

Ms Sue Lovecy, Head of School

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020

Dear parent / carer and students of St Martins School

## Keeping in touch week 2

I hope you are all keeping safe and well and making the most of family time through this isolation period.

Thanks to Mrs Smith for dropping off all of our Science goggles for Hope House to use as PPE.

We are now starting our Easter holiday and we hope that you will all take a holiday in whatever way you can. Hope fully the weather will be nice and we can all get in to the garden or find somewhere to enjoy outside spaces.

We do not expect your sons and daughters to complete schoolwork during the holiday, so you can suspend the school of mum and dad for a couple of weeks. Unless of course it gives you something to do. We have some CID homework projects on the website that you can complete if you are stuck for ideas.

## **Heads Challenge**

Many of my teachers have been telling me how their communications with their students is keeping them happy over this period, so thank you, you fantastic students for doing all of this amazing work.

Therefore, I would like to set a heads challenge. I would like to create a huge exhibition in September, which tells the story of our journey over the next few months. I would like you to bring in artwork you have created, paintings, sculptures etc. Any diaries, poetry or creative writing about your experiences and photography or video blogs.

To keep me happy please feel free to send pictures of your work or what you intend to do to <u>reception@stmartins3-16.org</u> mark it for the attention of Ms Lovecy.

I will be giving some special prizes for the very best entries into my exhibition and a treat to all that enter a piece of work.

## September approaching

Whilst we are on partial closure, we are planning for September. There is a new letter about to be sent about options for years 8 and 9.

We are writing to all of our new year 7's for September with our connections booklet and the Quinta residential has been moved to September the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.

#### **UNIFORM for September 2020**

We have now decided on the changes to uniform in September.

Following parent consultation there was an overwhelming vote to keep the purple sweatshirt, which has become the trademark of St Martins School. We have decided to change the skirts for girls from year 4 to year 11.

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### Skirts year 4-8

These will now be a checked pleated skirt. These will be available from our supplier Ram leisure. Girls may still wear grey trousers and you can buy the skirt from other suppliers but it must look the same and be 22 inches long in years 7 and 8

### Skirts year 9-11

These will now be a black pleated skirt, again available from Ram leisure. Girls may wear black school trousers, no pockets, zips, ETC. The skirt can be sourced from another supplier but must be the same style and be at least 22 inches in length.

### **Changes to shoes**

From September 2020 we will no longer be allowing trainer style shoes. All shoes must be plain black, with no logo's. No trainer type soles will be allowed. Van's / converse style trainers will not be accepted as school uniform.

Plain smart black boots will be accepted as school uniform.

All of these details and pictures of the skirts will go on the website after Easter.

## **Safeguarding**

With all our children working on line and spending lots of their leisure time on line. Here is a reminder from our team about staying safe.

Only talk to people you actually know. Remember, work will be set through SMHW or to student's school email only. You will not be asked to install new software if you are asked to contact school by email.

Watch out for anyone pretending to be offering help.

Do not share personal details, email addresses, how old you are, where you live or information about brother, sisters, family, friends with **anyone** who you do not know.

Work online in a space with other people from home if possible.

Do not share any pictures or videos with any one you don't actually know not matter how friendly they are, Think about what you are sending to people you do know.

If you think there is bullying or unkind things being said, do not get involved or take sides. Talk to your family. Let's all look after each other in these difficult times.

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Don't think twice about sharing any concerns, with your families or with your teachers.

Use Child line if you need to. Phone 08001111 or have a look at <u>https://www.childline.org.uk/</u>

# Stay safe on line.

We are very much still here for the community of St Martins, even though most of us are working from home. Remember if you need anything drop an email to <u>reception@stmartins3-16.org</u> Stay safe and keep smiling. Yours faithfully,

Sue Lovecy - Your Head of School

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