate your co-operation with not trying to gain access to the car park before 3.00pm when collecting your child, to maintain security and ensure the safety of our students.**

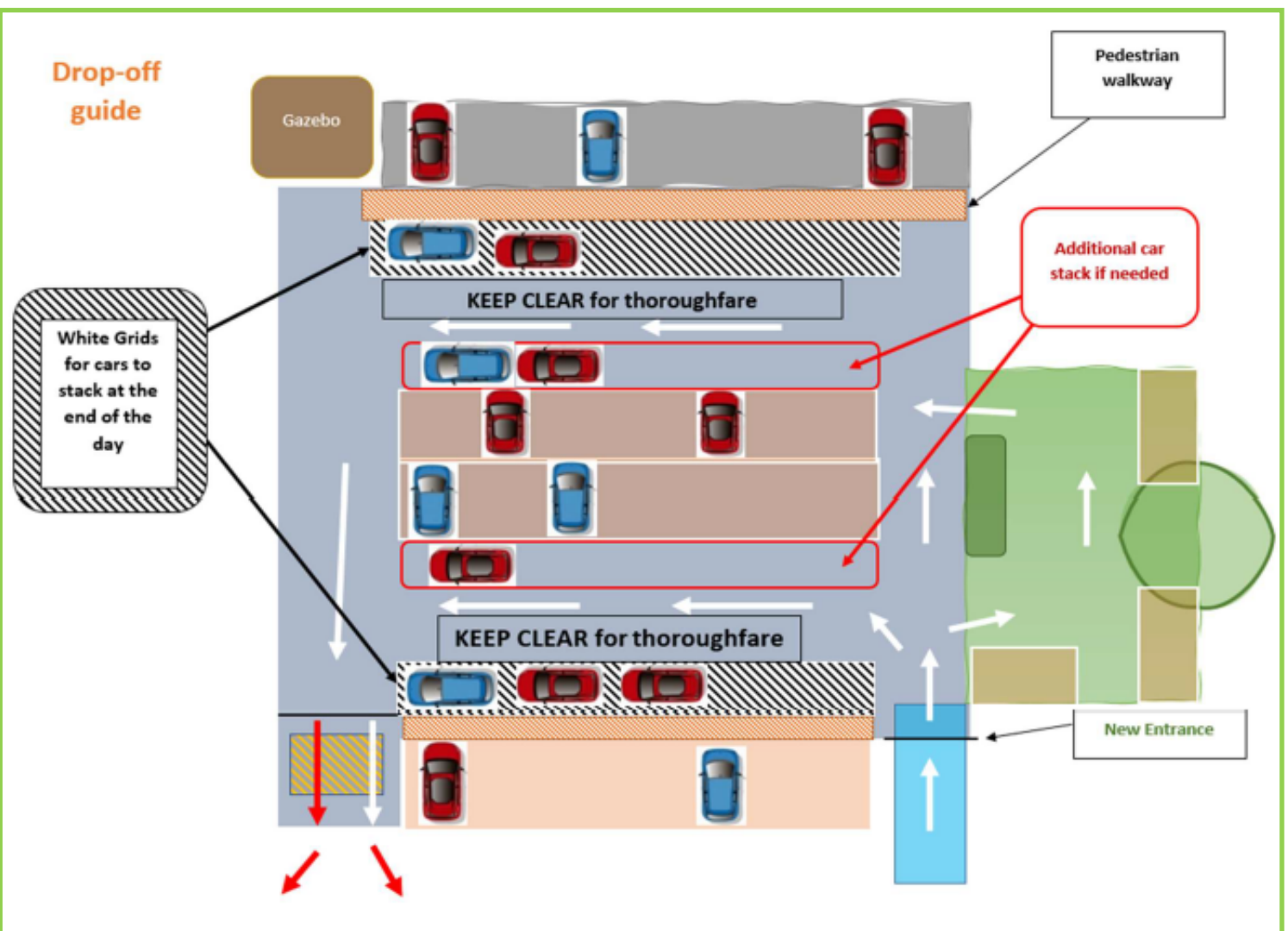
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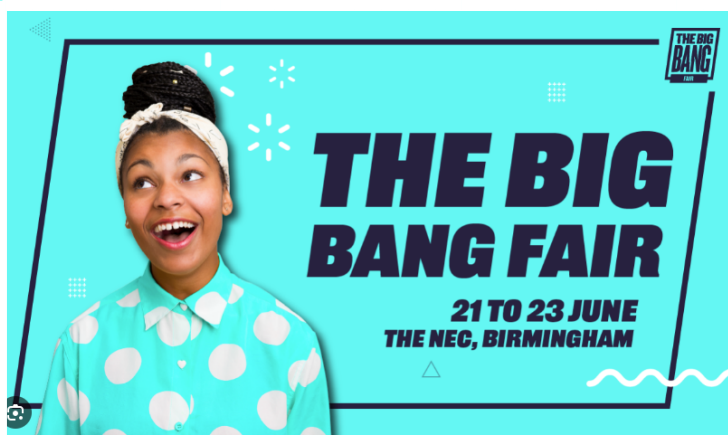
To continue our high level of education here at Saint Martin's we have set up a voluntary school fund to help subject departments buy essential resources, which are vital in supporting your child's learning.

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.



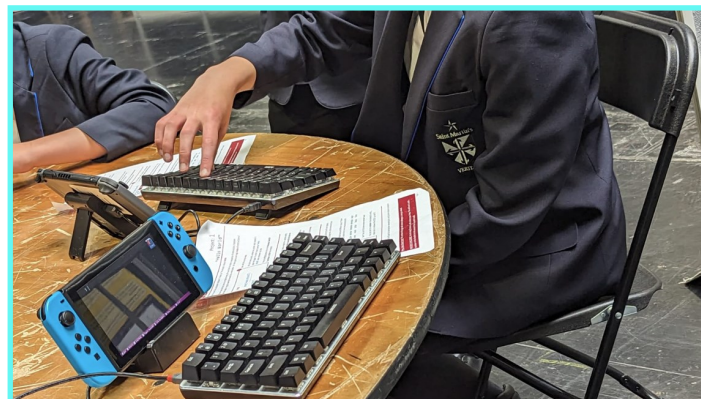


Students from year 8 and 9 had the exciting opportunity to visit the BIG BANG show at the NEC in Birmingham this term. It was a showcase from some of the top science and engineering organisations in the country, who brought together the science behind their industry and its relevance in our everyday lives. The role of Science Technology Engineering and Maths (STEM) is now a fundamental part of education in schools, and it was our chance to really inspire the future gamers, programmers, engineers, lifesavers and all of the other possible STEM careers.

The event included companies such as Williams F1 team, Nissan, Amazon, Royal Air Force, specsavers, BBC, National Grid, National Rail, Rolls Royce amongst some top universities and societies. Students had the chance to interact with the various stalls, which included: F1 race simulations, robotics, programming drones, eye testing, discovering materials, virtual reality just to name a few.

During the visit students were inspired to think about STEM in their future career choices and broaden their perspective of how important STEM is within their lives, not only did it excite and amaze, but the presenters also explained the importance of scientific developments to create a green and more sustainable future. There was a live stage show from the 'Ministry of science' and a 'volatile history of chemistry' which enthused and excited the audience with crazy science experiments and explosions that shook the whole venue!

The feedback from students was really positive, with some saying that would definitely go again, others wanting to know more about a career in science and others saying it was the most exciting school trip they've been on.



At Saint Martin's we are committed to recycling and helping to reduce plastic on the planet. We have water fountains around school for students to use to refill bottles, these water stations can be used during break and lunchtime. Please encourage your child to bring a reusable bottle into school to ensure they stay hydrated, especially in warmer weather.

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 Results

Area Athletics

On Thursday, 25th May we had our yearly Area Athletics competition at The Pingles Athletics Stadium in Nuneaton. There were 7 schools taking part.

The PE staff took over 60 students from years 7, 8, 9 and 10 to compete. The weather was great, not too hot - perfect conditions. The pupils had a very successful day, many coming in the top 3 in their event. Overall, our Year 7, 8 & 9's came 2nd and our Year 10's came 1st. Our school came 1st overall and are now Hinckley & Bosworth Champions. Amazing result! Well done to everyone who took part.

Rounders

This term we had some brilliant results in the girls Hinckley & Bosworth Rounders Tournaments:

Year 7 – 1st

Year 8 – 1st

Year 9 – 2nd

We also took 2 teams to an England Rounders Tournament at Leicester University. The majority of the schools at this tournament were private schools. Our pupils were up against some very strong, well drilled schools, however, from match to match we improved massively. Our Year 8 girls just missed out on the quarter finals and our Year 9 mixed team lost to the winning team in the quarter finals. Great results!

Cricket

On 22nd June, a year 7 team attended the Hinckley & Bosworth Area Cricket Tournament, hosted by Dixie Grammar. We played Dixie first, beating them comfortably, followed by Brookvale Groby. We were incredibly unlucky against Brookvale, losing by just two runs – despite Harry E remarkably taking 4 wickets from his 5-ball over! The boys subsequently finished as runners-up, however they showed lots of promise for the future.

Tennis

On 26th June, we attended the Hinckley and Bosworth Area Tennis Tournament at Market Bosworth Tennis Club. We entered the Key Stage 3 boys and girls competitions. 'Team Jess' (Jess F and Jess M) won the girls competition, winning every single one of their singles and doubles matches. The boys tournament was slightly different to the girls, with two groups. Our boys team, brothers Hugh and Anthony were incredibly unlucky not to make it to the final – coming runners-up in their group, which was decided by games won.

Softball

We took a mixed team of year 8 and 9 students to the Softball competition at Redmoor on 7th June. Our team put in two excellent performances against Redmoor and The Market Bosworth School and narrowly came out on top – winning the tournament overall. Last year they came runners-up, losing the game on the final ball, so good progress has been made.

Boys Development football

A team of 'development' players played in a football tournament at Bosworth Academy 11th May. The rules stated that all players cannot have represented the school team more than once across the school year, so this was a great opportunity for our students who have been on the fringes of the team. The boys beat Redmoor 2-0 and drew 0-0 with Brookvale, which meant that they were joint winners. Our combined year 8 and 9 development team also played in a similar tournament at Bosworth Academy – they beat Hastings 3-1 and lost 4-1 to Redmoor, finishing as runners-up.

Development football Y7/8 girls

On 9th May our combined year 7 & 8 girls football team attended the girls development tournament at Bosworth Academy. They won their games 5-0, 6-0 and 8-0, winning the trophy convincingly. There are exciting things to come from this team!

Girls Y8/9 Futsal

After qualifying for the county finals by winning the Hinckley & Bosworth area competition, our combined year 8 and year 9 girls Futsal team competed in a tournament at Crown Hills, Leicester. The girls won three of their games, drawing one and losing one to eventual winners, Thomas Estley. We finished as runners-up in our group and were very unlucky not to be in the final.

Football Vs Kings' School Al Barsha (Dubai School)

The Kings' School Al Barsha school were touring the UK and made contact with us after hearing about our sporting achievements. It was a great experience for our students to play students from Dubai with some very affluent backgrounds. They had hired Loughborough Uni's facilities and we headed there to play 3 football fixtures and 2 netball fixtures.

Results were:

U15s Boys Football – Saint Martin's 5-1 KSAB

U13s Boys Football – Saint Martin's 3-2 KSAB

U13s Girls Football – Saint Martin's 1-0 KSAB

U15s Girls Netball – Saint Martin's 46-9 KSAB

U13s Girls Netball – Saint Martin's 45-12 KSAB

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 and 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 emergence 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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