



St Martins School Prospectus



Introduction



St Martins School is a very special place and it is my privilege and pleasure to be leading the school at this exciting stage in the schools history. As a 3-16 through school at the heart of the community of St Martins, we are able to deliver child centred, individually tailored education because of our small size and unique position in the community.

The family ethos of the school surrounds all who work and study here creating a safe, supportive and nurturing environment. We value academic progress and social development equally. Our children are individuals, respected for their differences and celebrated for their strengths. Within this caring family environment our children feel confident to push themselves to achieve the best they can, they enjoy an exciting and sometimes daring curriculum which challenges and stretches them.

We love our school and we hope when you visit you will too.

In the beginning...

St Martins School is a popular small school with a wonderfully friendly, caring and supportive staff – all dedicated and experienced, and with an enthusiastic and equally supportive governing body. We know each child and work together to ensure that every child in our care is happy, safe and given every opportunity to learn and to succeed during their time with us.





Years 1 & 2

Primary Education is an extremely important stage in a child's development. We aim to give children a happy and confident start at school. Children develop quickly in the early years and a child's experiences between birth and age five have a major impact on their future life chances.

Good parenting and high quality early learning together provide the foundation children need to make the most of their abilities and talents as they grow.

Throughout the Nursery and Reception, children experience an exciting curriculum, both indoors and outdoors, designed to meet the needs of young children. This is fun, creative and play based and challenges each child to achieve his/her individual potential.

As well as giving them the essential tools for learning we are committed to enabling children to grow and develop in all areas of life so that they discover more about themselves and learn to value their achievements. The team at St Martins School provide a positive rewarding ethos. We encourage an awareness and respect for others.

In years 1 and 2 we build on the foundations from reception developing skills in literacy, numeracy and phonics.





Key Stage 2

In years 3 and 4 students develop skills and depth of understanding in numeracy and literacy.

Cross-curricular links are made wherever possible and relevant, allowing the children to use their knowledge and skills across the whole curriculum and to make connections between different subjects.

Being creative and flexible at the planning stage allows us to encourage creativity in the children and the

opportunity to develop whole school projects to the full. These projects, along with 'curriculum days' create a sense of shared experience and learning throughout the school.

Our aim is to give each child the opportunity to become the best they are able to be by providing an inclusive education within a culture of high expectations. We believe that learning should be an enjoyable, exciting and challenging experience and plan the curriculum with this in mind.

The curriculum for years 5 and 6 has been developed to include those subjects that will be taught in the next phase. Here at St Martins School we can utilise specialist secondary classrooms, equipment and staff to bring subjects like science and technology to life, enriching the learning experiences and developing skills in investigation and critical thinking.





Community Curriculum

Years 5, 6 and 7 teachers from local schools work together to develop and deliver a 'community curriculum'. Children will benefit from working collaboratively with each other and benefiting from the skills and experience within both primary and secondary phases.

Our schools already have a long history of working in partnership together and we feel this new approach to team teaching will strengthen and build bonds and provide the children with some memorable and exciting projects.





Key stage 3

In key stage 3 all students follow an enhanced national curriculum which gives all students a firm foundation in all subjects.

Because we are a small school our pastoral care is individually tailored to each child; all staff have an outstanding knowledge and understanding of each students specific learning needs. Student progress is constantly monitored and appropriate intervention put in place.

Students are given appropriate challenges within subject areas together with whole school responsibilities.



Key stage 4

At KS4 we strive to offer the most exciting and diverse options to all. We constantly review KS4 curriculum to ensure it offers the maximum opportunities for all our students.

GCSE studies are enhanced by our collaboration with Moreton Hall, Walford and North Shropshire College.

Gifted and talented students are considered for AS level study in some subject areas.

Top set scientists and mathematicians have the opportunity to study at Moreton Hall School; utilising state of the art forensic science facilities.





Opportunities after the bell

A variety of teaching styles and approaches are used both inside the classroom and beyond. As well as the opportunity to work individually and develop independence, children also develop the skills required to work collaboratively and as part of a team.

- Archery
- Canoeing
- Swimming
- Trampolining
- Duke of Edinburgh bronze award
- Football
- Rounders
- Eco club
- Gardening
- Bake off
- Art Club

Curricular Enrichment

We offer our students lots of opportunities to learn outside the classroom. Every year we have a programme of curriculum days, where the normal curriculum is replaced with trips, visiting specialists and cross curricular projects.

Students can participate in Trips abroad such as France, Spain and Poland as well as frequent trips in subject time and our very popular reward trips to Alton Towers, ice skating and the beach. Our immediate environment is very special and you will often find children in the forest schools area or sketching the stunning Welsh hills from the school field.



Working with partners

We have many partner organisations that we work with or that share our facilities. Border Counties School of Dance, Get Wet swimming school and Activate youth drama clubs run from our fantastic arts and sports facilities. We perform in St Martins Church at Christmas and for the harvest festival and students often write articles for the 'Village Life' magazine.

Our sports hall and swimming pool are extensively used by the local community and we have many more creative ideas for community involvement and evening use of the site including adult classes and a community choir.



Aspirations

Our students have high aspirations and go on to achieve great things after their many years with us. Our links with Moreton Hall have led to several students gaining scholarships to continue their education there post 16. Students go on to Walford and North Shropshire College, College Cambria, Shrewsbury sixth form and the sixth form at Thomas Adams Wem.

Because of our unique small size our students have many opportunities to lead others, help younger students and become responsible for many areas of school life. This equips them perfectly for the world after secondary education and for their life ahead.





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