



MARCH 2018 NEWSLETTER



Thank
you for your
hard work
guys!

Year 7 & 8 Pixl update

Year 7 and 8 pupil reception duties have continued to be carried out with great success and enthusiasm throughout the spring term. Students are now playing a vital role in the smooth day to day operations of our office and admin teams. All work carried out contributes to pupils' PIXL Edge qualifications which recognises work/success outside of the classrooms! Pupils have also presented to the governing body and external agencies linked to the school to highlight the benefits of the PIXL Edge program.

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🐦 @StMartins_Y8

Language Ambassador Training

Five of our Year 8 language students had the opportunity to represent our school during the Language Ambassador Training, organised by "Routes into Languages Cymru". The event, that took place in the wonderful venue of Insole Court in Cardiff, congregated a dozen schools from the area. Students participated in different language workshops (French, German and Spanish), and reflected and planned on how to popularise languages in schools.

Our outstanding pupils will be promoting languages in St Martin's, as they are now our great Language Ambassadors!



🐦 @StMartins_Span



Year 8 Options Evening

Year 8 Options Evening was a well attended and positive evening for pupils, parents and staff. Year 8 pupils have some important decisions to make this half term but hopefully these decisions were made slightly easier following the conversations with teaching staff and the senior team during the evening. Some new subject areas will also be discussed in assemblies and taster lessons.

Year 8 pupils must make their initial options choices ASAP and the final option blocks will be made available after Easter for pupils to make their final choices.

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MICRO£-TYCO

Year 12 undertake Micro Tyco for second year running!

The clock struck midnight on the 1st of February and the Micro-Tyco adventure for our 3 Year 12 volunteers: Lauren Lucas; Matthew Brown and Joseph Vart, began! The challenge set by the huge corporate giant that is Deloitte, was to grow their £1 seed capital to the maximum, over the course of the month. Our three plucky six formers undertook many exciting developments to allow them to do this including selling raffle tickets for excellent prizes donated by many local businesses; to cake sales; to a non-uniform day.

All in all, despite also having the added hindrance of half term in the middle of the month too, they still managed to raise a very respectable £574.61 for WildHearts microfinance – supporting women in underdeveloped countries to become self-sufficient in their ventures. It has been clear to see, that this entrepreneurial journey, has not only allowed them to develop their business skills but to also grow personally, inspired by the knowledge that they were potentially helping thousands of people around the world. Well done! You were definitely all a credit to yourselves and to the school. Budding entrepreneurs of the future I think!!

Ms K Joyce – Business & Law

🐦 @StMartins_BS



Drama A Level Exam

Our A level students completed their A2 practical exam on the 6th March 2018. Their work explored various styles from naturalism to the theatre of cruelty.

The pieces were of a very high standard and were enjoyed by parents, ex pupils and a visiting examiner. This was their final practical exam and we wish them all the best for the future!

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Arriva Trains safety visit - Year 8

Year 8 were taught some valuable lessons by Arriva Trains Wales drivers in conjunction with British Transport Police and Network Rail during this half term. Pupils discussed the problems linked to level crossing and illegal access of train lines.

One of the most important lessons was linked to the future electrification of the valleys' lines and the dangers associated with high voltage electricity cables. This was presented via the use of some graphic real life injury photos, this experience was an eye opener for pupils and staff!

Science club

Learners have been having great fun in KS3 STEM club so far this term, they have made slime, looked at friction using shoes, made rockets and extracted DNA. The science club is run by Miss Hurley every Wednesday 3pm-4pm in room 24.

So, come along and do some interesting experiments, enter science competitions and carry out some interesting investigations.

 @StMartins_Sci

