



# ST MARTINS SCHOOL

20 January 2023

Since our IT changeover we are experiencing some issues with school emails not reaching parent inboxes. Everything that is sent out via email you can always find on our website. Our IT support are working on the problem. The school reception email is: [reception@stm.318education.co.uk](mailto:reception@stm.318education.co.uk)

As you will already know from previous editions of the newsletter our Year 10 students will be taking part in work experience on the 17–20 July with a day back in school on the 21 July to consolidate the learning.

We welcomed Allen Edwards into school this week to speak with year 10. Allen is the Learning and Development Advisor at the RJAH Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, which is our biggest local employer. He talked about the vast range of apprenticeships available not just within the medical side of the hospital. He also explained that they offer work experience and that applications can now be made using this link. [Taster of Work - RJAH](#) This can include work experience during the summer holidays for those students who are interested.



Year 10 students will need to have decided the type of work place they wish to apply for before applying on the EBL database by the end of FEBRUARY

We welcomed Helen Morgan MP into school this week to discuss funding issues and concerns for schools. As the levelling up representative for the Liberal Democrats this is something that is particularly relevant to her. Year 11 student Amy Elliott interviewed her and will write her piece for the next edition of the student newsletter—watch this space!



Many of you will know that one of the teaching unions will go ahead with strike action over the next few weeks. The dates that have been communicated are: **1 February, 1 March, 15 and 16 March**. Any member of staff who is in a union does not have to inform their employer if they intend to strike, we have however asked the question if they would let school know so we can inform parents. School will do everything possible to remain fully open for all students, and we hope to be able to let parents know in the next few days.

**At the present time there will be NO DISRUPTION TO SECONDARY TEACHING and we will advise parents early next week about PRIMARY.**

Have a lovely weekend, Ms Lovecy





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**TUES  
7 FEB  
2023**

**ALL  
ABOUT  
apprenticeships**

Find out about career opportunities available in Shropshire.

2pm – 7pm at Shrewsbury Town Football Club

#ShropApprentice

How do apprenticeships work? Here are all the answers you need

[Start | Apprenticeships | Your Questions Answered \(startprofile.com\)](#)

Extended school club fee's are due and details are on Parent Pay. Wednesdays are now full for new bookings, and we have a waiting list .

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](http://shropshireapprenticeships.co.uk)



PARENTS there is a 5 mile an hour limit when driving on the school site. Failure to adhere to this puts children and adults at risk. There has been another car collision in the car park on Thursday with the driver leaving the scene. If you have any information please contact the school reception.



When cycling to school we STRONGLY recommend hi viz jackets and a cycle helmet. Students should not jump off the pavement onto the road in front of traffic.

When crossing the road particularly when exiting the bus please look both ways before crossing.

Parents Evenings for PRIMARY on the 31 January and the 1 February are still open for bookings—please use the following link

<https://stmartins316.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

We are still having technical issues with bookings for Ms Pritchard year 6—please contact the school reception and we can book this for you.



Its not too late to buy a raffle ticket for our raffle - just £1 available to buy through Parentpay—prizes include pamper packs, perfume, wine, chocolate, arts and crafts sets and a beautiful piece of glass wear from Verity Pulford glass artist. Draw will take place on the 31 Janu-

Break fast and after school club job vacancies on the school website—deadline for applications extended to FRIDAY 27 JANUARY—click [here](#) for more information!

REMINDER THAT OUR EMERGENCY CLOSURE PROCEDURE CAN BE FOUND USING THIS LINK [Emergency closure procedure \(stmartins3-16.org\)](#)

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## HUB NEWS

It's been a wonderfully busy week for the library! On Friday 13th, over 50 students took advantage of my Good Luck promotion, and borrowed a book to win a month of library luck. Then, this week it has been fantastic to see how many secondary pupils are coming in during allocated tutor time, breaks and lunch times to borrow and return books. It is brilliant to see them all so confident making choices, discussing what they're reading and helping each other out. They've been using all the different resources to help inspire their choices; Jac Woollam even borrowed a book from my Squirrel Appreciation Day display!

In the meantime, I've been able to spend more time in Primary; this week I've spent time with Years 3, 4, 5 and 6, chatting to them about books, hearing them read or choosing books in the library with them. I am working on spending even more time there, and on getting the primary library running even more effectively for all year groups.

Finally, my book hospital is starting to overflow with books that have suffered water damage or similar. Charlotte in Year 7 showed me that she keeps her library books inside a large sandwich bag to protect her book from water bottle eruption. If you can find something around the house that would work, please can I ask that you start to look after your books in a similar way? It also saves me from having to send bills home for soggy or muddy or dismembered books. Thank you!

## SECONDARY CLASS OF THE WEEK

It's super-close, but the class with the highest number of different children who've been in to borrow books this week is... 8CY! Well done to them, or maybe I should say très bien fait to Madame Young's tutor group!



## READERS OF THE WEEK

Megan Vaughan – Year 6   Amy Gaskin – 7NP   Charlotte Walsh – 8RP   Ella Moss – 8KA   Paige Constantine – 10 JM

## BOOK OF THE WEEK

This week's Book of the Week has been recommended by Kacie Price in year 9. It's by Patrick Ness, who has written such amazing books as A Monster Calls, which is highly recommended by the English department. The Knife of Never Letting Go, in the first in the Chaos Walking Trilogy, and we have all three books available in school to borrow. Ideal for our older readers, especially from Y9-Y11.



### The blurb says:

*Todd Hewitt is the last boy in Prentisstown.*

*But Prentisstown isn't like other towns. Everyone can hear everyone else's thoughts in a constant, overwhelming, never-ending Noise. There is no privacy. There are no secrets. Or are there?*

*Just one month away from the birthday that will make him a man, Todd unexpectedly stumbles upon a spot of complete silence. Which is impossible. Prentisstown has been lying to him. And now he's going to have to run...Have a fabulous, story-filled weekend, Mrs. L*