



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

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*For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder.
And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Isaiah 9:6-7*

Dear Families

This is my last letter to you for 2017. We have come to the end of our first term for this academic year and, I am sure you will agree, it has gone very quickly. It has been a term filled with excitement and positives from day one. In September we returned to some excellent examination results from our Year 11 and 6th Form students.

We made a historic change to the school uniform and I am delighted in the way in which our girls have worn this uniform with confidence and respect. I have had many positive comments from families and the community who feel that this has 'lifted' our students and given them a greater sense of pride. They have been a credit to you and our school.

Students also returned to a newly refurbished 'Dining Plaza' which they have loved, and this has provided a more mature and high quality dining experience. Most importantly, students are working hard in lessons, and we are very pleased with the progress they are making.

We are proud of our 300 hundred year heritage and that next year we will have been located in our current position in Silwood House, Tulse Hill, for 90 years. To celebrate this and to celebrate 319 years of educating girls, we will be having a special service in May.

On 23 May 1928 Her Royal Highness the Queen Mother, came to St Martin's to officially open the school. We will be having a service at St Martin-in-the-Fields Church, Trafalgar Square on the same date, 90 years later. We are really excited that we can do this and this is thanks to the Worshipful Company of Farriers who have funded the cost of the coaches.

During the month of May we will be celebrating our 90 years in lots of different ways. I hope that you will join us and take part in some of the special events that will take place. More information will come your way in the new year.

We only have one member of staff leaving this term, Dr Andrew Mubeezi. I know that the students are very sorry to see him leave the school. He has decided to spend more time working on his other areas of interest. We thank him very much for his support and commitment to our students and to the school as Head of Mathematics and Assistant Headteacher. I am sure you will want to join me in wishing him well for the future.

Headteacher Mrs Beverley Stanislaus B.Ed. NPQH

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From January Ms Siobhan Asiedu will take on the leadership of the Department as Acting Head of Mathematics. We also welcome Ms Sasha Asiedu, an outstanding mathematics teacher who will join the department.

I very much look forward to seeing you in the new year at some of our events. In the meantime please put Tuesday, 23 January 2018 into your diary. This is the date for the next Parent Partnership meeting from 6.30pm to 8.00pm.

Finally, I would like to remind you that school reopens on Tuesday, 2 January 2018. I ask that you ensure that if your daughter has enjoyed the holiday treats of hair colour, acrylic nails, false eyelashes piercings and other body adornment, this is all removed ready to start the new school term properly. There will be no exceptions so please comply with our expectations. Your cooperation in this goes a long way to ensure we have a school that maintains high expectations and a focus on being scholarly and ambitious.

As always, I thank you very much for your ongoing support. I am thrilled that the changes we are making to the school are having such a positive impact and your support is very important to us as we continue to strive for excellence in all that we do.

From me, and from all of us at St Martin's, we wish you joy this Christmas and peace in the year to come.

Many Blessings

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Beverley Stanislaus', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Beverley Stanislaus
Headteacher