



NEWSLETTER

Dear Parent and Carers,

If you like history, Tom Holland (Not the Spiderman one!!!), is a well-known historian and has a podcast, called 'The Rest is History', which is well worth a listen. He also wrote a fascinating book called Dominion in which he argues that many values we take for granted—human dignity, equality, compassion, and care for the vulnerable—are founded in Christianity. These ideas were once radical in a world that valued power, hierarchy, and honour. The average Romans, for example, would not have considered it particularly virtuous to be compassionate to the poor, neither would they have considered killing someone innately wrong. The Roman games were a classic illustration of this.

The reason I'm sharing this idea with you, is because at Easter we reaffirm the Christian foundations which we benefit so much from, by being part of the Christian community, by going to church, by living out the Christian virtues, we reaffirm those values that help underpin our families and communities. I know one of the reasons why families, even those who are not Catholic, choose a Christian school to educate their child, is because they know that inculcating Christian virtues within their child will make them a more successful and rounded human being.

Christians will be celebrating Easter throughout our community and there will be Easter Services in all the local Christian Churches. The Easter Services for the St Dominic's Catholic Community in Hinckley, Earl Shilton and Market Bosworth are outlined later on in this newsletter.

Please take some time to read our Easter Newsletter which is packed with all the events, sporting successes, shows and productions and other achievements or interesting things that have happened at Saint Martin's over the last term.

Wishing all our families and blessed, holy and restful Easter,


C Wright
Principal

Farewell

On Thursday we said farewell to Mrs Armishaw our superb Head of Business Studies, she has been promoted to the Head of a large Faculty in a school in Derbyshire.

We thank her for all her work in building up a highly successful Business department over the last 7 years and wish her all the best in her new role which she starts after the Easter break.

Stirling has been selected for the Loughborough College ACE Programme, giving him the incredible



opportunity to continue his studies while playing rugby at a high level in collaboration with Leicester Tigers.

This fantastic achievement is a real testament to his dedication, commitment and hard work. We wish him every success, we're so proud — well done, Stirling!

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 2026

GOOD FRIDAY

Walk of Witness—10.30am—Earl Shilton
 Service of Witness—11.30am—Hinckley
 Solemn Liturgy—3.00pm—Hinckley
 Stations of the Cross—6.30pm—Hinckley

HOLY SATURDAY

Easter Vigil—7.30pm—Earl Shilton
 Easter Vigil—8.00pm—Hinckley

EASTER SUNDAY

8.00am—Hinckley
 9.00am — Market Bosworth
 9.45am—Hinckley
 11.00am—Earl Shilton

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

6th—11th April	Yr8 / 9 Barcelona Sports Visit
13th April 2026	School Opens for Trinity Term 1
13th April	Year 10 Parents evening
14th April	Year 7-9 Mocks Start
14th April	Year 11 Art Exam Start
20th April	MFL speaking exams
23rd April	GCSE Practical Moderation
27th April	Carding Mill Valley Visit (1)
27th & 28th April	Soloist Performing Arts Evening
4th May	Bank Holiday, School Closed
5th May	Carding Mill Valley Visit (2)
11th May—15th May	Plas Gwynant residential trip
11th May	GCSE Exama Begin
Half Term Monday 25th May-Friday 29th May	
1st June	School Opens for Trinity Term 2
18th—21st June	Year 9 / 10 Rome Residential
25th June	Alton Towers Visit
1st July	Sports day
2nd & 3rd July	Year 6 Transition
3rd July	Year 11 Prom
6th & 7th July	Summer Showcase
10th July	School Closes for Summer

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.



It has been a very busy term in PSHE for all year groups. Here is a flavour of some of the work and topics covered by our students:

In year 7 students have been learning all about the dangers of taking drugs, including vaping. They have also had a talk from Leicestershire Police about the hazards of knife crime and gangs, as well as a presentation about puberty and adolescence.

In year 8 students have been studying first aid and CPR, which complemented the sessions led by First responders, where all students had the opportunity to learn about and practice CPR. A lot of time has also been spent looking at the interim options process and getting students ready to make their choices.

Year 9 students have been studying personal finances and the skills needed to set up a business. This included looking at entrepreneurship and risk.

Year 10 students have been studying how to become more resilient and how to deal with the stress that life sometimes throws at us. As part of this, Seller's funeral directors came in to present to the year group about how better to deal with bereavement.

Year 11 have probably been the busiest of all. They have had sessions looking at finances, which included a talk from De Montfort University on student finance, a talk from a financial advisor on personal finance and a talk from Safedrive training academy about the process and cost of learning to drive, which many of our students will be doing in the next year or so. We have also focused on revision techniques and preparation for exams, such as constructing revision timetables.

So, a busy time has been had, with hopefully lots of life skills learnt along the way.

School Funding

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

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

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

Name of Account:	St Thomas Aquinas Multi Academy Trust
Name of Bank:	Lloyds Bank
Account Number:	63927868
Sort Code:	30-96-18
Ref:	Childs Name and Year of birth (eg. Fred Smith 03)
Amount:	What ever you wish to donate per month.

Keep up to date!

Visit our school website

www.saint-martins.net

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

Facebook and Twitter feeds:

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

Feast of St Thomas Aquinas

Students and staff from Saint Martin's gathered at English Martyrs, alongside schools from across the CMAT Trust, to celebrate the Feast of St Thomas Aquinas, our Trust's patron saint, in a joyful day rooted in faith, community and hope.

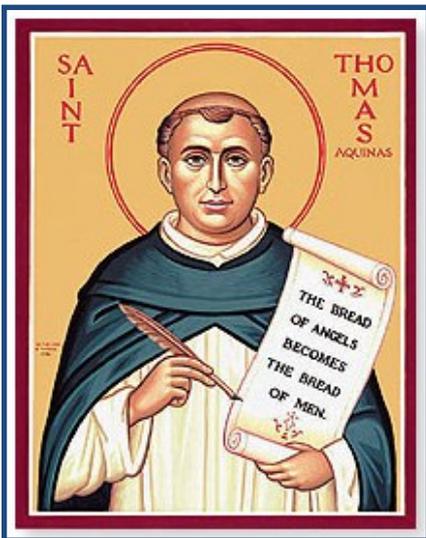
The day began with a moment of prayer led by Tom Shannon, inviting students to reflect on what hope means in today's world and how, like St Thomas Aquinas, they are called to live with faith, courage and wisdom.

Students then took part in a lively and engaging "Bible Guess Who" activity, exploring the lives of inspiring saints and discovering how people from different times and backgrounds lived out their faith — often in challenging circumstances — and continue to inspire hope today.

A further session was led by the SVP (St Vincent de Paul) team, who spoke passionately about serving others and being witnesses of hope in the world. Students reflected on how even the smallest acts of compassion can make a powerful difference.

The day concluded with a beautiful Mass celebrated by Fr Simon Gillespie, with our students playing an active role as altar servers, bringing forward the offertory, and presenting the Banners of Hope and the Mary icon.

A truly uplifting celebration, bringing our Trust community together in prayer and fellowship — reminding us all that we are called to grow not only in knowledge, but to live as Missionaries of Hope, spreading faith, kindness and compassion wherever we go.



Spreading the LOVE—In February, our Year 7 choir visited local care homes in Earl Shilton and Barwell, sharing music and joy with residents as part of Valentine's Week celebrations. A wonderful example of our school's commitment to community engagement and spreading kindness.



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/

Alton Castle Residential Retreat

From Wednesday 21st- Friday 23rd January 2026, 33 students from Year 8 visited Alton Castle, Staffordshire for a residential retreat.

The castle's beautiful setting, perched at the top of the Churnet Valley, gives an opportunity for us to go out into the countryside, encountering Christ through creation.

We went there for a retreat with the theme of 'Rooted' to help us get rooted in Christ. The 4 steps of being rooted are: the seed, roots, tree and fruit. We learnt that we are all individuals with our unique talents. We have different beliefs but Jesus sacrificed himself for all of us.

During our time at the castle, we undertook challenges that promoted teamwork such as completing the 'Nightline' in total darkness as well as physical challenges of biking, trekking, archery, survival skills and low ropes.

The children had a wonderful experience and were great ambassadors of our school.



Homework Club

Homework club will be available until **4.00pm on Mondays and 4:30pm, 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.

Congratulations to Nancie in Year 9 who won 2nd prize in a National Interfaith Poetry Competition. The judges described Nancie's poem in the following words: "We loved how the poem strings together faith teachings, moral courage, and tender images of care to present community as a shared spiritual commitment to dignity, justice, and welcoming every person with compassion."

Please see email below to congratulate 9A who got through to the final stages for the Columbian national competition for writing about the importance of refugees and creating artwork. The prize was won by a Year 13 student in a Birmingham Catholic Secondary School but nevertheless 9A should be very proud of their efforts.

*Dear students,
I am writing to you on behalf of the Columban Missionaries. You entered our media competition on the theme of, "Becoming a Refugee is never a choice, but how we respond is". Thank you so much for going to this effort.*

I'm sorry to tell you that you did not win, although I can say that your entries were outstanding and got through to the final stage of judging by the panel of myself, Ruth Gledhill (Multi-Media Editor at The Tablet), Josephine Siedlecka (founder and Editor of Independent Catholic News), Columban Father Tim Mulroy, Lexi Moulton (teacher involved in Columban programmes with refugees), and a Refugee project in Birmingham. The panel praised the high quality of all the entries that were shortlisted.

Thank you again for participating. May God bless you and your families – in your education and learning and in the task of working for the common good, James Trewby Columban Justice and Peace Education Worker

Thank you to the many parents/carers/ past students who took time to come and speak to our students for Careers week in Divinity. Our theme was 'Ambassadors of Hope' following on from last years theme of 'Pilgrims of Hope' in the Jubilee Year. We are grateful for the time you gave us.

We are grateful Dan that you took time out of your day to speak about Age UK. You showed us that all people deserve a voice and deserve to be always treated with dignity no matter their age.

We would like to thank Andy, Annette and Holy from the Fire/ Forensic department for speaking to us about how you help to educate people about the dangers of fire. Everyday you risk your lives. You become the beacon of light in other people's darkness. Year 9 student

We would like to thank the police for coming to speak to us. I was inspired to hear about the different areas of the police you can become involved in and how much courage and determination you give each day to make our lives safe. Year 8 student

We would like to thank Lindy for speaking to us about agroecology. I have learnt from the Jenga Blocks analogy that reintroducing predators to areas affected by climate change have negative impacts for

specific habitats in a region. Stewardship is the ability to look after our world as stewards rather than consumers. We are the leaders for future generations, as Ambassadors of Hope we are called to do good and help the environment. This reinforces the concept that all life is sacred and that even the smallest actions can result in something big- making sure we recycle and not following fast fashion.

Thank you to Rebecca. You showed us the importance of Mental Health and what we can do to ensure that we can become the best versions of ourselves. This links to the dignity of the human person and that we must always stand in solidarity with those that suffer.

Thank you to Eleanor. Your role as a Doctor is to give hope and love. So much of your talk links to the CST principles of dignity of the human person, standing in solidarity with those who suffer, common good. You have inspired me to work hard to become a doctor.

Thank you to Sarah for speaking to us about the important role of the local Government and the impact it has on our everyday lives. This links to common good and justice.

Thank you to Ollie for speaking about your faith. You spend each day helping young people to become close to God in Nottingham Diocese. Like St Peter, we must listen to what God is calling us to do with our lives. I hope to be like you and in the future come back as a past student and speak to the students of Saint Martin's family.

On behalf of the Divinity Department, we would like to wish you and your families a Happy and Holy Easter .



We attended a three-day residential retreat at the Briars Catholic Retreat Centre in Matlock. It was a wonderful opportunity for students to step away from their daily routines and spend time exploring and deepening their faith in a peaceful and supportive environment.

During the retreat, students took part in a variety of activities including prayer, group discussions, reflection sessions and team-building exercises. These experiences encouraged everyone to think more deeply about their faith, their values and their relationships with others. Alongside the spiritual aspects of the retreat, students also enjoyed spending time outdoors, appreciating the beautiful countryside around Matlock and taking part in activities that helped build friendships and a strong sense of community.

The retreat was also made especially meaningful by the presence of Oliver Morgan, a former Saint Martin's student, who is now a Programme Leader at the Briars. It was wonderful to see Oliver leading sessions and sharing his own faith journey with the group. His connection to the school made the experience even more special and inspiring for the students.

Overall, the residential was a fantastic few days filled with reflection, laughter and memorable moments. It provided students with the chance to grow in confidence, strengthen friendships and create lasting memories while developing a deeper understanding of their faith.



Students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 visited the chapel to take part in Lenten Prayer Stations. During this time, students were invited to pause, reflect and pray as they journeyed through a series of stations linked to the themes of Lent, including sacrifice, forgiveness, hope and renewal.

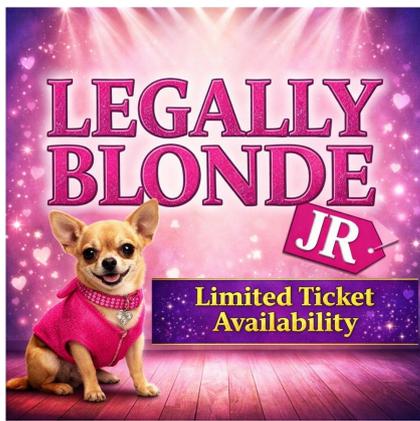
Each station encouraged students to think more deeply about the meaning of Lent and how it relates to their own lives. Through quiet reflection, prayer and small activities, students were able to consider how they can make positive choices, show kindness to others and grow spiritually during this important season.

Lunch Service

Chaplaincy students from Saint Martin's have been supporting the Frugal Lunches held at St Peter's Catholic Church every Friday during Lent. Students attended Mass at 12:00pm before helping to serve simple lunches of soup and bread to parishioners and members of the local community.

The students played an important role in welcoming parishioners, serving food and helping to create a warm and friendly atmosphere for everyone attending. Their involvement provided a valuable opportunity to put their faith into action through service, while also strengthening the links between the school and the parish community.





Our spectacular production this year was Legally Blonde, with three different casts over the 3 evening performances, we had almost 150 students involved! A fantastic opportunity for them to show off their skills in drama, dance, music and technical support, this was certainly a showcase worth seeing.

We have included some photos here, to give you a taste of the talent on stage this term, but there are plenty more on our Facebook page. Thank you to all of the students and staff involved in the running of this production, months of preparation, planning and rehearsals have gone in to producing, a very successful and enjoyable show. A huge well done to all of the student performers, main cast and ensemble who have all worked exceptionally hard.





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Sign up and get started



You may have seen in recent communications that we have enlisted the support of Parents, Teachers and Friends of Saint Martin's by setting up a new PTFA, to assist with fundraising in school. The PTFA are supporting a community that will raise money to fund planned projects around school, support with curriculum resources, enhance facilities, trips and improve the experience of the students.

The PTFA is open to new members, you are welcome to come along to any of the meetings. One of their initiatives was to sign up to Easyfundraising, this platform turns your daily shopping into cash for our school. Easyfundraising partners with over 8,000 brands who will donate part of what you spend to Saint Martin's. It won't cost you any extra. The cost is covered by the brand. You can help by signing up at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>, selecting Saint Martin's Catholic Academy as your chosen cause, and shop online through their website or app. It takes less than a minute to sign up, and we get money for each new supporter.

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Saint Martin's Catholic Academy Stoke Golding



Every online purchase, however big or small, will help with our fundraising goals! Thank you



You will also have received an email about Your School Lottery, on behalf of our PTFA.

Your School Lottery is a weekly fundraising platform where parents and community members buy tickets to support Saint

Martin's Catholic Academy. Participants can win a weekly local cash prize and a £25,000 national jackpot, with 40% of ticket sales going directly to the school to fund resources like books, improve the school environment as well as run extracurricular activities.

It only takes a couple of minutes to sign up, and costs as little as £1 per week.

Every ticket we sell can make a huge difference to our school. You can share your personalised link with friends, family and on your social media to promote this fantastic fundraising lottery, for an opportunity to be entered into the National Draw with some huge and fantastic prizes.

More details on our Facebook Page—Saint Martin's PTFA



PTFA Car Boot sale

Sunday 17th May 2026
(Provisional date—Weather dependant)

Food Vendors and
Pitch Holders wanted

More detail to follow on Facebook or email:
Saintmartinsptfa@gmail.com

PTFA

Join our next meeting
Tuesday 28th April 2026
in the school Library at 6pm

CAREER *days*



Lenten Term Careers highlights

During National Apprenticeship week in February, we welcomed visitors from Jaguar Land Rover and ex-student, Archie Gallacher from JCB. JLR brought with them 2 vehicles for students from all year groups to explore and gave informative talks to Year 9 and 11 on career opportunities within the company. Archie presented to our Year 10 students, highlighting his career journey and the different apprenticeship options within JCB.



National Careers week took place in March, and we had a multitude of visitors presenting and careers focussed lessons taking place! If you would be interested in supporting careers events in the future, whether that be talking to smaller groups of students or a whole year group, please e-mail ytones@saint-martins.net

MIRA recently held their annual TeenTech festival and we were lucky to secure 14 places for some Year 9 students. The afternoon was aimed at inspiring the next generation of engineers by giving them the opportunity to design a product or app and pitch their idea to STEM ambassadors. Students then had time to talk to employers and try out various challenges. Our students won the faster finger first task by completing the challenge in an incredible **2 seconds and 20 milliseconds**. Their prize was to bring home the challenge to use in school.

Over the next couple of months, Year 9 will be working with local employers to gain experience of the workplace. See list below. More information and photos to follow!

- 9 Cana – Active Leicester
- 9 Hebron – Active Leicester
- 9 Bethlehem – Highcross Leicester
- 9 Jerusalem – Highcross Leicester
- 9 Nazareth – Leonardo Hotel Hinckley

LIBRARYevents!

Hello!

I am Mrs Bakewell and I became the new Librarian back in January. I have had a lovely first term learning my new role and supporting the students with their reading.



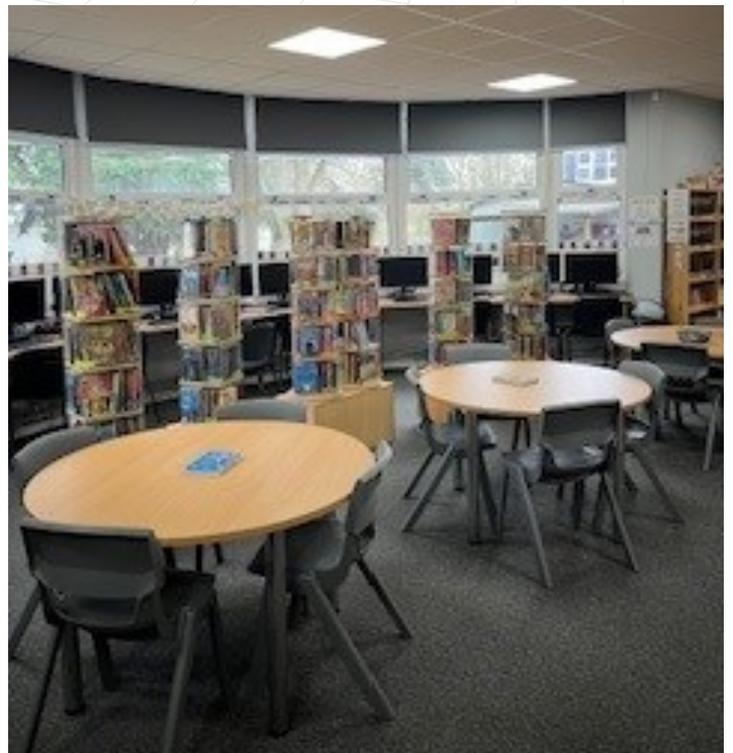
Lots of new books have been added to the shelves and the students have been encouraged to come to the newly refurbished library. As 2026 is the National Year of Reading, I am trying to encourage and promote reading across the whole school. I have appointed 12 Student Librarians who have been amazing in supporting me with the daily library jobs. We are continuing to fund raise to support our new year 7 students so they can choose a free book from Book Buzz when they join the school next academic year.

We organised a book sale and tombola to coincide with the schools Legally Blonde performance. There is a loose change challenge happening as a small competition between the tutor groups and a disco will be happening next term. I look forward to reporting on our fundraising progress later in the year.

You may remember last year that we launched a fundraising campaign in order to refurbish the school library, this included plans to decorate, carpet the space, swapping the configuration to make more room for computer desks, and install new work stations and tables. We were left a Legacy in the Will of former Deputy Head, Viv Abraham, and used this as a starting point for the project. The refurbishment plans and photos of our beautiful new library are below. We wish to thank The Thomas Barton Charity, The Abraham family and our CMATrust for their support with this project.



Prizes have been awarded to recognise and celebrate our biggest readers (see photo below) and I will continue to reward students who are pushing themselves and reading more.



Sporting Results

It has been another exceptional and action packed term for the girls since Christmas, filled with determination, teamwork and a consistently high standard of performance across all sports. Their commitment to training and representing the school has truly paid off, with many memorable moments and achievements to celebrate.

Netball

Years 7, 8 and 11 all qualified for the Leicestershire finals, with Years 8 and 11 emerging as overall winners. Year 7 narrowly missed out on the top spot in a closely contested match against Lutterworth High. It was especially memorable for our Year 11 team, as this marked their final game together.

Earlier in the year, our U14 team (Years 8 and 9) were crowned Leicestershire champions before going on to achieve further success at the regional level, becoming East Midlands champions. They then progressed to represent the region at the national finals in March. Facing exceptionally strong competition, including many independent schools, the team performed brilliantly securing one win and coming very close in three other matches. It was an unforgettable experience and a proud moment for all involved.

Many of our students also took part in the Leicester Grammar School tournaments, where our Year 7, 8 and 9 teams were all crowned champions. Overall, it has been another exceptional year for our netball players.

Basketball

Our Year 9 and Year 10/11 teams both reached the Leicestershire finals and were crowned champions after two highly exciting matches. The standard of play was so impressive that a Leicester Riders coach even expressed interest in recruiting some of our players, a testament to their talent and potential. It was a fantastic evening for everyone involved.

Indoor Athletics

In January, our Year 7 and 8 girls competed in the Indoor Athletics competition, taking part in a range of track and field events. It was a thrilling day of competition, with Year 7 finishing in a very close second place, just a few points shy of first. Year 8 delivered an outstanding performance to secure first place and will now go on to compete in the Leicestershire finals this week.

Football

The Year 9 boys' football team have enjoyed a fantastic season, recently being crowned Hinckley & Bosworth champions after a series of impressive performances. Their success means they are now proudly representing the area at Team Leicestershire level, competing against other district champions from across the county. The squad has shown great teamwork, determination and resilience throughout the competition and are now hoping to continue their strong run and secure a place in the county final.

Finally, I would like to extend a sincere thank you to all parents and carers for their continued support this term. From sponsorship and transport to enthusiastic encouragement at events, your contribution makes a huge difference. It is a pleasure to see the girls competing with such determination and success, they truly do the school proud.

You can keep up to date with all of our sporting fixture and achievements on our dedicated Saint Martin's Sports Facebook page, follow along to show your support.



Sporting Results



Year 10/11 Rugby Team March Into County Cup Final

The Year 10/11 boys' rugby team continue their outstanding season with another impressive run in the County Cup. After a commanding victory over Kibworth Mead in the opening round, the squad showed real grit and determination in a thrilling 17–12 win against local rivals The Hinckley School at Hinckley RFC.

Their journey now leads them to their biggest challenge yet: a County Cup Final showdown against Oakham School. The boys have trained tirelessly throughout the year, demonstrating commitment, teamwork, and resilience every step of the way. They are now hoping to cap off their hard work by bringing home some well deserved silverware.

A bit of Saint Martin's Sporting history..... the 1976 County Cup winners, we beat Oakham Boys in the final. The team included Dean Richards, former player for Leicester Tigers, England and British & Irish Lions.

50 year's later we're playing the same team, in the County Cup Finals!

The final will take place on **Thursday 16th April**, with kick off at **5:30pm** at **Hinckley RFC**. It would be fantastic to see a strong crowd there to cheer them on. Your support could make all the difference—let's get behind the team!



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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