



ST MARTINS SCHOOL

18 September 2020

It seems to be a photography themed week next week as we have Tempest photography in school on Monday taking individual portraits of our primary students.

On Tuesday we are very excited to be making a short film about school. This year all open days and evenings have been cancelled so we have asked a local company to come and make a short film. The film will give prospective students and their parents a 'flavour' of school life here at St Martins and will give some of our students who are involved a great experience. We hope that the film will be available for viewing in time for our virtual open evening/question and answer sessions with Ms Lovecy which start on the 6 October.

It is with much regret that we are unable to hold our celebration evening with last year's year 11, which was planned for this term. We hope that as restrictions lift next year we will be able to host a special evening as they have missed out on so much during this pandemic. Watch this space and we will see what we can do.

This does mean that students will not be coming to school to pick up their GCSE certificates—these will now be posted home over the next few weeks.

As promised last week I have now put aside a regular slot where I can meet 'virtually' via 'zoom' with parents and members of our wider community to discuss any issues.

These will take place every **TUESDAY , 2.30pm—3.00pm**—please email clare.ellis@stmartins3-16.org to make your zoom appointment.

Quick reminder of primary start/finish times. These are really important in keeping 'bubbles' separate

Time in	Entrance 1 (normal school gate)	Entrance 2 (nursery gate and under Year 4 – 6 classroom stairs)	Entrance 3 (nursery gate)	Time out
8.40	Year 1	Year 4/5 Mr Spelman	-	2.50
8.50	Year 2	Year 4/5 Mrs Jones	-	3.00
9.00	Year 3	Year 6	-	3.10
9.10	-	-	Reception & Nursery	2.40

Parents with pupils in different year groups should arrive and leave at the time of the oldest pupil

Have a lovely weekend, Ms Lovecy



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Do you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals? During lock down parents who had applied for and were eligible received vouchers, even if their child would have received universal infant free school meals. We don't know if schools will need to partly or totally close for periods of time this autumn/winter, but if you think you may be eligible please apply. Parents/carers can make an application online through the Shropshire Council website <https://shropshire.gov.uk/free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>. When a parent/carer applies online the system will be able to confirm eligibility at point of application.

Corona virus—planning for all eventualities

Current position

Students are being educated in year group class bubbles which stay the same for breaks and lunch. They are reminded about the importance of regular handwashing—anti bac soap and hand sanitizers are in every area of school. Posters about hygiene are up all around school. There is a one way system and staggered times of the day to ensure bubbles to do not meet. We have reduced external visitors in school; parents are asked to phone or email with any questions or concerns. [Information is on the website about symptoms and actions.](#)

Partial/year group bubbles closure

This will happen if there are confirmed COVID results in a year group bubble or where we have several staff who have to self –isolate making it difficult to run the school as normal.

Please make sure your contact details are up to date as we may have to close bubbles at very short notice

In this instance On line learning for students would take place.

Students with symptoms

If your child is displaying any of the symptoms (temperature, new persistent cough, loss of taste or smell) or someone in your household is please do not send your child to school. Call reception and let us know. This is the main way to protect everyone in our community.

In this instance students if they are well but isolating can access school work on Show My Homework (SMHW)



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WESTON RHYN COMMUNITY FOOTBALL
Open to boys & girls aged 7-13 years old

Fun and engaging football sessions led by professional football coaches.

EVERY TUESDAY at Weston Rhyn Playing Field 4:30-5:30pm

£3 PER SESSION

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Dates for the diary (keep on eye on the website!)

We have lots of parents evenings etc that we are reviewing if they can take place—we will inform parents as soon as possible

21 September—school photos for primary students

22 September—filming in school

26 October—half term holiday

2 November—students return to school

21 December—Christmas Holiday

4 January PD day

5 January—students return to school

Library books

We are re opening the secondary library with new covid safe systems and processes. In the meantime if you have any library books that are still at home, please return them to school—there is a box in the hub doorway for returns.

Thank you!!

UNIFORM

School uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting the tone for learning. It can help to:

- Encourage a sense of pride in the school
- Support positive behaviour and discipline
- Encourage identity with, and support for, school ethos
- Ensure pupils of all races and backgrounds feel welcome
- Protect children from social pressures to dress in a particular way.

During the recent uniform consultation the majority of parents were wholly in favour of the uniform. Full details can be found at: <http://www.stmartins3-16.org/parents/uniform/>

We expect all our students to arrive at school prepared for the day's lessons. They will need to bring a school bag containing at least their planner, two pens, two pencils, ruler and an eraser. Students are expected to have a work like appearance – if they wear ear rings, these should be small studs or sleepers which can be easily removed for safety reasons when required. Facial piercing is not permitted. Hair should be of a natural monochrome colour. Hair should be no shorter than a 'grade 2' and without 'tramlines'. Long hair should be tied back in practical lessons. If students do wish to wear make up this should be 'natural'. And should not include fake eyelashes. Acrylic or gel nails are not appropriate for school - they hinder students in practical lessons and are a health and safety issue.