



NEWSLETTER

Dear Parent and Carers,

Welcome to our Easter newsletter, where you can discover the achievements and engaging events that have shaped this term at Saint Martin's. As a Catholic school, our faith is central to our mission, making Lent a profoundly meaningful period in our school calendar. During Lent, Catholics are encouraged to embrace prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to deepen our faith and prepare for Easter. Prayer nurtures our connection with God, fasting directs our focus to spiritual matters, and almsgiving fosters generosity and compassion towards others.

Details of local church services for Easter can also be found in this newsletter.

This Lent, we rallied together to support Lawrence House, a local homeless charity, through our annual charity 'Big Sleep Out', alongside collecting donations for our local food bank. You can find more details about these initiatives in this newsletter.

Highlights of the Term

The school show was a standout event this term, with our production of "Matilda" showcasing exceptional talent across three remarkable performances. Our heartfelt congratulations to all the students who participated and to Miss Clarke, head of Music, and her team for their dedication and leadership. You can see photos of each performance on our Facebook page.

Sports Achievements

In addition to our thriving performing arts program, our students have excelled in sports, achieving notable success in netball, basketball, football, and rugby. Details of these achievements can be found on pages 13 and 14 of this newsletter.

Year 11 Exams

This term marks the conclusion of the last full term for our Year 11 students at Saint Martin's. They have demonstrated exceptional diligence and dedication in their studies, and we extend our best wishes and blessings as they prepare for their GCSE exams next term. Revision resources have been provided to support them during the Easter break.


We have also included some information on how you, as parents and carers, can support with revisions techniques.

Beyond Lenten observances, performing arts, and sports, Saint Martin's has been abuzz with countless other activities that enrich our school community. Many of these are highlighted in the upcoming pages, and can be found on our Facebook page.

We include information each week in our Parent Bulletin, such as upcoming events, intervention and sports times and departmental information, we encourage all our families to read it when it is emailed out via Arbor each Friday.

We hope you enjoy reading about all the exciting news from Saint Martin's. Wishing you and your families a joyful and blessed Easter.

God bless,


C Wright
Principal

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 need any support with uniform please get in touch, we will be happy to help.

We are in need of school ties, if you are able to donate please drop them into the office.

If you have any queries please contact Mrs Davies on 01455 212386.

Thank you

Easter

SERVICES



SAINT DOMINIC'S COMMUNITY EASTER 2025

GOOD FRIDAY

11.30am Service of Witness—Hinckley Market Place
3.00pm Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday—Hinckley
6.30pm Stations of the Cross—Hinckley

HOLY SATURDAY

10.00am Blessing of food—Earl Shilton
11.00am Blessing of food—Hinckley
11.30am Children's Liturgy Group—Hinckley

EASTER SUNDAY

8.00am Easter Mass—Hinckley
9.00am Easter Mass—Market Bosworth
9.45am Easter Mass—Hinckley
11.00am Easter Mass—Earl Shilton
6.00pm Easter Reflection—Hinckley

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

28th April 2025	School Opens for Trinity Term 1
28th April—2nd May	GCSE MFL Speaking Assessments
2nd May	Carding Mill Valley Visit
5th May	Bank Holiday (School Closed)
6th May	Year 11 Mass
9th May	GCSE Exams begin
12th May	Year 8 Parents Evening
12th May—16th May	Plas Gwynant residential trip
Half Term Monday 26th May-Friday 30th May	
2nd June	School Opens for Trinity Term 2
11th—15th June	Berlin & Poland Visit
16th June	Year 9 Big Bang Visit
20th—22nd June	Condoover Hall Visit
25th June	Year 7 London Visit
27th June	Year 11 Prom
2nd July	Year 10 Careers Day
3rd July	Sports Day
3rd—4th July	Year 6 Induction day
4th July	Eco Fayre
11th July	School closes for Summer (Time TBC)

At Saint Martin's we strive to encourage virtues among our students in order that we become better people.

"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit." Aristotle

- **Prudence** (Making wise decisions)
- **Temperance** (Self-control)
- **Fortitude** (Being Courageous and having a strength of character)
- **Justice** (Treating people fairly)
- **Gratitude** (Being deliberately grateful and 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)



Lost Property



We have a huge number of coats and jackets in reception, if they are not collected before the end of term they will be donated to charity.

Please note that while in school, students are responsible for their own belongings. If items are lost students should start by checking in the last place they remember having the item. Any items found will usually be handed into the office.

Thank you.

Ask any adult about their memories of sitting their GCSEs and undoubtedly they'll recall the terror of the French/Spanish/German speaking exam. Here at St Martin's we know how stressful the exam can be for students and we have been working hard in class to ensure they are well prepared. With the Easter holidays fast approaching, here are some tips for how you can help them to achieve their potential:

1. **It's a speaking exam** - Many students prefer to make notes and write out long written answers to the speaking questions but it's worth remembering that this is a speaking exam and that the only way they will improve their spoken language skills is by opening their mouths and speaking aloud. Encourage them to record their presentations and play it back to check pronunciation and intonation.
2. **Little and often** - Try to encourage them to spend a little time each day, rather than trying to cram it all in the day before the exam.
3. **Listen to them** - You don't need to be fluent in French or Spanish to ask them questions and then listen to their responses. Encourage them to vary pace and intonation and avoid long monotonous responses.

Get them listening to the target language -
Encourage them to listen to French/Spanish music in the run up to the exams. Singing along is a bonus! Perhaps they could listen to some familiar programmes in French/Spanish or watch a few episodes of French or Spanish Extra online.

With over 100 language exams taking place at Saint Martin's the week after Easter, it's a busy time for the MFL department. We'd like to take the opportunity to wish all those taking exams 'Bonne chance' and 'Buena suerte'.

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.

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:

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

The Big Sleep Out

On Friday 4th April 2025, 41 students swapped their comfy bedrooms to sleep rough in the outdoor quad of the school in order to bring attention to the issue of youth homelessness. All money raised will be supporting Lawrence House, a Hinckley based charity that supports homeless young people.

The evening began with an opening liturgy led by the children. The pupils had an opportunity to reflect on the Good Samaritan Scripture reading and how they can show kindness and compassion to others. Diana, Project Manager from Lawrence House, joined us along with two young people and delivered a short talk on the history of Lawrence House and how they support young people.

The Late Sister Louis Bertrand OP, the first Principal of St. Martin's Academy laid the foundation stone of Lawrence House on 29th April 1992. What a privilege for our students to be aware of the continuous and ongoing work in Lawrence House.

Well done to all those involved. The grand total raised will be announced after the Easter break.

Lenten Food Bank Appeal

Some of our SVP team today, visited the food bank in Hinckley and donated the food collected during Lent. While there, they helped sort the items and took the time to check the dates on tinned food to ensure everything was still in date. They also listened attentively to how the food bank operates and asked thoughtful, relevant questions to better understand the process. Their efforts made it easier for the food bank to distribute the donations to those in need. The SVP team's efforts to support those in need demonstrate their commitment to making a positive impact in our society.

A special thank you to all our families for your generous donations - it is greatly appreciated!

We collected 182.7kg of food and toiletries which would have had a cash value of **£506.08**. Well done Saint Martin's.



A Season of Success in Maths:

AMSP Christmas Quiz Result

Our Y9 students also took part in the annual AMSP Christmas Quiz. This is an online, fast paced competition for pupils across Yorkshire, The Humber and the East Midlands. Students worked in teams of 2, 3 or 4, before submitting their answers online. Despite fierce competition on the day, we had one team place 4th, one place third and one team won the Heat! In fact, out of more than 2000 students taking part, in 682 teams, that team came 14th!

Intermediate Maths Challenge

In February, some of our Year 9 students took part in the UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge. This is a 60 minute, 25 multiple choice Challenge. It encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought and fluency to make students think. The problems on the Intermediate Maths Challenge are designed to make students think, most are accessible yet still challenge those with more experience. Out of 31 students who took part, 14 students were awarded Bronze Certificates, and 12 students were awarded Silver certificates with one missing out on Gold by just one point! Congratulations to all.

Year 10 Math Feast Success

In March some of our Year 10 took part in a "Maths Feast" competition at Cardinal Newman School in Coventry. Competing against 13 other teams of students from around the region, they had to complete four very different rounds of tricky Maths. Despite competition from some of the biggest and best schools in the area, we were so pleased to win 1st place and 4th place! Congratulations and a fantastic effort from all involved

This term, as part of Careers week, students looked at the Maths involved such varied careers as Social Media advertising, Housing, and Photography.

Parents can see how important Maths is in a variety of careers by looking through the "Maths Why Bother?" videos at [Maths, Why Bother? | MYPATH Careers Resources](#).

Students go from strength to strength on Sparx Maths. 602,030 questions have been answered correctly so far this year, with Bella Darji-Hackworthy leading the way with 30,558 XP points on the site. Well done Bella!"

The Parent's Guide To Helping *with* ReVISION

Assisting with revision

The secret to doing well in exams lies in planning. You can help your child to create a clear revision plan and method of studying that will make them feel in control of their work.

- Tips for revision planning:
- work out a revision timetable for each subject
- break revision time into small chunks - hour-long sessions with short breaks at the end of each session often work well
- make sure your child has all the essential books and materials
- condense notes onto postcards to act as revision prompts
- buy new stationery, highlighters and pens to make revision more interesting
- go through school notes with your child or listen while they revise a topic
- time your child's attempts at practice papers

Providing all-round support

It helps if other members of the household are aware that your child may be under pressure and that allowances should be made for this.

If your child is given study leave in the run-up to exams, try to be at home as much as possible so that you can share a break and a chat together.

Make sure there are plenty of healthy snacks in the fridge and try to provide good, nutritious food at regular intervals. Encourage your child to join family meals, even if it's a busy revision day - it's important to have a change of scene and get away from the books and computer for a while. Also encourage your child to take regular exercise. A brisk walk around the block can help clear the mind before the next revision session.

Try not to nag or make too many demands on your child during exam time. Arguments are counter-productive and will only add unnecessary stress and distract from revision.

It's important to get a good night's sleep before an exam, so discourage your child from staying up late to cram. And make sure he or she eats a good breakfast on the morning of the exam.

Treats and Rewards

Encourage your child to do well for his or her own sake rather than for money or to please you. Explain that exams aren't an end in themselves but a gateway to the next stage of life - to another Key Stage or to GCSEs, A levels, university, college or work. Good results are themselves the best reward for hard work and will make your child proud of his or her achievements.

Make sure your child knows you're interested in their work and that you'll be proud if they do well. Although bribery isn't advisable, it's fine to provide small treats by way of encouragement - perhaps a piece of cake or some biscuits after a chunk of revision has been completed. The end of exams can be celebrated with a treat that everyone can look forward to, such as a meal out or a trip to the cinema.

This information was taken from the BBC website.

For more information visit http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/parents/helping_with_exams/



Boost for Tutor Reading

We're delighted to share that **Market Bosworth Rotary Club** has generously donated **£250** to support our **whole school Tutor Read programme**.

Each morning, form tutors read aloud to their tutees for 15 minutes, focusing on classic and high-quality texts. Over the course of the year, each form group will enjoy **4–5 complete books**, helping to build vocabulary, comprehension and a lifelong love of

reading.

Research supports this daily commitment: a 2018 study by Kirsch, analysing data from 2.2 million students, found that just **15 minutes of engaged reading a day leads to accelerated reading gain** and students reading **20 minutes daily** were likely to **score better than 90% of their peers on standardised tests**.

Thanks to the generosity of Market Bosworth Rotary Club, we're able to continue growing and enriching this vital programme for all our students.

This donation, raised by the club through public fundraising, is a wonderful example of community spirit and support for education. We are incredibly grateful for their contribution and look forward to using the funds to make a meaningful impact for our pupils.

We are truly grateful for their support in promoting literacy and learning in our school community.



Homework Club

Homework club will **be available until 4.00pm on Mondays and 4:35pm, Tuesday 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

Period Poverty

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

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. These products are available to all girls especially if they:

- have forgotten their own products
- cannot afford products
- if their period has started unexpectedly while at school

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.

News from the Divinity Department

For the 2025 Jubilee Year, Pope Francis' message, as echoed by CAFOD, emphasizes being "Pilgrims of Hope," encouraging individuals to renew their hope, reflect on God's promises, and act as agents of change for justice, love, and peace, both locally and globally.

Our students' journey for the Jubilee Year started in the Year of Prayer in 2024. Please see many of the tasks they have been involved in through their Divinity lessons by following the link: [PowerPoint Presentation](#)

Our students have produced poignant and profound messages of 'Hope'.

For further messages of hope please see;

[Examples-of-art-work-entered-and-winning-design-for-Our-Lady-of-Hope-Icon-CMAT-Competition-December-2024.pdf](#)

We are proud to have won two competitions in the Jubilee Year organised by Tom Shannon, lead Lay Chaplain at St Thomas

Aquinas CMAT. Please see further information about this on the following links

[CMAT-Jubilee-Logo-Competition-entries-Saint-Martins-b-2.pdf](#)

[Examples-of-art-work-entered-and-winning-design-for-Our-Lady-of-Hope-Icon-CMAT-Competition-December-2024.pdf](#)

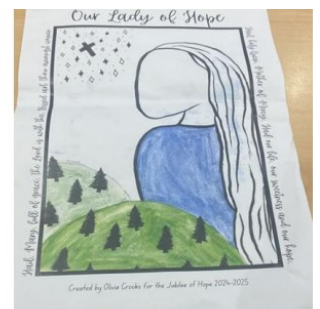
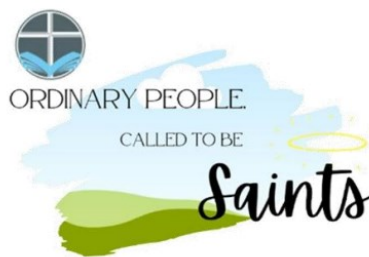
For the third year our Careers week in Divinity 3rd-7th March 2025 focused on the principles of Catholic Social Teaching highlighting through our speakers how we are called to be 'Pilgrims of Hope.'

Please see our Divinity website for further information;

[Pilgrims-of-Hope-Careers-Week-in-Divinity-March-2025-2.pptx](#)

Wishing you and your families a Holy and Happy Easter.

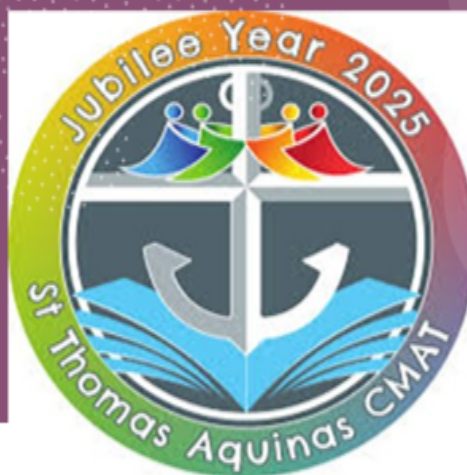
Divinity Department



"God's love never stops. He finds a thousand ways to reach each and every one of us, wherever we are, without calculation and without conditions, opening even in the darkest nights of humanity windows of light that darkness cannot obscure." These words from Pope Francis in his homily show us that we are all Imago Dei and we stand in solidarity to say "Yes to Life" and be beacons of light in people's darkness. St Thomas Aquinas said, "It is better to illuminate than to shine." Pope Francis encourages us to be witnesses of light to others.

Hermione Year 8 Divinity

Pilgrims of Hope Careers Week in Divinity March 3rd-7th March 2025 to coincide with Pope Francis' message for Lent and International Women's Day



We are very grateful to our parents/carers and visitors for giving so generously of their time to show how we can be Pilgrims of Hope through their journeys and field of work in our Jubilee Year and how this can link to the principles of Catholic Social Teaching: Imago Dei Dignity and Sanctity of human life, Common Good, Solidarity, Subsidiarity, Social Justice, Dignity of workers, Stewardship.

We continued to look at the importance of Interfaith Dialogue through the work of Mitzvah Day, ACN (Aid to the Church in Need) Missio and CARJ (Catholic Association for Racial Justice)

"Journeying together means...walking side-by-side, without shoving or stepping on others, without envy or hypocrisy, without letting anyone be left behind or excluded."



Thank you to Rose Twigger for speaking to Year 11 Health and Social Care about her work as a midwife and bereavement counselling.



who are persecuted for their faith around the world and for the podcasts she produces and speaking about ways CAN supports projects for girls and education ahead of International Women's Day.

Thank you to Amy press officer from ACN for speaking about her role in compiling national reports for policy documents for those



CAREER*days*



At Saint Martins, our careers programme is delivered via various ways including PSHE lessons, assemblies, guest speakers, trips and online platform Xello. Some highlights from this term have included Finance talks for year 9 and year 11, apprenticeship assembly delivered by North Warwickshire and South Leicestershire College to year 10, trip to the NEC for the What Next? exhibition for year 10 and the exciting launch of this years Unbox Your Future (UBYF) programme for year 10.

UBYF enables students to have an experience of a workplace alongside developing their teamwork, communication and presenting skills. Year 10 will work in form groups to create a presentation on a project set by the employer that they have visited. The employers that we are working with this year are Elmleigh Electrical Highcross Leicester, CES Hinckley and SGP Architects.

National Careers Week 2025 took place in March and departments spent the week focussing on highlighting the importance of their subject to the world of work and linking the curriculum to careers. Highlights of the week included a visit from employees of Jaguar Land Rover, bringing with them a very impressive £150,000 vehicle, dancer Bethany John who worked on the film 'Wicked' and Victoria Cockram from Leicestershire County Council worked with our Health & Social Care students on a Childcare workshop.



LIBRARYevents!

Harry Potter Disco

We had a wonderful World Book Day, celebrating all things Harry Potter at our themed disco.

There were some amazing outfits and some great moves on the dance floor.

We raised £338.65, of which, £100 towards library refurbishment, £95 for new books and the remaining balance was put towards Bookbuzz for next year.

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped on the night.



Library Refurbishment

Over the next few months we will be launching a fundraising campaign to refurbish our library. Our aim is to transform the space into a modern learning resource centre, providing more computers for research and homework, as well as a more spacious layout.

The images below give an idea of how we would like it to look. Please keep an eye out for our 'go fund me' page, which should be launched in May, as well as other fundraising activities.



Sporting Results

NETBALL

Once again, the girls have been extremely busy with netball this term, putting in a lot of time training and playing matches and tournaments.

We started 2025 having semi-finals in the Team Leicestershire competition for Year 7, 8 & 10. (Year 9 & 11 were already representing Leicestershire). All 3 teams came back from Christmas determined to do well in their semi finals, the Year 8's winning 18-5, Year 10's winning 15-4 and the Year 7's winning 19-2. This meant we had 3 teams going into the county finals at Loughborough University at the end of January. The night started with the Year 7's who after a slow start in their first quarter went from strength to strength winning 14-1. Next came the Year 8's who this year have been playing unreal. The girls started very strong giving Ashby School a tough time, winning 29-3. Last up was the Year 10's playing Lutterworth High. We have been in competition with Lutterworth since the girls were in Year 7 so we knew this was not going to be an easy match. The match went goal for goal both teams giving 100%, in an extremely tense match. At full time it was 9-9 and went to golden goal. Unfortunately, Lutterworth got the important goal. A fantastic match to watch.

Our next tournament was Regionals. Our U14 team (Year 8/9) and our U16 team (Year 10/11) were representing Leicestershire at Repton School, Derbyshire on a very cold Saturday morning in February. This is the toughest tournament in the Midlands with most of the schools being private. Our girls once again exceeded themselves outperforming many of the top schools. Both teams went into the plate with the U14's being the overall winners and the U16's coming 3rd.

In March our U13 & U15 teams were invited to play in the DRET tournament in Nottingham. This is the first time we have been invited. Many of the top netball schools in the Midland were there. This was a full-on day of tough matches, with both teams going through to the Cup. Our U13 girls came 2nd and our U15's came 4th. A great day of netball played by everyone.

This term Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 have also played in the Leicester Grammar School tournaments. We took A and B teams to these tournaments with some great results, Year 8 & 9 were the overall winners, and our B teams put in some great performances.

The girls are now looking forward to the PGL Barton Hall netball tour in May.

Well done and thank you to all the girls that have attended practices and matches this year, you are all a pleasure to be with, your enthusiasm and commitment is second to none.

*****I would like to thank all the parents who have attended the many Netball matches/tournaments this year. Your support and encouragement have made a tremendous difference and as a school we truly appreciate your dedication and commitment to our teams*****



Sporting Results

BASKETBALL

We have also had some amazing results with our girls basketball this year. Earlier in the season the Year 8, 9, 10/11 girls won their respective CVL Hinckley & Bosworth tournaments. The Year 8 and 10/11 girls also won their semi-finals convincingly going through to the finals, however, the Year 9's came up against the eventual overall winners in the semi's.

On Monday 17th March we travelled to The Morning Side Arena (home of the Leicester Riders) for the County Finals. Both teams were playing Lutterworth High School. Up first were our Year 8's. Both teams were strong from the start. Going into the last minute of the game we were winning 16-17, however 10 seconds before the end Lutterworth scored making the final score 18-17 to them. A fantastic nail-biting match.

Next up was our KS4 team (Year 10/11). This was another exciting match. St Martin's had a great start, however, Lutterworth never gave up and going into the last quarter we were tying with them. The match went into extra time with Lutterworth scoring first, but our girls never gave up and scored 2 more goals making the final score 37-33 to St Martin's. What a tense match. Now Leicestershire Champions!!!

Congratulations to both teams.

Thank you to all the parents who came to watch. It was amazing having such fantastic support on the sidelines.



INDOOR ATHLETICS

At the end of January, we attended the Hinckley & Bosworth Indoor Athletics. We had some good results both on the track and field with the Year 7 girls' overall winners, Year 8 girls coming 2nd and the Year 8 boys came 4th.

The Year 7 girls then went on to represent Hinckley & Bosworth at the County Finals at Loughborough University. This is a great event with all the top schools there who won their areas. On the day our girls came 1st or 2nd in nearly all the events so going into the final event we knew we were in a good position. The girls were crowned overall winners and are now Leicestershire Champions.

Well done girls.

RUGBY

The Year 9 and 10 boys overcame Lutterworth College 36-19 to win the Leicestershire U15 Plate competition. The team has come together over the pass year with many of the boys never having played before. They've worked really hard in training and have come together to form a really close-knit group. Some have now joined local teams such as Hinckley RFC and Leicester Forest RFC. Two of the boys have been accepted into the Leicester Tigers Junior Academy.

FOOTBALL

Our year 7 boys football team experienced a cup run in the English Small Schools Cup, reaching the quarter final stage. They were drawn to play away at the prestigious Repton School, where they fell to a 6-2 defeat. The boys gave a really good account of themselves and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

The U16 girls football team have reached the Warwickshire County Cup final, due to be held in May at Knights Lane, the home of Stratford Town FC. The girls won their semi-final 3-0 against Southam College with a dominant performance. They have worked so hard this year and really deserve this opportunity to win some silverware!



Weekly Parental Bulletin

The first port of call for information is the school website: www.saint-martins.net, there is a page dedicated to information that Parents / carers find most useful, this includes a admissions, transition, weekly menu, attendance and our educational visits brochure.

All school events, like parents evenings, details of fundraising, dates for school visits, times for department intervention and sports fixtures and all included in our Weekly Parents Bulletin, this is sent via Arbor each Friday.

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

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 or shaved eyebrows 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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Lenten Term 2025

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