



8th October 2021

Houses, rewards and preparation at St Martins School 2021-22

Dear Parent / Carer / student

We have run our house competition and rewards systems for some years now, but this year we are making some changes.

This year we will be using the satchel app, to set preparation and extension work and to record house points. Parents should download the app to track work set for students and you will get a notification if your child receives a house point.

House points are given for a variety of reasons, such as, excellent work, being helpful, completing something challenging. House points are collected and every student's points contributes to the total for their house.

House competitions such as sports day also generate points.

This year, students who collect the most house points each week, will feature in our newsletter and students who collect the most points across the year will be rewarded at our Oscars ceremony at the end of the year.

Students from year 3 to year 9 will be given a house lanyard and will be able to collect rewards badges to put on their lanyard.

Your son / daughter will be bringing home a letter this week with details of how to log on to the Satchel app so that you can start to track homework and house points.

Preparation, practice and extension – work completed outside of lessons

At St Martins School we are proud of the progress our children make and this is supported by the work that students do outside of lessons. We want our children to become independent learners and we don't believe in setting work unnecessarily.

To help parents monitor this we have produced a timetable, which is on our website, however students will not always receive work to do every week.

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These tasks, completed outside of lesson, must be meaningful, support learning and encourage students.

These tasks will vary across the school and look very different in different phases and year groups.

Later on this term, we will be holding a parent forum on work completed at home so that we can answer any questions that you may have.

CID projects

Also coming to our website soon will be our programme of CID projects. These are projects set by staff that are designed to extend learning at home. Students can choose the projects they wish to complete and therefore tailor their study to their own interests.

These have replaced longer pieces of set homework in key stages 1, 2 and 3, years

Thank you for your continued support

Yours faithfully

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