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ST MARTINS SCHOOL

26 January 2024

Thankyou to all the students, parents, carers and staff who attended last nights show. I'm sure everyone will agree that it showcased some great talent and was very entertaining! These shows couldn't go ahead without students and staff who give up their time, so a huge thankyou to you. Special thanks go to Mr Riley who stepped in at the last minute to play the fairy godmother and Lucy Harris and Kaitlyn Marie – Jones from year 9 drama - I think you have a career opportunity ahead of you!!



We have seen an increase in students using their phones in school. We have had a policy for many years that phones should be off and in bags for the whole school day. This prevents distraction, on line bullying and creates a more sociable environment at break times. Our behaviour policy states that phones will be confiscated for the day if they are out of bags during the school day . For more serious incidences of filming or recording this will almost always result in a period

of suspension. If incidences are deemed more serious or are a risk to our safeguarding of students and staff this could lead to a permanent exclusion. Students will be reminded of this and I thank parents for their ongoing support.

On Wednesday afternoon the Arts department took the year nine art students' to the 'Blue Planet Aquarium', to photograph and sketch aquatic life. The team were so proud to say the year nine's were our students, as their behaviour was excellent. They independently walked round the aquarium sketching and photographing the sea life, this will be great pri-

mary research for their project work. Everyone met for lunch where the students continued to sketch whilst eating! Watch this space for pictures of their final outcomes. Well done year nine, keep up the good work!

Have a lovely weekend, Ms Lovecy





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Family fun prize Bingo Thursday 22nd Feb 2024 6-8pm

£5 per entry which includes:

- Four bingo tickets
- Dabber
- Choice of vegetable or chicken curry
- Chicken nugget option for children
- Family quiz
- Tombola



BINGO NIGHT

PRESENTED BY ST MARTINS UNLIMITED MEMBERS

£5 FOR ENTRY INCLUDING VEGETABLE OR CHICKEN CURRY AND RICE OR CHICKEN NUGGETS FOR CHILDREN AND A BINGO DABBER.

MORE DETAILS ON PARENT PAY

On Wednesday 7 February we will be having our second Wow Day of the academic year. Within reception to year 6 there will be a focus on our School Values:

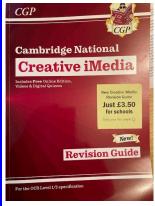
Aspiration, Self- discipline, Positivity, Self-belief,
Motivation, Safety, Understanding,
Acceptance, Respect, Resilience,
Communication

Further details will follow from class teachers, nearer the time.

We have the CGP Creative iMedia Revision Guide that Years 10 & 11 can order from Mr Holmes.

This covers Units R093 (Exam) and Unit R094 (Midnight Games).

The cost is £3.50 and the order will go in Next Wednesday the 31st of January.



The Revision Guide comes with a free online edition, videos and digital quizzes. Students can use Teams to indicate their interest or see an example of pages and payment option will be added to ParentPay

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 25 January— Christmas Show and staff panto
- 30 and 31—Activate & Advance parents evenings
- 1 February—year 11 parents evening
- 2 & 3 February— Rewards trips
- 7 February—WOW day 2
- 12—16 February—half term
- 22 February—Bingo & Curry night
- 29 February—Year 9 options evening—on line
- 4 March—MFL speaking Mock
- 7 March—World Book Day
- 11 March—yr 6 SATs mock
- 14 March—year 10 parents evening
- 25 March—Easter holidays begin

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'Love Oswestry', Oswestry's Winter Arts and Culture festival taking place during February half-term.

There are lots of free children's workshops to sign up for and there is a Stage Five week-long drama workshop (there is a small charge for this) with an associate from the Royal Shakespeare Company. https://www.stagefivetheatre.co.uk/workshops

The main day is Saturday February 17th, with an extensive programme of events in the lead up. There will be art, DJ, African drumming and drama workshops, performances, guided tours, storytelling, music and the wonderful lantern parade. Llwyd Mansion will also open its doors for a 'Story Shop' for locals to share their memories of our town.

Here's the link for more info and workshop booking details http://tinyurl.com/LoveOswestry24







We have lots of fun and exciting events planned for World Book Day (7th March) this year!

We're promoting reading more than ever for our students, however, we've noticed a gap in interest for magazines. A portion of GCSE English Language requires our students to be familiar with articles and how to read and create one.

If you have any unwanted magazines (appropriate for age 11-16 years) please can you consider donating them to us? We would be very grateful!

Donations can be given to reception, your tutor or to Miss Tomley.



