



NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Can I firstly thank all of those who joined us for our 75th anniversary celebrations a couple of weeks ago. It was a really special day where we opened up our school for the whole community, especially for those past pupils and teachers from Saint Martin's. It was a real pleasure to meet former students who had been at Saint Martin's as far back as the 1940s. We had current students mixing with former pupils who had been here 75 years ago. Can I specially thank Mrs Turvey and Mrs Trotman who put so much effort into organising the day, as well as the staff and all the pupils who made it such a special event. As part of the celebrations, we also had Bishop Patrick, Bishop of Nottingham, to celebrate mass on the Thursday before the event. Bishop Patrick spent a whole day with us meeting students and staff as well as unveiling a special plaque commemorating part of our history; you can see this plaque and other photos of the event on pages 2 & 3, which commemorates the handing over of the school buildings and land from the original Dominican sisters in South Africa who founded the school back in 1948. The sisters generously gave the site and buildings to the Diocese in 2020.

For our celebrations we also had made a special commemorative medal for each student marking 75 years of our Dominican heritage when a group of South African nuns travelled to Hinckley all the way from King Williams Town to set up, what was then called, Blessed Martin in the fields.

One of the reasons we remember and commemorate our heritage is that there's an ambition we have at Saint Martin's, which was so evident on that Saturday, that pupils who come here don't just leave with great GCSEs (We're always among the top in Leicestershire and the Diocese), but also with the qualities that make people successful in life, for example those illustrated in the virtues we try to instil in our young people like Diligence or hard work, Fortitude or strength of character, being confident and articulate, being polite, impeccably mannered and charming. These are the sort of habits we try to inculcate in our pupils so, when they leave Saint Martin's, they will go off into the big wide world with the skills and talents needed to thrive.

These pages are full of some the amazing successes and interesting activities pupils have been involved in over the last term. Netball, as ever, has been remarkably successful, and this time Mrs Elliot has received her own award, being awarded 'Teacher of the Year' East Midlands Regional Winner at the Netball One Awards, very well deserved.

This year we say farewell to a number of teachers: Congratulations to Mr Gray, Deputy Headteacher who has been appointed Headteacher at Robert Sutton Catholic Academy in Burton on Trent.

Mrs Furniss has been appointed Head of Music at Hasting High School.

Mrs Shaunak is leaving us to take up a maths post in another school, we wish her luck.

We have a number of teachers who are retiring, Mr Noon who has been with us for over 10 years as a Design Technology Teacher and Technician. He is going off to a happy retirement down south!

Mrs Eastwood and Mrs Caldwell are also retiring off into the sunset! Mrs Mabrouk is also leaving us at the end of this term.

We thank them all for their service to our students.

Head Boy and Head Girl Elections


We had some excellent candidates for the Head Boy and Head Girl vote this year from Year 10 students. Each of them demonstrated immense strength of character in standing in front of Year's 7 to 10 with each of them giving superb speeches. The votes were very close but we can announce the outcome:

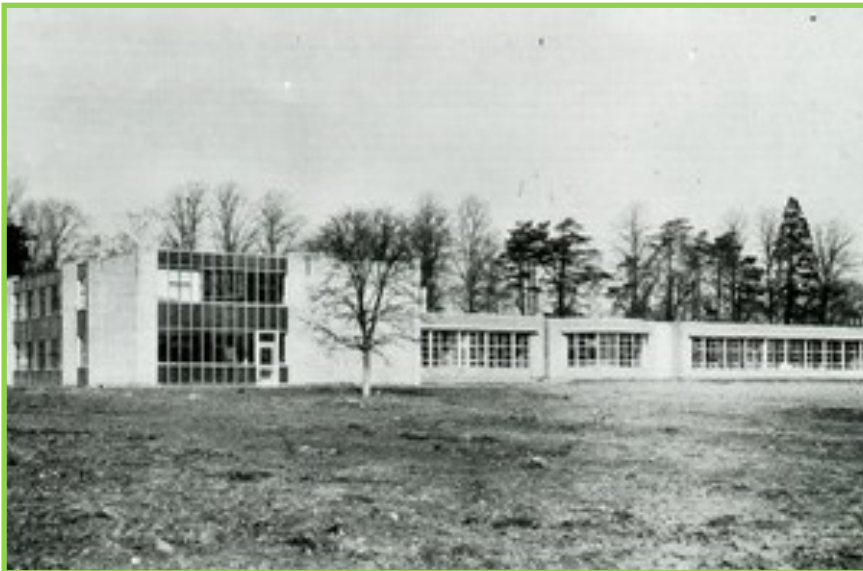
Our New head girl will be Jessica Morris, and her deputy Alexandra Szajnog. Our new Head Boy will be James Dixon and his deputy will be Finley Hancock.

The following students will be appointed Senior Prefects from September: Nina Mwangi, Molly Oswald, Hugh Beesley and Jonah Richards.

Well done to them all.

Can I wish all our families a restful and happy summer holiday, and we look forward to our children's safe return in the new academic year.


C Wright
Principal





Term Dates 2024 / 25

ADVENT

School Opens: Thursday 29th August 2024 for Year 7 only
Friday 30th August 2024 for Year 7 & Year 11 only
Monday 2nd September 2024 All years

Half Term Break: Monday 21st October – Friday 25th October 2024

INSET: Friday 29th November 2024

School Closes: Friday 20th December 2024

LENTEN

School Opens: Monday 6th January 2025

Half Term Break: Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February 2025

School Closes: Friday 11th April 2025

PENTACOST

School Opens: Monday 28th April 2025

Bank Holiday: Monday 5th May 2025

Half Term Break: Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May 2024

School Closes: Friday 11th July 2025

INSET DAYS

27th & 28th August 2024

29th November 2024

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.

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 in reception.

Thank you.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

As the summer holidays approach we wanted to send our usual information sheet out to you with some ideas to keep costs down

Discounted meals

There are lots of places offering free or very discounted meals for children.

At Asda children under 16 can eat for £1 at any time of the day in Asda cafes with no minimum adult spend required.



Click on the lunch bag to see more cafes and restaurants offering meals for free/less

SEND offer

Leicester City Council are offering free activities for children with SEND and their siblings during the holidays. Activities include:

- Forest school
- Sporting activities
- Art and craft



Click on the forest for more detail



Things to do

Fancy a trip to the beach? Even in land-locked Leicestershire and Rutland, you can pack your bucket and spade for a fun day out. Rutland Water has an inland beach (which even has a Blue Flag Award). There is a fee for parking, but otherwise this is a free day at the beach!

Click on the bucket and spade to plan your day at the beach!



Going away?

There may be restaurants that we don't have in Leicestershire or Rutland whose discounts you can take advantage of if you are going on holiday or visiting friends and family in different parts of the country.

Click on the suitcase for some inexpensive food inspiration!



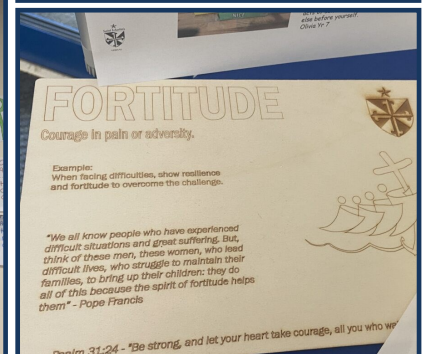
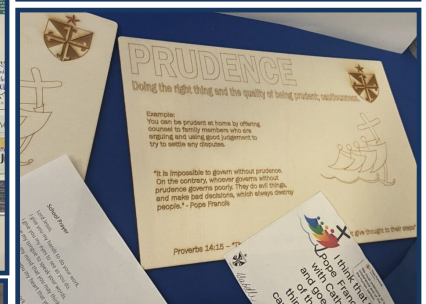
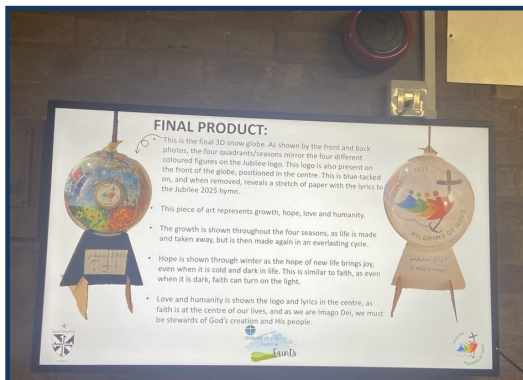
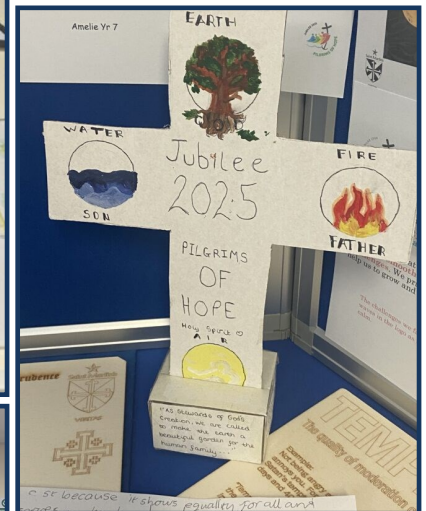
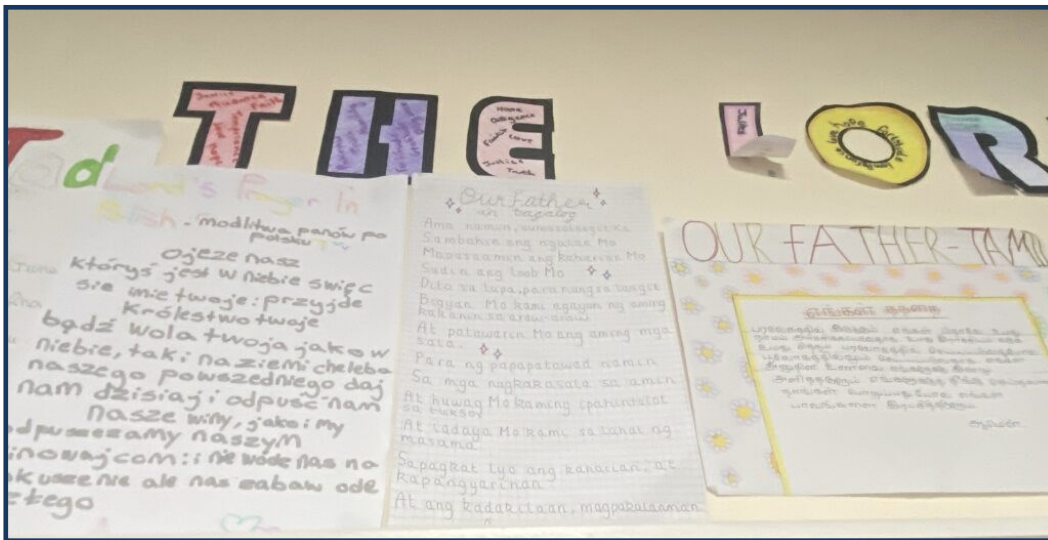
Summer holiday reading photo competition

We would love to see photos of pupils and staff reading during the holidays. The theme is 'day out' so we would love to see your photos of pupils/staff reading during a day out! A book of your choice is the prize for the winning photograph! Entries should be sent to: kstuart-jones@aquinas-cmat.org and should state the staff/pupil name and school name. Pupil photos should be emailed in by parent/carers and by entering you consent for your child to be featured on our social media pages.

Closing date is Monday 2 September 2024 at 9am.

During the Summer holiday we will continue to pray for you and your families, if you are visiting places of worship, please light a candle and send us a picture of your candle and prayer to mmulcrow@saint-martins.net

Divinity Department.



In this #YearOfPrayer, we are invited to make room for prayer that flows from the Holy Spirit. He knows how to place in our hearts and on our lips the right words in order to be heard by the Father.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH BRONZE AWARD

Wonderful experience for our Year 9 Bronze award students, completing their 8 month programme with a two day expedition. They have planned their routes, walked and camped for two days, cooking under the stars!

The next cohort starts in October 2024. It will be open to the Year 9s in September and will finish in July 2025. Students need to commit to a self motivated award, undertake three activities in Skill, Volunteering and Physical pursuits over 3-6 months. The Award ends with two full weekends of walking and camping run by our outdoor expedition leaders. Further information will be sent out to parents before the end of term.



Our after-school ceramics club have made poppies for Remembrance Day, Gingerbread houses at Christmas and little summer Gnomes. Increasing our confidence, knowledge, and skills in handling 3D materials.



KS3 Dance Competition Team

Mrs Harris' dance department is growing from strength to strength. This year the Key Stage 3 Dance Competition Team entered *The Great BIG Dance Off competition*. They started their journey choreographing a stunning dance piece with Mrs Harris to a beautiful song from the Greatest Showman, 'A Million Dreams'. The team performed this number at the Albert Hall Theatre in Nottingham and won the East Midlands regional heats. This gained them a place to compete in the National Grand Finals at the Town Hall in Cheltenham. The team performed at the final, amongst a high standard from other schools, from across England and Wales, for the crown of KS3 National Championships. The team performed with such grace, passion and professionalism and came 7th out of 21, meaning they ranked in the top 7 in England and Wales. A superb achievement and we are all so proud of them and Mrs Harris. Congratulations!!





SAINT MARTIN'S *Eco Club*



This year's school Eco Fair was a resounding success, offering a variety of engaging activities and stalls that delighted attendees and raised awareness about local wildlife preservation. Key highlights included:

- **Plant Stall:** A variety of plants were available for sale, attracting gardening enthusiasts and those looking to add greenery to their homes.
- **Preloved Clothes and Book Stalls:** These stalls encouraged recycling and reusing, providing an array of second-hand clothing and books.
- **Raffle Prizes:** Exciting raffle prizes kept the atmosphere lively and added an element of fun.
- **Guess My Name Giant Teddy:** This activity was a hit, especially with the younger visitors.
- **Local Wildlife Charities:** Several local wildlife charities were present, sharing their missions and efforts to preserve local habitats.
- **Wombles Assembly:** The local litter-picking charity, Wombles, conducted an inspiring assembly for Year 7 students, emphasizing the importance of keeping our environment clean.
- **Coffee and Cake Stall:** Visitors enjoyed delicious homemade cakes and coffee, along with milkshakes from a local milk farm.
- **BBQ and Ice Cream Van:** A BBQ provided savory options, while an ice cream van offered sweet treats, catering to all tastes.
- **Student Projects Display:** Students' projects on endangered animals, plants, and fungi were showcased, highlighting their hard work and dedication.
- **Talk on Strange Animals:** A Year 10 eco student gave an informative talk on unusual animals, which captivated the audience.

Everyone who attended had a wonderful time and left with a greater understanding of and appreciation for local wildlife preservation efforts.

Thank you for your support and looking forward seeing you again at next year's Eco Fair!



We are so proud of Saint Martin's Tuesday after school cooks. Meringues, homemade lemon curd, cream scones, and eclairs are just some of the foods baked this year. We were bowled over by some of their piping and presentation skills. Super proud!



Cadent

Your Gas Network

On June 12th, we were joined by 6 volunteers from Cadent Gas. Each year they support the local community by doing some volunteer work and this year, Saint Martin's were lucky enough to benefit from this. They spent 5 hours painting benches in preparation for our 75th Anniversary celebrations.

'Here at Cadent we like to help out in the community as much as possible. Volunteering opportunities make a real difference to those who need us most.

We really enjoyed coming to Saint Martin's Catholic Academy to help out with painting the picnic benches. We hope the 75th anniversary open day was a success'

A big thank you to Kerry White from Cadent for organising this and to Kerry's colleagues for giving up their time to support us.



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.

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.**

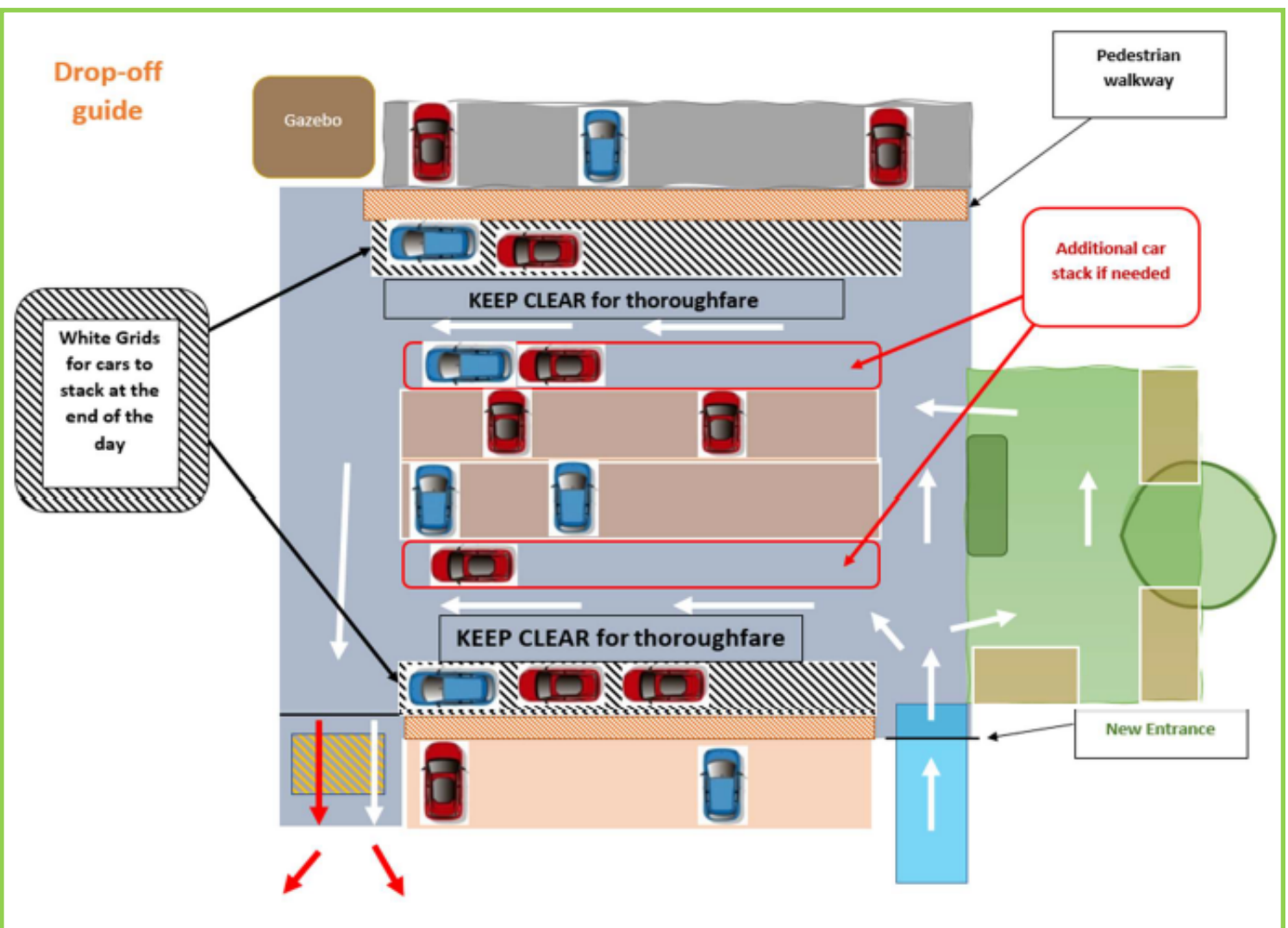
Planned Giving Initiative

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.



Year 7 visit to St Margaret's Church

All Y7 students walked through Stoke Golding to visit the historic church of St Margaret of Antioch, where they were warmly welcomed by a team of church wardens and the recently appointed reverend Emily Sharman. The students then enjoyed a short service and history of the church. Here is a little excerpt of what we heard... Described by Sir Nikolaus Pevsner as one of the most beautiful churches in Leicestershire, it stands at the head of Crown Hill. The tower is a landmark of the surrounding area. It was taken down during World War 2 because of flights from Lindley aerodrome. In the south wall is a tomb recess with an incised slab featuring a sword. The slab is c1275 and may cover the resting place of the person responsible for extending the church. The south aisle and chapel contain two piscine and the walls show remnants of 14th Century wall paintings, one of which is thought to portray the Annunciation. The Church is very beautiful and well worth a visit if you venture into Stoke Golding. We all then had the opportunity to explore inside the building and look at the many ancient artefacts within. All students were exceptionally well behaved and respectful and were a credit to



Saint Martin's. We would like to pass on our sincere thanks to Emily and her team. We are planning to run the visit again next year only this time spend a bit longer with Reverend Emily.

bol100@tiscali.co.uk

The Thomas Barton Charity of Stoke Golding

Thomas Barton Charity was set up during the reign of King Henry IV for the provision of "pavements and cawsys". It now operates in a similar vane to the benefit of residents of Stoke Golding. Some of the things that the charity has contributed towards include: Messy Church-art and craft supplies, Cameo Cafe- new windows, Village Christmas lights, Christmas light switch on - for the volunteers from First Responders and the Fire Service, Faith Garden at St Margaret's school contributions towards this, Christmas globes given at Christmas during covid instead of light switch on, Flower Festivals at both St Margaret's and the Methodist churches, new Cemetery gates, the benches around the village, the restoration of the clock in Hall's factory, floodlights at St Margaret's Church, installation and running costs, the annual Garden Show at the club, prizes at Saint Martin's have received Prize Giving Shields, the willow sculpture, sports kits, a donation towards the 75th Celebrations. The village website hosting fee, the village signs- the birthplace of the Tudor dynasty ones, Stoke Golding football team kit, Baxter Hall - cupboard and interior decorating, Ukulele lessons at St Margaret's School, Stoke Golding football team goal posts, the Blue plaques around the village. If you have a project that you think could fit the remit of the charity, please get in touch using one of the following emails and an application could then be considered by the trustees.

pjspokes@yahoo.co.uk



In May, around 40 students from years 8, 9 and 10 took part in a week long residential to Plas Gwynant outdoor education centre in the heart of North Wales. The centre is surrounded by beautiful mountains and forests and provides a very different backdrop to what we are used to here in Leicestershire. One of the key objectives of the trip was to push ourselves beyond our comfort zone to build inner strength when facing challenge. We certainly achieved this through a whole range of activities.

Our adventures included abseiling, scrambling up a gorge and swimming through rock pools, mountain walking, canoeing, jumping off rocks into Lake Padarn, squeezing through rock formations (this is called weaseling – which is something we had never heard of. It is above ground caving and parkour mixed together), and probably the biggest challenge of all... making our beds and getting the cover on the duvet. Joking apart, we were all at some point during the week challenged and all grew in strength as a result. On the way home we had a bit of an unexpected extended stay in Llangollen, where our students proved themselves to be outstanding citizens. They were complemented on their good manners, politeness and conduct. We even received a card from a shopkeeper a week later stating how delightful our students were. Well done to all involved! The trip is planned again for May 2025.

CAREER *days*



UNBOX YOUR FUTURE

During April and May, our Year 10 students took part in an exciting new project run and supported by the NHS and Leicestershire Education Business Company called Unbox Your Future.

Our students were set a project to design a hospital menu taking into account different food allergens, religions and preferences. Each form group then visited the Leicester Royal Infirmary to present their menu to the NHS staff and had some inspirational talks from Midwives, Nurses, Surgeons, Chefs and IT apprentices at the hospital.

The winning form group of the menu project were 10AN who received a prize of £100 to spend as a group. Well done to Mr Crennan and his lovely students!



YEAR 10 CAREERS DAY

On July 3rd, Year 10 had a full day of careers information. They attended a Careers Fair where they spoke to further and higher education providers along with employers such as Leicestershire Police, NHS, Schneider Electric, Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council and Sellers. They also attended Speed Networking with some amazing volunteers, RAF session, First Aid delivered by British Red Cross and a session on writing their personal statements ready for applying to college/6th form/apprenticeships.

Our students were described by visitors as 'well-behaved', 'polite', 'interested' and a 'credit to the school'.

A BIG thank you to all of our visitors and to the students for engaging and making us proud.



WOMEN IN ENGINEERING EVENT

International Women In Engineering day is celebrated annually on June 23rd and to mark these achievements, we took a group of Y9 & 10 girls to visit Schneider Electric, Coventry for an event that not only showcased the fascinating work that the company does in terms of Eco efficient energy, but to also encourage females to consider a career in Engineering. Their female apprentices talked to our students about their journey and hopefully inspired some of them to consider engineering as a career in the future.



OTHER TRIPS AND VISITS

Brooksby College



RAF Wittering



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

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.

Sporting Results

Athletics

On Thursday 23rd May we took over 70 pupils to the Area Athletics at the Pingles Stadium in Nuneaton. We had some outstanding performances, many coming in the top 3. Our Year 8/9 girls came 1st overall. 16 of our pupils were then chosen to represent Hinckley & Bosworth at the County Championships in Loughborough in June. These students all placed either first or second in their respective event. At the County event we once again had some great performances with:

Chloe B (Year 9) - 1st in shot

Hari T (Year 9) - 3rd in shot

Jess M (Year 10) – 3rd in 800m

Esther A/O (Year 9) – 2nd in shot

Congratulations to all students who took part in this event.



Rounders

This term we have had some great results from our girls' rounders teams. Year 7, 8 & 9 all came 2nd in their tournaments just missing out by either one rounder or drawing on rounders scored. Well done girls.

Last week we took a Year 9 mixed rounders team to an All-England Rounders tournament at Leicester University. Schools from all over the Midlands attended. We did not have the best start losing the first match 7-4, however, after we went from strength to strength winning all our matches and qualifying for the semi-finals. We played a well drilled school in the semi's and lost 1-1½, coming 3rd overall. Two of our girls – Phoebe W and Aimee B were scouted by England Rounders for their talent pathway.



NETBALL

Once again, we have had some fantastic netball results.

PGL NETBALL

In May we took 3 Year 7 girls' teams on a PGL netball trip to Barton Hall in Devon. There were 16 schools taking part in the competition. The girls faced some very tough opposition. One of our teams progressing all the way to the final. The final was an extremely tense game and at half time we were 2 goals down. This did not deter the girls and they went on to win the whole tournament. Great weekend of netball girls, well done.

WSG NETBALL

At the end of June we were invited to take part at the World School Games Netball at Loughborough University. This year we entered 2 teams, an U13 (Year 7 & 8) team and an U15 (Year 9 & 10) team. The girls had worked very hard in training sessions and despite some last minute changes to the teams the girls showed some excellent performances throughout the whole weekend.

The girls played some intense matches, some matches going goal for goal, right up until the last few seconds of the match. Both teams went through to the plate tournament with the U15 team winning the tournament and the U13 team coming second.

This was a fantastic end to the season for all the girls and we couldn't be more proud of them! Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who came and supported us, we really appreciated it! Well done Girls!

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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