

ST MARTINS SCHOOL

End of summer term 2024

As we reach the end of another successful year at St Martins School, I want to take this opportunity to say thank you to our students, staff and parents for their continued support .

Both within and beyond the classroom this year, our students have shown remarkable dedication and perseverance throughout the term particularly those students who have completed SATs, GCSE and mock exams. Year 10 have also completed an 'experience of work' week which not only gave them a glimpse of what a particular job or industry is really like, helping them make informed career choices, but also an understanding of workplace culture and expectations as well as honing their social skills and confidence. All of these experiences better prepare students for future employment.



Our rewards trips and WOW days have given students the opportunity to experience exciting trips out and visitors into school.



Our sports teams across the school have competed with great spirit and determination, achieving some fantastic results.

And who can forget our "St Martins Oscars" a celebration of academic and pastoral (*well-being, social skills, personal development and confidence*) success for students from reception to year 10.



Looking ahead, we have several important events on the [calendar](#), but over the holidays please look at the website as this will continue to be updated with events.

School Sports Day and craft and plant Fair: Friday 6 September . It promises to be a fun-filled day with various activities, performances, and stalls. We encourage all families to attend and support this event. We can then finally award the house trophy! Well done to the Moors House band for winning first place!!

We have some staff leaving us at the end of term: Ms Fiddy and Ms Hughes both teachers in primary and Ms Jones who has been a HLTA (high level teaching assistant) with the school for almost 24 years. We wish them all the very best for their future careers and for a wonderful retirement to Ms Jones.

I would like to extend my gratitude to all parents and carers for your continued support and partnership. Your involvement and encouragement are crucial to your child's success. I also wish to thank our dedicated staff for their hard work and commitment to providing a nurturing and stimulating learning environment. As we conclude this term, I encourage all students to take some time to relax and recharge over the break. Let us look forward to the next academic year with renewed enthusiasm and a commitment to achieve our very best. Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable holiday, Ms Lovecy



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Well done to the following students that attending the Golf coaching session at Carden Park, Holt (photo on front page) Year 8: Rhys Wilson, Riley Dawson, Isobel Arnold Hughes and Cerys Roberts. Year 7: Tobias Green, David Vasse, Lexi Davies, Winnie Knight and Shannon Jones. Isobel and Cerys play regular but it was nice to give an opportunity to other students in the hope they may want to take up golf.

We are lucky to have staff member Tim Davies, who has strong links with Carden Park golf club and set up a coaching programme with our PE department. We aim to visit the club once a month and invite enthusiastic students that have behaved well in PE.

If your child is in year 11 in September please ensure they have kit on Tuesday 3rd September. If girls and boys wish to play football, please ensure they have shin pads, football socks and football along with their correct football kit. If they do not wish to play football they must have correct PE kit with trainers.

Year 10/11 PE Lessons—From September your child's PE timetable will look different. Year 10 will always have PE lesson 4 on Tuesday and when half of the year group have PE on Monday the other half of the year group will have PSE. For the next week, both groups will swap over. This will repeat throughout the year, therefore they will have PE every other Monday. Year 11 will all have PE lesson 5 every Tuesday. Half the year group will have PE on Friday lesson 5, the other half of the year group will have PSE and Lifeskills lesson 5. For the next week, both groups will swap over. This will repeat throughout the year, therefore they will have PE every other Friday.

Years 7, 8 and 9 played their rounders matches at St. Martins against Thomas Adams. Year 7 team was captained by Hannah Newman. They fielded effectively using good decision making minimising their opponents opportunity to score. Lia Nunnerly quickly collected the ball throughout the match to stump out or stop. Poppy Hodgson made some fantastic accurate, long range throws which stopped the other team scoring. She was also the most powerful, consistent batter. Collectively, they worked outstandingly as a team. Player's player of the match was Hannah Newman.



Final score St. Martins 9 – Thomas Adams 4 1/2. Year 8 was captained by Aku O-Serebour who always leads by example. Unfortunately, we had a few “no balls” which gifted the opposition more of a lead. The team worked positively together with some good backing up. Player's “player of the match” was Isobel Arnold-Hughes. Final score St. Martins 5 – Thomas Adams 9 1/2. Year 9 was captained by Olivia Nunnerly. They played two separate matches, one against their year 9 team, the other against their year 10 team. Ava, Katie, Katelyn and Olivia all scored. Ava managed to catch out. Olivia made some powerful hits and deep throws. Player's player in the year 9 game was Katelyn and Ava got it for the year 10 game. Final score in the year 9 match was St. Martins 1 to Thomas Adams 9. Final score in the year 10 match was St. Martins 2 – Thomas Adams 4. Mrs Hamm-Jones would like to congratulate all the pupils who have played and represented the school throughout this academic year. Thank you for working hard and showing fantastic sportsmanship. You have been great ambassadors for the school.

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Dates for free youth theatre workshops in August 2024 confirmed

These workshops are free to all thanks to grant funding from Vibrant Shropshire. See details below

For children ages 8-10
Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday
6th, 7th and 8th August
10am to 4pm

The venue is to be confirmed but will be in Oswestry

For children young people ages 11-17
Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday
13th, 14th and 15th August
10am to 4pm

Open Space Studios, Arthur Street, Oswestry
(above the library)

Everyone has loved our stage combat sessions and there will be more of these with a welcome return of Tom Jordan and John Cooper-Evans.

Joining us for the first time this year are Abi Johns and Penny Jones from Montgomery Youth Theatre.

The groups will work on devising their own play and using stage combat, music, mime and drama to create an outdoor public performance with an indoor provision if wet.

Sustainable Travel Team | sustainabletravelplanning@shropshire.gov.uk

FREE Scootability Training

Do you have a child aged 5 to 10 years?

Shropshire Council is committed to providing young people with the training needed to make journeys safely on their scooters. In partnership with Scootability, free to attend sessions are being offered at a variety of sites throughout Shropshire in August 2024.

Monday 26th August - Shrewsbury Sports Village
Tuesday 27th August - Maurice Chandler Centre, Market Drayton
Wednesday 28th August - Teme Leisure Centre, Ludlow
Thursday 29th August - Idsall Sports Centre, Shifnal
Friday 30th August - Gobowen Pavilion and Playing Field

Three sessions per day are available:
09:30 - 11:00 / 11:15 - 12:45 / 13:45 - 15:15

All the equipment will be provided. There is a maximum of 30 places per session. Every child that signs up will get the opportunity to take their Level 1 Scootability training which lasts 90 minutes. Parents/Carers are required to stay for the duration of the sessions.

To secure your place:

Scan the QR code or visit:
teamrubicon.co.uk/shropshire-scootability-sign-up

 

enable | **IGNITE YOUR FUTURE**

Ready to Ignite your future but don't know where to start? We are here to help you rediscover your spark!

The Enable Ignite programme is available across Shropshire to support people to gain skills, engage with community activities, increase wellbeing and access employment and training opportunities.

Ignite is available for anyone who is over 16 years old and currently Economically Inactive, which could include:

- Parents considering a return to work
- People with disabilities
- People with long term health conditions
- College and University students seeking employment around their studies
- People who have care responsibilities and care leavers
- Unemployed people who have no live benefit claims
- Unemployed people claiming benefits such as ESA, PIP and Universal Credit with Limited Work Capability or a Fit Note

Our programme offers one to one support which is designed around you and your aims for the future which could include:

- Exploring activities in your community
- Gaining motivation and direction
- Accessing training and education courses
- Tailored job matching and in work support
- Identifying your strengths and skills
- Interpersonal skills development
- Health and Wellbeing support
- Resilience and confidence building
- Digital skills assistance
- Careers guidance and employability support

Support is tailored around you and offered face to face, over the phone or via teams. Get in touch for an informal chat about how we can support you.

Call: 01743 276900
Call or Text: 07458 124420
Email: ss-enable@shropshire.gov.uk
www.enable-service.co.uk

LEVELLING UP | **INVEST SHROPSHIRE**
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Just a reminder to parents about our enhanced procedures for mobile phones in school. Students from year 7-11 can bring a phone to school but this must be left switched off and in their school bag from when they arrive at school until the end of the day. If phones are seen they will be confiscated and a parent or nominated adult will need to come to school to collect it. Reception is open from 8am –4pm Monday to Friday. Year 6 phones need to be handed into the class teacher until the end of the day. A full copy of the parent letter is on the [website](#).



Important Announcement: Transition to House Ties from September

We are thrilled to announce that starting next September, our school will be transitioning to house ties. Please take a look at the stunning picture showcasing the new house ties. To ensure everyone is prepared, please refer to the chart below to know which tie to buy according to your house. We are happy to take old ties to recycle.

Year 7 Students: All Year 7 students will be required to purchase house ties.

New Students: Any new students joining our school must also purchase ties in their house colour

Existing students: when you need to replace your tie you must purchase a house tie.

In Primary, there are mixed houses in each class and we will send a reminder home in the next 2 weeks

Ifton House Blue	Rhyn House Red	Moors House Yellow	Heath house Green
11 JPO	11SST	11 LAT	11 HS
10 KRI	10CY	10 KA	10 RP
9 ZW	9 EH	9 ECJ	9 NP
8 BD	8 CV	8 AMK	9 JHO
7 HCP Ms Crighton- Poli	7 MED Mr Ed- wards	7 CJ Mr James	7 JP Ms Peter- son

Uniform September 2024

At St Martins School we are constantly improving our provision for students in all areas of school life. Uniform is very important to us and we want students to be proud to wear our uniform. We have made our uniform value for money and our branded Ram Leisure items are of a very high quality.

In school we have a selection of pre loved uniform together with the St Martins badge that can be sewn onto items if parents prefer.

Wearing a school uniform means that students are focused on their education and not on their attire. Research has shown that when all students are wearing the same outfit, classrooms are more disciplined, with lower noise levels and significantly better 'listening' from students. The school uniform was introduced to reduce any social differences between students. Wearing a standard uniform saves money - there's no pressure to buy extra 'fashionable' clothes to impress other people at school.

Students who wear a school uniform do not have to feel insecure about their appearance or social status. Because all pupils are wearing the same clothes, there's no judgment. School uniforms create a level playing field among the student body, which reduces peer pressure and helps to prevent bullying.

There are some changes for September and we will be very strict on sticking to our uniform rules and I wanted to give advance notice to all parents. The main areas are bullet pointed below.

- No facial piercings will be allowed, that includes clear plastic and new piercings, students will be asked to remove them
- No false eyelashes or false nails or detectable nail varnish
- No trainers will be allowed even with a parental note. If your child needs to wear special footwear for medical reasons please provide a doctor's note. Please renew this for September so we can scan it and put it on file.
- Ties must be worn and students will be given a detention if they are not wearing one.
- School trousers must be tailored **trousers**, made from trouser fabric not stretchy leggings fabric and have a button and zip fastening. No cargoes or denim
- Sports branded items are not permitted in PE

There will be a large range of new and clean school uniform available for students to borrow for genuine reasons.

Please see the student planners and [website](#) for a detailed list of what is acceptable

New lunch menus now on the [website](#)—Primary Meals and Secondary Meals will be £2.60 when we start back in September, FSM's will not be affected. Don't forget to top up parent pay to clear any outstanding bills. From September if there is debt remaining on accounts these accounts will be locked and parents will need to provide a packed lunch.

