



Law Student acquires dream opportunity within APP Law Residential

Holly Rawlings, currently studying AS Law here at St. Martin's, has recently received confirmation of her involvement within the extremely prestigious APP Law Residential programme. This is a programme for anyone dreaming of becoming a lawyer and wanting to know what it's really like to work for a leading multinational law firm. The programme is partnered with the hugely successful firms Clifford Chance, Herbert Smith Freehills and Linklaters. They will provide candidates with a week long insight into their chosen career (all of whom are amongst the most prestigious law firms in the UK).

APP Residential supports high achieving students from low income backgrounds across the UK from lower sixth, into competitive universities, and the top professions. Holly now has the opportunity to undertake a one or two week internship with a top employer in London with all expenses paid. Whilst on their residential and in addition to the internship, Holly will receive skill sessions and university application support, and if that is not enough, her mentor will be an employer within the firm that she will undertake her placement with! In addition to this, Holly will also have the opportunity to experience life in the Capital, with evening and weekend activities thrown in for good measure! Well done Holly! An experience so well deserved by such a committed young law student.

Ms K Joyce Head of Business & Law

Fairtrade event held on Friday 10th March



The event was held during 'Fairtrade Fortnight' to raise awareness about Fairtrade products. It was a fantastic event where pupils sampled Fairtrade products such as: chocolate, bananas, tea, coffee and hot chocolate. Pupils discussed the importance of Fairtrade which fits in with one of the current topics being taught: The Geography of Chocolate. The running of the event was helped by the Humanities Club who distributed samples of Fairtrade goods as well as answering any questions pupils had. The event was a success with some pupils coming back again at lunch time to enjoy more Fairtrade tea and coffee! Many thanks for your support in this,

Charlotte Morgan

Maths

Great to see so many year 9 and 10 pupils attending revision sessions after school on a Thursday. The year 10 pupils are making excellent progress and already preparing for their exams in November. Top set year 9 are preparing for their examinations at the end of year 10. Well done to you all.

SEVENS REPORT

Year 9 Rugby Sevens day at Bishopston School Swansea

The Year 9 boys were drawn in a tough group and came up against some formidable opposition throughout the day. The competition was great experience for the boys and will put them in stronger position next time they are involved in something like this.

Stand out performers for their tackling, support and all round involvement were Hamish Anderson and Josh Jennings. Well done boys, your attitude and behaviour was commendable.

Year 8 Competition

After week of preparation the team attended the caerphilly 7's with excitement. The first game was a local derby against St Cenydd where both teams were nervous and forgot the principles of 7's of keeping the ball, avoiding contact and attacking space. After a half time reminder play improved and after a well fought contest ended in three tries each.

Game two in the pool saw us against Newbridge and applying all the principles and energy nine tries were scored with no reply. All the squad contributed to this win.

Game three saw us pinned against a big Lewis Boys team. However, our superior skill and work rate, coupled with solid principles meant that we put seven tries against them with no reply.

We met our final opponents who we had recently beaten in the 15 man game. Blackwood. We knew they had great pace and tried to target it. Unfortunately after a hard fought game it ended in 6 tries to our five.

Overall some exceptional performances from a committed team. Tackling was ferocious and attack exciting. They did the school proud.

Notable performances from Scott Pritchard, and Huw Anderson.

PE Staff



St Martin's join forces with Llamau #BeBold

For thousands of young people in Wales, homelessness is a frightening reality. Fortunately, Llamau can provide the accommodation, support and advice that is so crucial in times of crisis for these youngsters and are also on hand to provide invaluable support to vulnerable women in our local communities. St Martin's, in the belief that the well-being of Women is very important in order to raise aspirations, welcomed the opportunity, without hesitation, to wholeheartedly assist them in raising valuable funds.

On Wednesday 8th March, All pupils and staff were invited to attend school in their boldest, brightest colours for #BeBold. As always, the pupils of St. Martin's rose to the challenge and by breaktime we had raised over £600... and the donations kept steadily rolling in throughout the day. It was truly overwhelming to see not only the kind, generosity of all of our pupil's and staff, but all the bright colours around every corner made for a very upbeat day all round... I just wish I had remembered my sunglasses!

Young Enterprise Competition



"Forging Links" - Forging links between St Martin's School and small local businesses, for the mutual benefit of all!

6 April 2017 arrived.. the day that our "Forging Links" Young Enterprise company, successfully created by Year 10 Business students, were to go head to head with other aspiring young entrepreneurs within the boroughs of Caerphilly, Blaenau Gwent and Torfaen.

A little nervous, but very determined, 10, of our 17 strong team, headed off to Blaenau Gwent Workingman's Hall with the aim of winning. This was all the more appealing as we had overcome adversity and due to many administrative errors along the way, had managed to not only come up with the idea of creating this company, but also managed to get 12 initial business on board, sell a few cards, sell shares, put together a company report, a company presentation and create a trade stand in just 3 weeks! Perseverance at its finest!

As the day progressed the confidence grew.. our trade stand was looking great and was most definitely in with a chance of winning this category.. our MD and HR Directors bravely took the stage and performed magnificently in the delivery of our presentation... we were started to look good against the competition. It was finally the awards ceremony.. and "Forging Links" were most definitely rewarded for all their efforts.. Best Presentation... Best Trade Stand and Interview and Chairman's Award for facing and overcoming adversity in the short turnaround time of their company. Amazing! Now, the future continues to look healthy as further collaboration is being made with the local council, and further business allowing our business to continue to go from strength to strength.

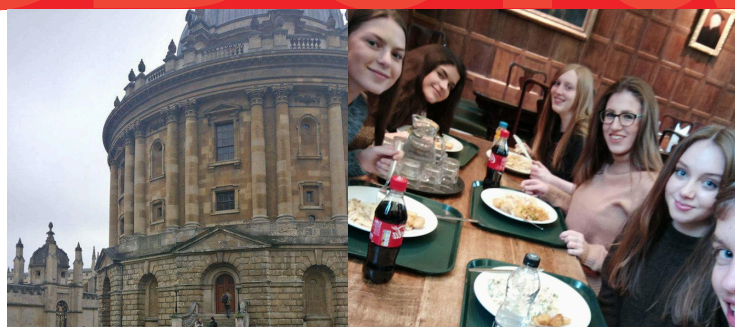
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Forging Links-St Martin's School



Oxford University trip

Earlier this year 6 of our Year 12 students visited Oxford University as part of a trip organised by the SEREN Project.

On arrival, we were met by Dr Matthew Williams who explained our itinerary for the day. Firstly we chose between attending a lecture on 'Astrophysics & Black Stars' or 'The Relevance of Elizabeth I's Gender on Contemporary Literature.' The lectures certainly made us all think and we asked lots of questions. We all came away having learnt something about our chosen topic!

Next, Dr Matt led an introduction to Oxford University, where we got to learn more about the history of the Uni and ask questions about why students choose Oxford over other Universities. A complimentary lunch was provided and served up to us in the impressive Grand Hall of Jesus College, complete with open log fire which was very welcome on such a chilly day!

After lunch, we were taken on a tour of St. John's College, guided by three current students of the college. This gave us an opportunity to see the facilities such as the student halls, libraries and independent study and social areas. Our guides were very enthusiastic about what student life is like at Oxford and they gave us a real insight into the social and academic opportunities available. Surrounded by historic buildings and beautiful gardens, it's easy to see why Oxford is such a sought-after place to study!"