



ST MARTINS SCHOOL

4 December 2020

I'm looking forward to seeing year 4 and 5 (Mrs Jones' class) and year 10 back in school on MONDAY 7 DECEMBER. They have all worked incredibly hard during their two weeks, and thank you to parents for your continued support!

Although many of the activities that school would organise to celebrate Christmas have had to be cancelled this year, we are trying to put in activities which will be as COVID safe as possible, so we have Christmas Jumper Day is Friday 11 December—for a £1 donation towards PTA funds. Students should wear their jumper over their normal school uniform. Cash only please as we will keep it for 48 hours before it is handled and banked by the PTA. Our primary students should also bring hats and scarves as we will be going outside to sing Christmas carols. Christmas lunch is on Wednesday!!

Mr James, our Head of Arts will be putting together a Christmas video involving performances from student's across the school— a link will be shared towards the end of term., so watch this space!

You may have seen in the news this week that there will be further changes planned for GCSE exams in the summer. At the start of this term the government announced that exams would go ahead but at a slightly later stage in the summer term (last exam is schedule for 2 July 2021). They have now added that :

- There will be more generous grading than usual, in line with national outcomes from 2020;
- students will receive advance notice of some topic areas covered in GCSE to focus revision;
- exam aids - like formula sheets - will be provided in some exams giving students more confidence and reducing the amount of information they need to memorise.

As soon as we have this information we will share this with students and parents—in the meantime mock gcse exams will continue after the Christmas holidays—please encourage your child to prepare for these exams, they are more important than ever. [Government Q&A](#)

I am pleased to announce this 'outstanding pupil of the week'. Winners—Thank you Mystic Mooney!

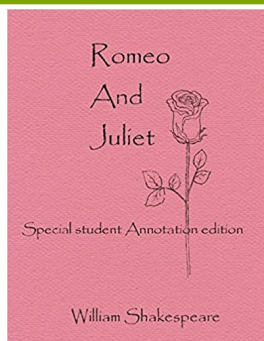
Rhys Owen, Jesse Lewis, Alfie Earthy,
Sian Lee (11SE) and Nia Jones (11CY)

Have a lovely weekend, Ms Lovecy



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It's a busy start to the year in January—YEAR 10 and YEAR 11 will be sitting their mock GCSE exams from Monday 11th January until the 29th January.

This year more than ever these exams are important. Currently GCSE exams are planned to start slightly later in June of next year. But if the government change their mind then the mock results could be used to inform teachers if a 'Centre Assessed Grade' has to be set. An exam timetable is being drafted and will be available shortly for parents via email and on the website

In January, all year ten students will begin their study of Romeo and Juliet as part of their English Literature GCSE course. They will all need their own copy of the text. Class teachers are happy to offer recommendations for annotation friendly versions. Click on the book cover link to take you to a good example available via Amazon Perhaps one for under the Christmas Tree!!



LAST DAY TIMINGS—18 DECEMBER—SCHOOL WILL FINISH EARLY, SCHOOL BUSES WILL BE ADJUSTED, THERE WILL NOT BE AN AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

SECONDARY— finish at 1.30pm (hot food will be available at break times, no lunch time)

PRIMARY—Lunch will be served

Nursery and reception finish at 12.40pm

Year 1 and 4/5 Mr Spelman class finish at 12.50pm

Year 2 and 4/5 Ms Jones' class finish at 1.00pm

Year 3 and year 6 finish at 1.10pm





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Just a reminder to parents that we are unable to accept any forgotten items at the school reception. We cannot break bubbles to deliver anything to your child during the school day. If it is a forgotten packed lunch your child will be provided with a school lunch and the diner will send you the invoice.

Arriva bus going through Gobowen—if the bus is full (during COVID the capacity is reduced) the driver may not stopping to pick up—students can catch the later bus

We have been advised by RAM leisure that due to the pandemic there is still a delay with the order of the grey/purple skirts - as soon as they are in stock we will send an update. GREY PLEATED KNEE LENGTH SKIRTS OR GREY SCHOOL TROUSER can be worn as an alternative

PE kit policy (SECONDARY) — from September 2021

- In addition to the current PE polo top,
- All students must have the official Black PE skorts/ shorts from RAM leisure
- Students must have the Official PE jumper/outer layer- no other jumper is acceptable from September 2021.
- All students must have black football socks (advised to pack a spare pair of normal socks to change into)
- All students must have shin pads ready for football - PE teachers will tell them dates they are needed.
- All students must have suitable swimwear- swimming in PE lessons is usually after Christmas every year. All students must have a swimming hat

<https://ourschoolwear.co.uk/>

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

9 December—Christmas Lunch

11 December—Christmas jumper day £1 for PTA

18 December—school finishes early for Christmas

21 December—Christmas Holiday

4 January PD day

5 January—students return to school



Spaces for the remainder of the term are filling up quickly. Please book by emailing:

afterschoolclub@stmartins3-16.org and please give as much notice as possible.

You can book in for;

Breakfast club - 7.40 - 8.40am £3.50 - Breakfast provided

8.10 - 8.40am £2.00 - Breakfast provided

Sibling club 2.55 / 3pm - 3.30pm £1.00 No food

After School Club - 2.55pm / 3pm - 5.30pm - £9.00 Snack & Drink provided.

Current users: Please pay outstanding OCTOBER bills as NOVEMBER bills are about to be sent out!!

