



ST MARTINS SCHOOL

7 January 2022

A belated happy new year to all the school and wider community; I hope you were able to spend time with your loved ones over the Christmas break.

This is a shorter newsletter this week. On site lateral flow testing took place for year 7-11 and I am pleased to say that we didn't detect a case of asymptomatic covid so all the students that were tested could remain in school. Rules about isolation are changing quite rapidly but we will work to ensure that the [school website](#) is updated accordingly.

Students have all settled back into the school routine. Masks are worn in secondary and can I remind parents to send their child to school with a mask as we do not have a huge number of spares to keep giving out .

We can see that some of our students have received a 'smart watch' for Christmas. In secondary they will need to be removed for PE and if students are found to be using them for anything other than telling the time they will be confiscated like a mobile phone until the end of the day. We do not encourage primary students to bring these gadgets in to school, they are a distraction in class and again they have to be removed for PE and we do not have a secure area in primary PE to lock them away. We appreciate that some of our older primary students who walk to school unaccompanied may wish to bring a mobile phone to school , these should be switched off and handed to the class teacher in the morning



Young Writer 2022

This year's competition is open to all year groups. You can submit your piece of writing, which should be no more than a side of A4 (approximately 500 words), to Ms Jones in primary or Ms Phoenix in secondary.

This year's title is

"Today's Heroes"

Closing date: Friday 7th January

Gift token prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd

We welcome Mr Edwards our new class 3 teacher to our school ; I am sure parents have already met him at the gate.

Christmas performances took place just before we finished in December and just in case you missed them the recordings are available [through this link](#) for one more week!

Young writers competition has been extended until Monday—get your entries finished this week-end and hand them in to Ms Phoenix and Ms Jones. I am looking forward to seeing the entries before they go the Rotary Club to be awarded 1st 2nd and 3rd —good luck!

Have a lovey weekend

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ITEMS FOR THE CALANDER

Year 10 & 11 mocks will start in next week, contact reception@stmartins3-16.org FAO Mrs T Evans, if you have any questions/concerns.

HPV vaccines - 1st dose for Year 8, 2nd dose for Year 9, catch-up's for Year 10, will be happening at some point early in the new term. Letters and consent forms will be sent home after the Christmas break.

All secondary PE groups are on swimming after Christmas. Students will need to bring appropriate swimwear, a towel, a swimming hat and goggles. Students will have one swimming lesson and one 'dry' PE lesson per week. PE staff have informed students when to bring different clothing for their lessons. This is also explained on 'teams'.

BRANDED PRIMARY PE KIT STILL REMAINS AN OPTION FOR PARENTS—DETAILS ON [THE WEBSITE](#). Plain white t shirt and plain black shorts or jogging bottoms/leggings in colder weather is acceptable, Pupils should wear their school jumper over the t-shirt .

Year 10 parents – please be reminded that all year 10 students need a copy of 'Romeo and Juliet' for the first English lesson back after Christmas. We recommend the following copy which is available from Amazon.

Here is the link: https://www.amazon.co.uk/Romeo-Juliet-Special-Annotation-Formatted/dp/1076926509/ref=sr_1_5?crid=B2YYLWSNK5QA&keywords=romeo+and+juliet+annotation+friendly&qid=1638353070&sprefix=romeo+and+juliet+anno%2Caps%2C166&sr=8-5

YEAR 11

North Shropshire College Open Events for this term will be :

Saturday 5th February 2022, 10.00 - 12.00 - Walford Campus

Wednesday 9th February 2022, 17:00 - 19.00 - Oswestry Campus

There is a booking system that can be accessed on their website. - please see link below

<https://www.nsc.ac.uk/news-pages/5caf1a035711f/Open-Events>



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