

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

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## Thursday 9 January 2020

When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Matthew 2:10-11

## **Dear Families**

Happy New Year to you all. I hope you had a very happy Christmas and New Year

On Monday, our whole school collective worship focussed on Epiphany. The time of the visit of the Magi (wise men) to the infant Jesus when God revealed himself to the world through the incarnation of Jesus. The Magi offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. You can read more in Matthew 2:1-12.

The new decade has started well. Students have quickly got back into the normal routines and we are looking forward to a successful spring term. It will be a busy six weeks before we get to February half term, and we look forward to another celebration, this time it will be our Chinese New Year event, a show with live performances from Chinese artists. This will be an event for students in Year 7 and 8 who are studying Mandarin and for our first GCSE group.

Our Year 11 students have come back with renewed energy after spending some of their holiday revising for their Pre Public Examination Mocks.

On Monday 6 January, for our Year 11 students, it was the start of two weeks, of a series of tests that we call Pre Public Examinations (PPE's). These examinations are to ascertain their current progress in all their subjects and to prepare them for the 'real thing'. Students will receive the results of these tests soon after and a programme of intervention will be put in place to ensure there is a focus on any gaps in knowledge. There will be an opportunity for you to discuss your daughter's results at the Year 11 Progress Evening in early March.

Below are the dates of some of the key events, please pencil into your diary the events that are relevant to you. All of these dates can be found on the calendar on our website.

## **Spring Term Events**

Parent Partnership Meeting	Tuesday 15 January	6.30 - 8.00
Year 13 Progress Evening	Thursday 24 January	4.30 - 7.00
Year 8 Progress Evening	Thursday 31 January	4.30 - 7.00
Half Term	Monday 18 February to Friday 21 February	
Year 11 Progress Evening	Thursday 28 February	4.30 - 7.00
Year 12 Progress Evening	Thursday 7 March	4.30 - 7.00
Year 10 Progress Evening	Thursday 21 March	4.30 - 7.00
Year 9 Choices Evening	Thursday 4 April	5.00 - 6.30

May I take this opportunity to thank you again for your continued support, and from me and all the staff at St Martin's, we wish you all a blessed, peaceful and happy 2020.

Blessings

**Beverley Stanislaus** 

Headteacher