



by Lyla Evans, Y9

# INTERVIEW WITH MR MCKINNON

## Students launch two business ventures

**St Martins Unlimited is a small business that we started with the help of Paul Newman.**

We have created a baking section of the business, and at the Christmas Extravaganza we sold our home baking kits – brownie bags and hot chocolate kits. We sold out, making £67 in the process, which we were delighted with.

We have also created a fitness section of the business. The details are still to be confirmed but it will likely be a fitness session in the sports hall on a Thursday night after school. We are planning to run a trial session in May for Year 7 and 8 students to test our idea. The fitness section will be run by Annabelle Smith and Lyla Evans, and they are happy to answer any questions, or you can check out our page on the St Martins School website, which you will find under the community section.

**HARRY WRIGHT, YEAR 9**



One of Mr McKinnon's favourite books is Drachenfels

**We were given the pleasure of interviewing Mr McKinnon this week for the newspaper and so we thought we would first begin with the classic question of what is your favourite book?**

He answered with not one but three answers, the first being Drachenfels by Jack Yeovil.

"It's a swords and sorcery book, filled with references to old cinema", he told us, adding that it was the "first book with a twist that made me go 'No! You're kidding!'"

Ghoul by Michael Slade was his second favourite. He described it as the "cops having to sort out three gruesome killers at once"; it also has a "twist at the end [that] made you rethink everything you have read."

Finally, we were told about Only Forward by Michael Marshall Smith, set in a "weird fu-

ture... the main character is from our time, [and this is the] first author who has written dreams exactly like dreams." We are personally intrigued by all three books.

We asked about revision tips for our year 10 and 11 readers. Mr. McKinnon gave the advice "not to overdo it, reward yourself and know yourself", which we completely agree with.

He also told us about how he always looks forward to the February half term as him and his friends put on a miniature film festival, with loads of friends that come down to one house for a break. We may in fact steal that last idea as a great way to reunite with friends.

Thank you to Mr. McKinnon for his interesting answers!

**BY AMY ELLIOTT (11CED) AND RUBY LOCKLEY (11YC)**

## It's all going swimmingly for Year 8...

**On Tuesday the 28th of March, the year 8 girls held a swimming gala during period 2.**

It was a hugely successful event and everyone who participated had a fantastic time. The crowd was very supportive which made the atmosphere really ex-

citing for the swimmers. As a participant, I can assure you that it was extremely thrilling and very fun! I would love to do it again; it was a fantastic experience that I will never forget. Well done to all my fellow competitors who did a great job, and lastly a big than-

kyou to Miss Hamm-Jones who organised it all. A huge well done to Rhyn House, who came first, Heath, who came 2nd, and jointly congratulating Ifton and Moors on third place!

**BY ELIZABETH GONZALES-BIRKILL, YEAR 8**

## We want to hear from you!

**We hope you have enjoyed reading issue three of the St Martins School newsletter.**

The newsletter is put together by students for students and we are always looking for contributions and suggestions so that we can keep improving. So, if

you have an idea for an article or a suggestion for a new feature, all you need to do is pop down to the library and speak to Mrs Lane, who will be happy to have a chat about how you can help.

Thanks for reading – we look forward to hearing from you!