

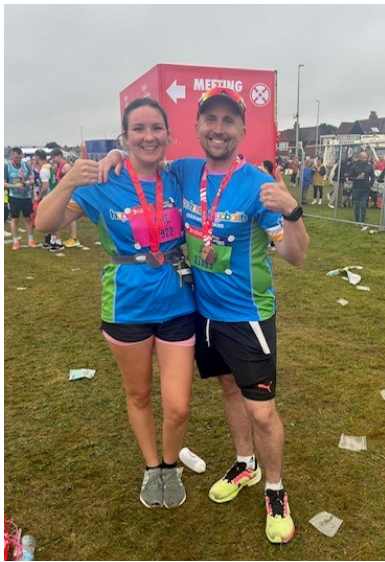


ST MARTINS SCHOOL

13 September 2024

Can I thank all our parents, carers and staff for your patience and understanding during the last two days of IT issues.

Lessons have continued using text books and classroom resources and school always has the ability to contact any of the phone contacts that parents have provided should we need to do so in a emergency. Please do log into the Arbor app if you need to view your contact information and update where appropriate. Please also check your Parentpay account to ensure that there are funds available for school lunches.



It's a bit of a sporting update this week with a huge congratulations to Mr Machin, Ms Richardson and ex student Katie Pickles for completing the Great North Run last weekend in aid of Hope House..

We have had a few small incidences of students falling out and being unhappy about football cards . Can we ask that football cards are kept at home.

Just a reminder of the after school clubs from now until October half term. (see the full list in this newsletter). Booking is required for primary clubs via the arbor app—in secondary please speak to the PE member of staff. Don't forget there is a late bus available for secondary students. This goes to Gobowen, Weston Rhyn and Chirk and can be booked at reception.

Kit reminders for PE lessons for year 7—11 is:- St. Martins PE t-shirt, long sleeve PE jumper, St. Martins shorts / skort, **ALL PUPILS TO WEAR BLACK FOOTBALL SOCKS**, shin pads, boots, trainers, swimming costume / swimming shorts / trunks. Jewellery to be removed and hair tied back. Optional replacements allowed are:- plain black PE kit including leggings / track suit bottoms. **NO SPORTS BRANDING**

It would be really positive to celebrate the great sporting achievements of our students outside of school. Sharing these stories can be very motivational for our whole school community! We would love to highlight these skills and the work they do by displaying photos with information about any clubs or teams pupils train with or play for. Please let us know in an email to reception or the PE team.



Year 11 will already be thinking of post 16 options—we will be hosting careers events here in school but also signposting events that students can attend. Shrewsbury colleges Group open evenst and taster events can be found at [Courses | Training | Shrewsbury Colleges Group \(scg.ac.uk\)](https://www.scg.ac.uk)

A reminder that the school site including the sports field is not open to the general public after school or at weekends.

Have a lovely weekend, Ms Lovecy





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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.

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](#).



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS AUTUMN 2024

Monday	Girls Football	3.15pm	Yr7-11	Ms Vaughan
Tuesday	Boys football	3.15pm	Yr 7-11	Mr Powell
	Boy and girl netball	3.15pm	Yr 7-11	Ms Hamm Jones
Wednesday	Girls rugby	3.15pm	Yr7-11	Ms Hamm Jones
Friday	Basketball	1.30pm	Yr7-11	Ms Hamm Jones
Friday (every other)	Boys rugby	3.15pm	Yr7-11	Mr Powell
Club	Year Group	Time	Staff Member	Capacity
Yoga	Years 1,2 and 3	Tuesday 3:25pm-4pm	Miss Sayers	12
Lego Club	Years 1 and 2	Tuesday 3:25pm-4pm	Mrs Evans	20
Board Games	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	Tuesday 3:25pm-4pm	Mrs Pritchard	20
Drawing Club	Years 2, 3 and 4	Tuesday 3:25pm-4pm	Miss Chestnutt	15
Cross Country	Years 2,3,4,5,6	Wednesday 3:25pm-4pm	Mr Riley and Mr Spellman	No limit
Computer Club*	Years 2,3 and 4	Wednesday 12:25pm-1pm	Mr Holmes	12
Computer Club*	Years 5 and 6	Wednesday 12:25pm-1:05pm	Mr Holmes	12
Choir*	Years 3,4,5 and 6	Friday 12:30pm-1pm	Mrs Jones	No Limit



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
- Black school skirts for year 9-11 must be pleated and knee length

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.