



St Martin-in-the-Fields High School for Girls

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10th February 2023

Dear St Martin Family,

As we approach the end of the first half of spring term. I would like to thank you for your support and encouragement of your child, ensuring that they engage well with school life. We have had a number of great highlights this year so far, lots of revision opportunities for A'Level and GCSE students including exam board conferences, career information, workshops, organisations like Construction for Young people, also Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge, with two of our Year 10 student securing a place in the regional finals on 22nd February 2023.

We have seen some exemplary work from your children, some can be viewed on https://twitter.com/weare_stmartins and on Instagram [wearestmartins https://www.instagram.com/p/Coej2IkN0OI/?igshid=MDJmNzVkMjY=](https://www.instagram.com/p/Coej2IkN0OI/?igshid=MDJmNzVkMjY=)

Look out for our latest Newsletter on our website: <https://www.stmartins.academy>

As we move towards Easter, there are preparations that are taking place to support your child's spiritual growth including our KS3 Ash Wednesday service at Holy Trinity Church. Prior to this, we will be indulging in lots of sweet treats via the sweet shack company on Shrove Tuesday - Pancake Day 21st February 2023, raising money for Christian Aid, their theme this year - Mental Health and wellbeing. Later in the term your child will be able to engage with Prayer Space.

Our students have requested to hold a Spring Harvest to support those in need during this cost of living crisis. Please donate tin food and dry goods, these can be left in reception.

Some quick reminders for next term. You will have heard on the news that teachers will be taking industrial action. The next strike day is Thursday 2nd March 2023. We anticipate to keep the school open for the students taking their Spring Exams, more details will follow.

A reminder of our expectations regarding school uniform. One pair of plain studs in each lobe of the ears, no other piercings are allowed and if seen, students are required to remove them. We ask for your support to ensure our students adhere to

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the uniform policy and not to bring in hoodies, wearing trainers around the school. School Skirts should be knee length, unless you have bought the full length skirt.

If students need to wear a coat to school, it should be big enough for the blazer to be worn underneath.

In our drive to educate students on punctuality, a free breakfast is on offer to all at 8am, so that students can be ready for roll call at 8.25am.

Keys dates for next term:

Year 11 and 13 Exams begins on Monday 20th February - 8th March 2023

Year 10 and 12 Spring assessments begin on Monday 6th March 2023

Year 7 Parents' Evening on 27th February 2023 at 4.30pm -6.30pm (please note a change of date).

Year 8 Parents' Evening on 14th March 2023 at 4.40pm-6.30pm (please note a change of date).

I wish you and your family a relaxing and enjoyable February half term.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Josephine Okokon
Headteacher