



ST MARTINS SCHOOL

Start of Autumn term 2025

We are delighted to share how smoothly the new school year has begun. Our Reception children, Year 7 students, and other new starters have settled into school life with enthusiasm and confidence. They are already making new friendships, embracing routines, and showing a real eagerness to learn.

It has also been wonderful to see our existing students return with such positivity, quickly getting back into the rhythm of school life and setting a strong example for their younger peers.

The start of term is always a special time, and we are proud of how well all our students have adapted. Their energy, kindness, and commitment make our school community such a vibrant and welcoming place.

We will continue to support all our students as they navigate this new school year. If you have any questions or would like to discuss your child please contact the class teacher in primary or their tutor/house leader in secondary.

Thank you, as always, for your support. We look forward to an exciting and successful year ahead.

Year 7 had their school photos taken this week by Tempest Photography and primary will be having theirs on Monday 15 September—letters have been sent home with a form to complete if parents wish to have sibling group photos taken (primary only)

Uniform has been a focus with class teachers and tutors—I have already circulated the uniform policy to parents and carers earlier this week but if you have any queries, information is also available on the website.

Information about the curriculum can also be found on the website under [“curriculum snapshots”](#)

After School Clubs for **primary** will go live on Arbor at 6pm today. These clubs will start next week until October half term. If you are able to book in, that is confirmation of a place. If you are unable to book in, the club is already full. Collection from clubs will be through the Nursery Gate or the Studio Door. If your child attends Extended School After School Club, they will be taken there at the end of the club.

Meet and Greet sessions for primary will take place on Thursday 11 September at 3.25pm. These sessions will take place in your child's classroom and children can attend with you. Class teachers will go through how the week is organised, what equipment pupils need, PE, trips and how you can help at home. If you are unable to attend, the information shared will be on our website at the end of next week.

There will be further parent information sessions and forums through the year.

Parents/carers of pupils in Years 5 and 6 have the option of giving permission for pupils to walk home or round to the school car park unaccompanied at the end of the school day. Please complete the Arbor registration form regarding this (the link was sent out earlier this week).

If you would like to give permission for a sibling from the secondary phase to collect your child, please complete the registration form on Arbor (the link has been sent home today).

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Pope

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New lunch menus now on the [website](#)—Primary Meals and Secondary Meals will be £2.60 , FSM's will not be affected. 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. .



Mr Machin (Head of Heath House) joined our primary assembly today with the Rewards Trolley to celebrate student achievements.

A special well done to Reception- every child received a certificate for settling in so brilliantly this week, with too many outstanding pupils to choose just one!

Dates for the diary.

Dates are on the website [School Calendar \(stmartins3-16.org\)](http://stmartins3-16.org) for events like learning review evenings, trips, taster days etc... it is updated on a regular basis and from next week we will include key dates in the weekly newsletter.

Head of Heath House

Mr Machin



Head of Moors House

Mr Moore



Head of Ifton House

Mrs Tomley



Head of Rhyn House

Mr Ward



Uniform September 2025

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.

As a reminder:

- 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.