



Ms Sue Lovecy, Head of School

Dear Students, Parents and Carers

12<sup>th</sup> February 2021

### Keeping in touch letter 7

This is just a short 'keeping in touch' ahead of our half term holiday. We have made it! Our students, parents and staff have been amazing. I now order you all to have a week of rest, which is so deserved by you all. Take the time to switch off laptops and devices and spend time relaxing with your household and having some fun.



Photos of our 'Star of the week' certificate recipients have been uploaded onto our facebook page – they are very well deserved and I hope are a little bit of positivity during these times.

We would love to see your photos of your 'star of the week' receiving their certificates on the school face book page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/345213076819837>

### Feel good, fun Friday

Today normal lessons were officially suspended! I think it may take me some time to recover from Mr Machin's lockdown quiz and Mrs Hamm Jones' pirate themed scavenger hunt! Check out the website for a picture of Mr Machin.

After the holiday I look forward to seeing all the entries for the mini Eisteddford competition for those who wish to get creative on Friday and over the holidays. The list of competition items are below:

- A lockdown poem
- A sea shanty
- A piece of lockdown artwork

So don't forget to email, photographed, recorded and sent to [reception@stmartins3-16.org](mailto:reception@stmartins3-16.org) by Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Why not create a special piece and win a prize!



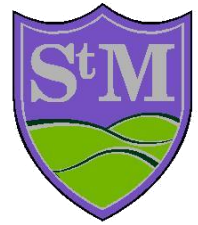
Thank you to everyone who entered our beans on toast competition. Special mention to Willow Pritchard for her entry being "so precise and carefully presented. Who knew beans on toast could look so appealing" and Elise Rogers who Mr Wilkinson said her plate was really well presented as a "bright and cheerful flower".

### Lateral flow Covid testing

After the half term holiday we are expecting the government to have a timetable of return for schools. You may be aware that secondary aged students will need to be tested twice in the first week of return and weekly after that. You will receive a letter attached to this email asking for your consent and checking your mobile number is correct,

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as all results go to this number. Please return this ASAP so that we can start to plan the testing prior to our return. It is likely that the first test will be done before students return to school so that there is a minimum impact on lessons.

### **Parent forums**

Thank you to the parents of year 11 and year 10, who have joined me for parent forums over the last two weeks. Starting on Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February will be an 'open house' slot on teams where all parents can jump on and ask me a question, only non-confidential items please. **To join this session at 3pm – 3.30pm please email Clare Ellis for a link. [clare.ellis@smartins3-16.org](mailto:clare.ellis@smartins3-16.org)**

We are keeping in contact with our weekly letter but if you have any queries or issues in the meantime please ring or email our reception team.

Missing you all, Stay safe, keep smiling and have a fabulous half term

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