

ST. MARTIN'S SCHOOL

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Start Dates for September

Thursday 2nd September - INSET
Friday 3rd September - INSET
Monday 6th September - INSET
Tuesday 7th September - Year 7 & 12
Wednesday 8th September - All return

BEST COMPANY AT YOUNG ENTERPRISE FINAL!



Year 12 students from St. Martin's School have been crowned best company at the Young Enterprise Welsh Final 2021. The final (held digitally this year instead of in person due to Covid-19), on Wednesday, 26 May, celebrated the achievements of students who have set up and run a company over the academic year as part of the Young Enterprise Company Programme. The programme allowed our students to set up a company of their choosing - making all the decisions about their business to creating a business plan.

Their resilience and determination has been inspiring to all. Boys, you have been a credit to yourselves, the school, and we are all extremely proud.



On Friday 25th June Richard Parsons, David Lloyd and Rhys from the Old Boys Association were generous enough to visit the school and reward one of our students with a bursary of £300. The bursary was carefully awarded to Oliver Bridle who is planning on pursuing a career as a Geography teacher starting with a Geography degree at Aberystwyth University. The bursary is intended to support Oliver in his pursuits and give him a much appreciated kick start to university life.

Oliver said 'I am so grateful to have been awarded this bursary. I am excited to put it to good use at Aberystwyth University and look forward to hopefully being able to support young people like myself in the future.'

POLY TUNNEL UPDATES



As part of its commitment to creating a greener and more sustainable schools site, St Martin's School has its very own polytunnel. Staff member, Kelly Osborne (along with her husband Alan) has been working hard over the last few months to prepare the soil plant an array of fruit vegetables. We are now beginning to see the fruits of the labour as the first radishes and peas are being harvested.

The polytunnel is part of the school's long-term plan to build authentic learning experiences into its curriculum as Wales moves towards adopting its Curriculum for Wales in September 2022. There are plans to link the polytunnel with the school's restaurant, 'Class', and to the sustainable food shop which will be opening in September.

With trees donated by the Woodland Trust planted this year to improve drainage on its sports pitches, the polytunnel forms part of St Martin's site enhancements focused on improving the environment.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH UPDATES



Huge congratulations to the Year 9 and 10 students who have been working hard throughout a testing year to complete their physical, skills and volunteering sections of their Bronze DofE. The students have recently completed their expedition training in preparation to walk the 23km Gower coastline over the course of two days.

Wish us luck for sunshine and stay tuned for updates on who cooked themselves the best camp dinner/breakfast, who erected their tent the most successfully and find out which walking groups rallied together, to keep each other motivated to complete the walking route; fingers crossed for no blisters!

Information to sign up for next year's bronze, silver and gold awards will be sent out to students in September 2021 - keep your eyes peeled!

BEST WISHES, YEAR 13!



On Friday 25th June, we welcomed back our year 13's for their leaving ceremony. Students were invited to enjoy a BBQ with cakes and balloons. Memory walls and yearbooks were shared to help remember their time here at St. Martin's School.

Mr Jarvis, Headteacher said "I have every confidence that our world will be a better place with each of you in charge of shaping it, whether you become the next generation of World Leaders or future teachers, doctors or engineers".

Miss McCallion, Head of Learning said "I am incredibly proud of you all. You have shown such amazing resilience during what has been a really difficult year and dealt with everything that has been thrown your way with maturity and grace".

The whole year group will be sadly missed but we are excited to hear what they all go on to do next as St Martin's representatives.

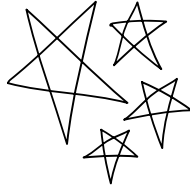
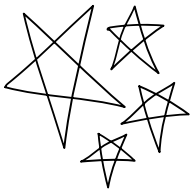
SPORTS DAY RESULTS



Given the difficult circumstances of the epidemic we still successfully completed a Sports Day for Year 7-10. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the day and were a credit to the school. Well done to all the students who participated in the events. Please see the results from the different year groups below. Let's hope we can do a whole school event next year.

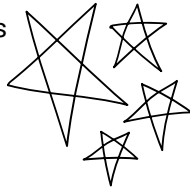
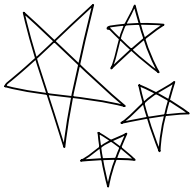
Year 7 Results

- 1st - KJ - 149 pts
- 2nd - FH - 115 pts
- 3rd - MO - 107 pts
- 4th - CC - 101 pts
- 5th - MC - 96 pts
- 6th - KAG - 81 pts
- 7th - GL - 50 pts



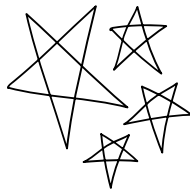
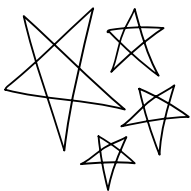
Year 8 Results

- 1st - NS - 145 pts
- 2nd - EWH - 122pts
- 3rd - DC - 120 pts
- 4th - RD - 101 pts
- 5th - AH - 100 pts
- 6th - LP - 66 pts



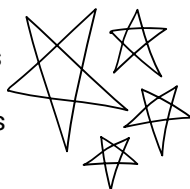
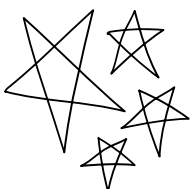
Year 9 Results

- 1st - JR - 133 pts
- 2nd - JJ - 132 pts
- 3rd - LL - 115 pts
- 4th - SR - 114 pts
- 5th - SP - 73 pts
- 6th - RT - 60 pts



Year 10 Results

- 1st - LJ a - 131 pts
- 2nd - OLo - 121pts
- 3rd - ED - 117 pts
- 4th - M Fo - 106 pts
- 5th - JP - 82 pts
- 6th - MC - 69 pts



technocamps

Congratulations to our winning Year 9 Digital Technology learners Ethan, Adam, Leo and Cerys who won a recent Technocamps competition where they were set a challenge to design a game focused around an eco-house of the future.

The group, titled 'Spuddy and Co', were crowned the winning game out of 80+ other entries submitted across Wales. Their winning game will be published on the Energy Saving Trust website, they will receive a £100 One4All voucher and £2,000 for the school to spend on equipment! The link to their game has been posted on our school twitter and included in a recent parent / carer bulletin.



OUR RESTAURANT RE-OPENS ITS DOORS FOR THE BIG LUNCH



On 30th June we were pleased to welcome invited families and staff to our Big Lunch. The event was designed to be a celebration, bringing communities together after Covid. Guests were able to enjoy a meal all produced by the school's Year 12 Catering students.

They made pizzas, pasta, coleslaw and brownies. The atmosphere was lovely and it was great to welcome parents back into our school community. Year 9 Catering students did a grand job making sure that everyone enjoyed the event.

'A DOG'S TRAIL WITH SNOOPY'



To celebrate Dogs Trust's new rehoming centre coming to Cardiff, they have devised a fantastic opportunity for businesses, individuals and schools alike - and we for one are extremely excited about taking part and adopting and decorating a 3D Snoopy sculpture of our own.

'A Dog's Trail is a spectacular, free public art trail pawing its way across the city in Spring 2022. For 10 weeks the city's streets, Cardiff bay and park spaces will become home to a series of intricately decorated Snoopy sculptures, each designed by local, regional and national artists, designers and illustrators - both well-known favourites and newly emerging talent'

Some of our pupils will have the chance to be budding artists, transforming their Snoopy into a St. Martin's designer dog, and then having it displayed for all to admire somewhere in the City! As well as instilling creativity into our pupils, they will also be part of a larger campaign, and become a part of the first ever Snoopy art trail across Cardiff - with a mini trail also being proposed for Caerphilly.

The programme will also allow them to embrace fundraising, handling money and raising awareness and funds for a greater cause. Once again, we could not be more proud of the creation we know our pupil's will produce on our behalf!

Look out for developments of our 3D Snoopy sculpture over the coming months..

MUSICAL THEATRE PERFORMANCE



The musical theatre group has been working hard towards future performances this term. They meet each week in the drama studio working on movement and vocal skills, ready for when they can publicly perform again. They have just completed a version of 'Consider Yourself' from the musical 'Oliver', which they hope to release on Twitter very soon.

WELL DONE, ALANA!



Alana Stockholm in Year 7 has been selected for the Welsh Schools National Football under 14 team. She is a star of the future who has been selected to play left wing for the age group above. She showed true resilience in not giving up despite carrying an injury to her hamstring. A super role model to her peers. Well done Alana from everyone in the HWB Faculty.

According to the Met Office, 2020 was a year of extremes with the wettest February on record, the sunniest spring, a heatwave in the summer and a day in October breaking rainfall records and the anomalies continued in 2021 with the cold and the wind clinging on far into the months of Spring - proving miserable for ourselves, and a battle for our honeybees.

Despite the extremes of 2020, our resilient honeybees were showing signs of a new, fruitful batch of honey. Sadly, as weather conditions worsened, these stores were much needed to get our bees through those damp, cold months, as the weather had sadly hindered the availability of their sources of pollen. However, they did survive, and in a recent inspection have proved to be a very strong colony. So much so, with the help of local beekeeper, Lorne East of Sirhowy Valley Honey, and the support of Headteacher Lee Jarvis, preparations are now underway to purchase an additional hive, split the colony, and hopefully increase our batch of honey.

Einstein has been accredited with saying, "If the bee disappeared off the face of the Earth, man would only have four years left to live." - a very thought provoking statement, which we at St. Martin's are proud to continue to tackle in our own small way, and continue to bring benefit to the environment and our local communities.



BEE UPDATES

BADMINTON STAR, SAFFRON



Huge congratulations to our year 9 pupil, Saffron Morris for competing in the badminton national trials in Sophia Gardens, and winning all of her matches!

A huge accomplishment for Saffron who is hoping to make the Commonwealth Games. Well done from all of the PE team Staff!

GREAT NEWS FOR HUW!



Huw Anderson has been selected for the Dragons Under 18 Academy. A fantastic achievement at the age of 16. Huw your talent, dedication, hard work and positive attitude is duly awarded. Wishing you all the best for next season.

Well done to Jack Darby, Owen Cuddihy, Harrison Shepherd and Fletcher Humphries in competing against Carmarthen in the Welsh Schools Final in Ocean Park Arena on the 30th June. Unfortunately losing 5-3. The boys also recently trialed for the Welsh Schools National team fingers crossed for you boys. Well done!!!

SCHOOL HIRE



Our lettings are open 7 days a week with extended opening hours during school holidays. There is ample parking available onsite and our friendly staff are always available to help.

All our facilities can now be booked online with each facility page having detailed information about what we have available. Should you wish to clarify anything, please use the messaging feature available on the facility page.

<https://stmartins.schoolhire.co.uk/>

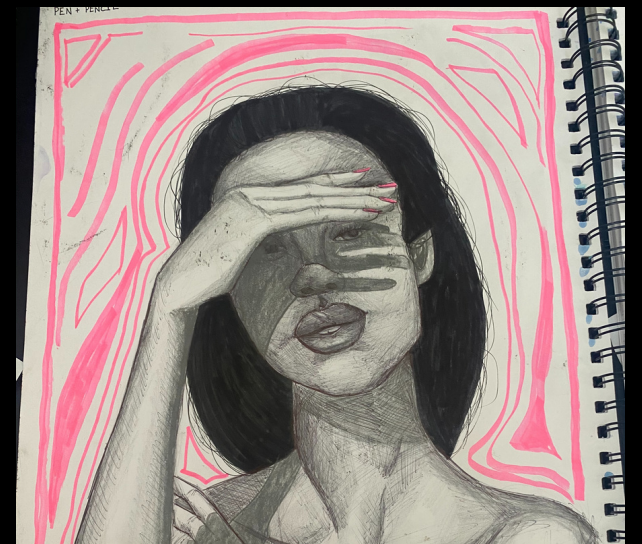
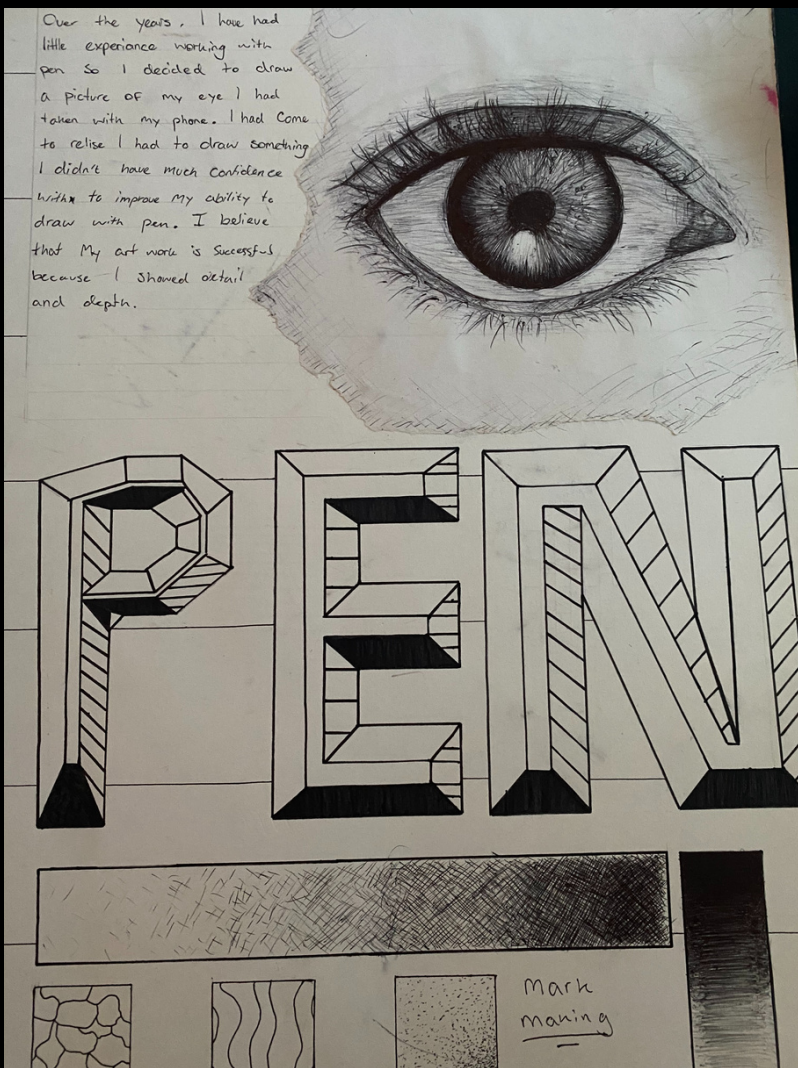


An exciting and inspiring new FREE programme designed to help support learning this summer!

From the 26th July and over the course of 3 weeks, students and parents are invited to participate in engaging and interactive webinars and gain access to interviews with subject specialists, resources, task sheets, podcasts and more.

To take part you must register your interest here - <https://www.gcsepod.com/summerpod/>





Fantastic work from our year 10 pupils. Lovely to see so many of them getting creative during the last lockdown. Being creative is a great way of relaxing and improving your mental health.