



ST MARTINS SCHOOL

23 April 2021

Its lovely to be back in school following Easter break and the ongoing lifting of restrictions. I hope everyone had the opportunity to get out and about during Easter albeit with social distancing.

This week has seen the first of three zoom meetings for the children from other schools who will be joining us in Year 7 in September. I am delighted to report that we are oversubscribed this year. I will be talking to our year 6 students next week to give them the information about our transition programme that fingers crossed can still go ahead this year!

Whilst our current year 10/11 students are busy completing assessments that will go towards their GCSE grades in the summer we will be meeting with year 11 to discuss ways in which we can still try to host a leavers PROM.

GCSE certificates for last year's leavers are available for collection from reception daily until 4pm— if students cant attend in person they will need to write a note giving permission for a family member/friend to collect on their behalf.



We were treated to a delicious Italian themed lunch this week— Mexican promotion coming up on Thursday with tasty Nachos & Fajitas (secondary only)

New start and finish times for September 2021

As reported last week In September we will be changing the start and finish times for our students as below.

At 3.05 Secondary students will be allowed to walk home or catch a bus. Students being collected by car will be assembled and supervised. They will then be released after the buses have left at 3.20.

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1 and 2	Years 3,4,5,6	Secondary all years
Start time	8.55	8.55	9am	9.10	8.40
Finish time	14.55	15.00	15.05	15.10	3.05

Have a lovely weekend, Ms Lovecy



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PE Uniform.

We are still asking students in secondary to come to school in their full PE kit on the days when they have PE. A reminder that this is:



A School PE POLO top and either school shorts/skorts OR PLAIN BLACK leggings or jogging bottoms. No other items are to be worn.

We have a selection of uniform in our inclusion centre that students will be asked to wear if they arrive for school in non uniform. A PLAIN BLACK sweatshirt or St Martins mid layer can be worn over the top.



From September, the shorts/skorts/midlayer are compulsory items.

Summer uniform can be worn in primary—either purple gingham dress or tailored grey school shorts. Closed toe school shoes still need to be worn. If the weather looks hot a sunny please use sunscreen and a hat and have a named a bottle of water in school

In Drama, our Year 8 students are looking into Social Media, a link with their ICT studies. They are working towards a devised piece of drama – The Good, The Bad and the Ugly. They will use their knowledge but develop a greater understanding of the negatives relating it back to celebrities they already know to bring a sense of realism to the piece. They are exploring the theme through the use of various stimuli (films, poetry and images) and different techniques- juxtaposing the Good from the Bad through the use of still image, split stage and thought tracking. This will further develop into exploring the concepts through the use of soundscapes, choral work and role play. They will be given an theme and a sentence where they will create a devised performance to educate others about the negative aspects of social media.



Likewise Year 7 are exploring the staging of Harry Potter, a literary link through extracts from the book, the writing of letters and creating scenes and atmospheres using: still image, split stage and thought tracking, the use of soundscapes, the creation of spells, mime, physical theatre and role play. They will observe elements from the stage production of The Cursed Child to enhance and demonstrate skills they have already explored. The scheme will focus on their knowledge and understanding but take it to a new level!

