



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

11-19 Church of England Academy Founded 1699

*Service Compassion Justice Perseverance*

*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead **1 Peter 1:3***

Wednesday 28 March 2018

Dear Families

How quickly we have come to the end of another term. As always it has been very busy and we have kept you up to date with all our news on our website.

**We break up for the Easter holidays on Thursday 29 March 2018. Dismissal for students will be at 2.30pm. The summer term begins on Monday 16 April 2018 at the normal school time.**

Public examinations will begin in earnest within the first few weeks when we return. To support our students in Year 11 and in the sixth form we have a programme of revision that will take place during the two week holiday period. I am sure you want to join me in thanking all the members of staff that will give up some of their holiday, for no additional payment, to come into school to support the students at this very important time in their school career.

I am sure you will also want to join me in sending best wishes to all of our young people who will be taking examinations this year, we keep them in our prayers.

Building on the success of last year, Donna Akodu, a parent of a Year 10 student, who is also a member of the Parent Partnership has organised our school 'Prayer Space'. We thank her very much for all the work that has gone into planning and organising this hugely popular event, and to members of Oasis Baptist Church and Holy Trinity Church for supporting us by supervising in the 'Prayer Space' over three days.

I am delighted and excited to share the news with you that we have established a partnership with The Confucius Institute for Traditional Chinese Medicine (CITCM) at London South Bank University and, from April 2018, St Martin's will be an official Mandarin teaching site. The Institute will provide us with a full time Mandarin teacher and we will offer Mandarin lessons to our students, staff and parents. We will also set up some outreach with our primary schools. There will be many other benefits and a unique opportunity for our students to learn Mandarin, and participate in diverse cultural activities helping them develop a strong international awareness and cross cultural understanding.

Some of the services that the Confucius institute provide are:

- Curriculum Mandarin teaching to YCT HSK and GCSE
- Examination preparation
- Clubs and workshops
- Professional Chinese performances
- Chinese New Year roadshow
- Cultural Trips to China
- Scholarships to study in China

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I will keep you updated on the plans for this partnership and how students will benefit from this unique opportunity. In the meantime, please visit our website for further information.

This year St Martin's celebrate 90 years of being located in Silwood House and 318 of educating girls (and now boys in the sixth form) To commemorate this, we are having a special service on Wednesday 23 May at St Martin-in-the-Fields Church. Parent Partnership will also be hosting an afternoon tea in the school hall. I hope you will be able to help in some way or join us for tea. In addition, we will be having a whole school photograph on Thursday 26 April. This is definitely not a day to be absent!

Just to keep you updated, the manufacturers were not able to source the fabric for the trousers for this academic year. However, our uniform supplier has assured us that we will be able to offer trousers as part of our uniform from September. As soon as I have further information I will let you know.

In a previous letter to you I informed you about our much improved outcomes for the summer 2017 and that we are now placed in a strong position within the London borough of Lambeth. We have high hopes for current Year 11 students and the sixth form. They are working ever so hard and are focussed and determined to achieve the best that they can.

The Government have made changes to the eligibility of free school meals. If your daughter receives free school meals, please read the letter carefully. I have sent this out separately.

As always, thank you for your continued support and help in making St Martin's the school that it is. We are, and will always work hard to ensure your daughter is happy and successful and prepared for her future. I am sure you would want to join me in thanking all the staff for their hard work and dedication to the education of all the students at St Martin's.

Easter is a time for reflection and rebirth, a time to think about how the death and resurrection of Jesus has impacted our lives. I hope that during the Easter period you will have time to spend with your family and friends and it will bring you peace and blessings.

Easter Blessings from me and the school community.



Beverley Stanislaus  
Headteacher

#### **Looking forward to the summer term - some important dates and notices**

- Summer term begins on **Monday 16 April 2018** at the normal school time.
- Whole school photograph on **Thursday 26 April 2018 (pm)**
- GCSE examinations begin on **Monday 14 May 2018**
- 90 Years in Silwood House Celebrations **Wednesday 23 May 2018 to include:**
  - Commemorative Service at St Martin-in-the-Fields Church 10.00am
  - Parent Partnership hosting afternoon tea in the school hall 3.30pm
- A reminder that under no circumstances do we allow acrylic nails, false eyelashes, tattoos, piercings, and non prescription contact lenses.
- Hair colour should only be the colour of your daughter's natural hair. Please remove any colour before they return. Dealing with the above takes us away from what we are here to do, teach. Please continue to support us with this. The girls look fabulous in their uniform and they are 'Ready to Learn'.