



Ms Sue Lovecy, Head of School

Dear parent / carer and students

What a fantastic year we have had. I am so proud that our school community goes from strength to strength and gets stronger and more brilliant every year.

We were delighted with our January Ofsted report as it has validated everything we knew was fantastic about our school. We now move forward with our journey to be the very best school that we can be and I thought it was appropriate to share our priorities for next year with all parents.

STM - School Priorities 2023-24

- **For every student to make the maximum progress and attain above national standards.**
- **For attendance to improve to 95% for all students.**
- **To increase the numbers of students taking part in extracurricular activities and engaging in our local community.**
- **To improve the use of data in maximising progress and raising attainment across the school.**
- **To engage parents in their child's learning more effectively and keep that engagement throughout school.**

St Martins School – July 2023

Next academic year we hope that you will all get the ARBOR App so that you can keep up to speed with your child's attendance, progress and house points. Next term we will be launching our student App which will allow students to see work set and a variety of other communications.

We also hope that some of you will join in with our new community events programme. This will replace our PTA group. Parents will be able to get involved with organising one of our events and help us raise valuable funds for our school. Events will include a bingo night and a plant and craft fayre. More details in September.

Houses

Next year we have a new house system in school which we hope will increase the community participation of our students and give plenty of opportunities for our students to gain leadership skills. Our new heads of house are

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Rhyn House – Mrs Ellis

Ifton House – Mrs Evans

Heath House – Mr Machin

Moors House Mr Moore

Changes

We've got some exciting new changes at school in September including a brand, new food room, which looks incredible, new IT room and SEN suite. We also welcome some new teachers and support staff.

Welcome to Sophie Stevens teaching Maths and taking over Mrs Ellis' tutor group, Katie Richardson teaching English and taking over Mrs Evans' tutor group. Ms Cunnah – Jones will be taking on Mr James current tutor group.

We also welcome Sarah Honeybun, attendance, Annalise Harrington, Hub manager. Richie Bull, Site Manager, Charlotte Hartey, cover supervisor and Gillian Shore, LSA in early years.

Sadly, we also have some staff members leaving us. A huge thank you to Cath Widdon, Yvette Carlton, Bethany Satoor and Denis Clarke.

Also leaving us will be our fantastic husband and wife team, Sam and Mike Newland. The Newland's have basically run the school for the last few years; Sam inducting all of your little ones into our Reception class and Mike making sure, as Site Manager, that our site is safe, tidy and looking great. Sam and Mike are leaving to return to Africa and we wish them well with their move of continent and are looking forward to the fabulous stories of their new life.

We return on Tuesday the 5th of September for the primary phase, year 7 and year 11 only and then everyone returns on Wednesday the 6th of September.

Finally, I wish you all a fantastic summer, stay safe, students be kind and loving to your families as they have 6 weeks and 2 days to suffer you every day.

Best wishes to all of you

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