

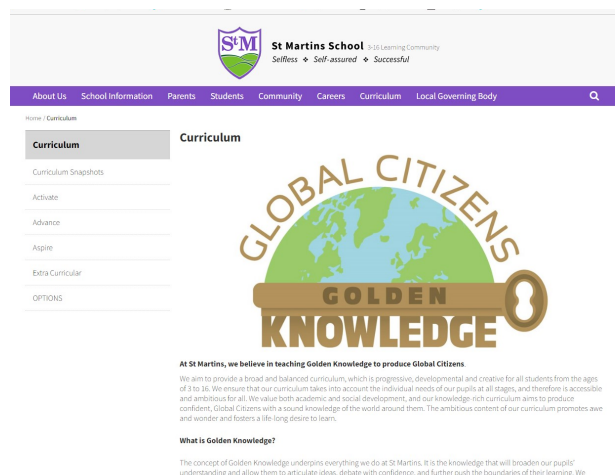


ST MARTINS SCHOOL

6 January 2023

Welcome back to all our staff students and parents.

We return to year 11 sitting the second half of their mock GCSE exams this week and next week—this is an important time for them and the results and feedback from staff will further inform the students of their areas of strength and areas to re focus ready for the exams in the summer. Results will be handed out on Thursday 26 January with a targeted parents evening on 2 February. Parents will be invited to make appointments where appropriate.



Last year parents told us they wanted more information about the curriculum—we've listened and added a drop down tab on the website which has everything you need about what your child is studying—click [here](#) to go straight to the website

A quick reminder that the deadline to apply for a place in our reception class for September 2023 is the 15 January. A place in our nursery does not guarantee a place. You can apply on line via this [link](#) directly to Shropshire Council.

Our very own Mr Machin will be taking part in the London marathon this April in support of the RJAH hospital—to support his fundraising we will be having a NON UNIFORM DAY on 17 FEBRUARY (£1 suggested donation on ParentPay) and a sponsored walk as follows:

PRIMARY—FRIDAY 17 FEBRUARY

SECONDARY—WEEK COMMENCING 13 FEBRUARY AS PART OF THEIR PE LESSONS

Sponsor forms will be distributed to students next week—thankyou for your support!!!

Christmas Show raffle tickets - its not too late to buy your tickets—we have added a £1 e-ticket to parent pay so if you missed out on the night there is still a chance to win. We will pull names/tickets already bought out of the hat on the 31 January.

School is transitioning to a new IT system—part of this system is that all staff and students will have a new email address. If you wish to contact reception please use this address:
reception@stm.318education.co.uk

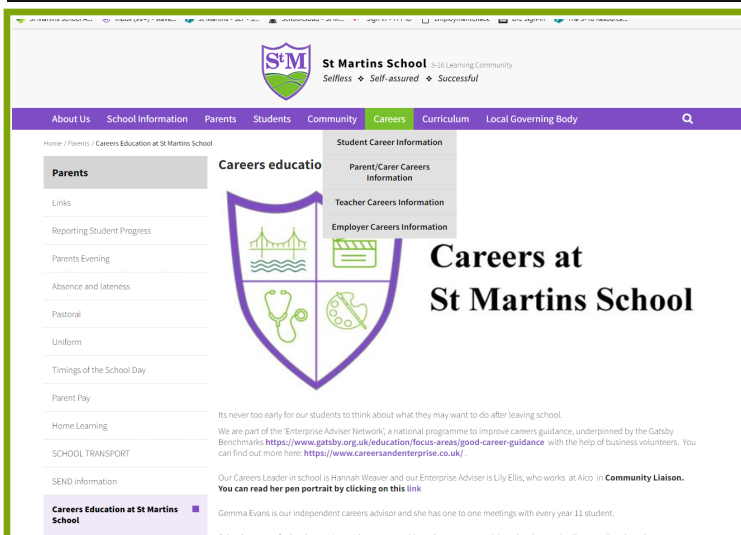
Have a lovely weekend, Ms Lovecy





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We're really pleased to announce that All About Apprenticeships 2023 will take place in National Apprenticeship Week – Tuesday 7 February 2023. Save the date and spread the word!

It will build on the very successful event of 2022 which attracted more than 600 young people, parents and teachers, all keen to find out more about Apprenticeships.

Employers representing a wide range of industries, training providers, colleges and universities from across the county will showcase their offer and provide advice and guidance about Apprenticeships.

For more information visit:
shropshireapprenticeships.co.uk



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There is lots of great information about careers and next steps post 16 on the school website. Click [here](#)

Year 10 will be undertaking a work experience placement 17-July 2023. We will share the timeline for this next week—but parents have already been encouraged to start thinking about a suitable placement.

If any of our parents are an employer and would like to offer a placement (we would not allow parents to offer placements to their own child), **please contact hannah.weaver@stm.318education.co.uk**

PE UPDATE FOR SECONDARY

Students in years 7-11 are now swimming once a week until Easter therefore they need a swimming costume (they can wear a t shirt over the top if they wish to) /shorts, hat and towel. Goggles will not be provided by staff so students will need to bring them if they want to wear them.

After school sport until Easter:

Monday - football for boys and girls year 7-9

Tuesday- football for boys years 10/11 and netball all years boys and girls

Wednesday- rugby for all years boys and girls.

REMINDER TO PUT NAME IN ALL UNIFORM AND PE KIT - WE HAD TO DOSPOSE OF A LOT OF ITEMS BEFORE CHRISTMAS THAT WERE UN NAMED AND UN CLAIMED

Good luck to year 9 badminton team that are representing North Shropshire on Wednesday 11th January in Shrewsbury and also good luck to year 8 indoor Athletics team competing at North Shropshire Championships at the Marches School also on Wednesday 11th January.





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HUB NEWS

Happy New Term! My favourite part of this week was having conversations with all of the children who came to tell me what books they've received for Christmas. It's been lovely to hear what they are reading at home, and to hear their recommendations for the library and to their friends.

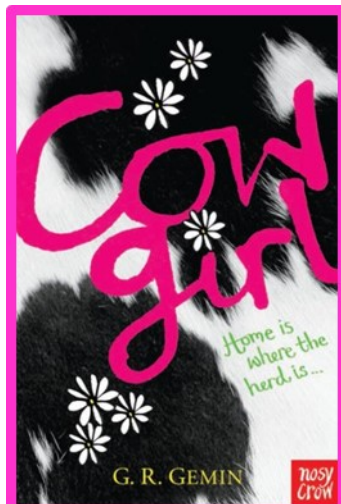
Please encourage them to talk about what they're reading at home and at school, to me and to you as well! If you aren't a big reader, and you're not sure how to start a conversation with your child about the books they're reading, there is some useful advice on the Scholastic website:

[Tips for Talking About Books With Your Child \(scholastic.com\)](https://www.scholastic.com/parents/articles/31111/tips-for-talking-about-books-with-your-child/)

DONATIONS An enormous **thank you** to all the families who have generously donated books to the library. If you are having a clear out and have any educational magazines in reasonable condition that you no longer need, please consider sending them to us! We have an area of the secondary library where children can sit and read these, then return them to be enjoyed by someone else.

READERS OF THE WEEK Will return next week!

BOOK OF THE WEEK



Cow Girl by G.R. Gemin – Recommended mainly because Wednesday 11th January is National Milk Day, and I love a tenuous link. This book has been nominated for several awards, and is a fun, fast-paced story, for readers who like a lot of dialogue and not too many descriptive passages. The blurb says:

If Gemma ever stops to think about it, she knows hiding a load of cows from Cowgirl's farm on a housing estate is a bit mad. After all, Cowgirl's a weirdo and the estate is no place to bring up a cow. But it's exciting, and she loves it, and it's making things better. The only question is, how long can it last



REMINDER THAT OUR EMERGENCY CLOSURE PROCEDURE CAN BE FOUND USING THIS LINK

[Emergency closure procedure \(stmartins3-16.org\)](https://www.stmartins3-16.org/emergency-closure-procedure)