



# ST MARTINS SCHOOL

**Start of Autumn term 2024**

All our new students from nursery to year 10 have settled into their new school environment here at St Martins School. It has been a pleasure getting to know them and they are adjusting well to our school 'family'.

In just a few short days they have all been actively engaging in class activities, forming positive relationships with peers, and adapting well to the new routines.

We will continue to support all our students as they navigate this new school year. If you have any questions or would like to discuss your child please contact the class teacher in primary or their tutor in secondary.

Year 7 had their school photos taken this week by Tempest Photography and primary will be having theirs on Monday 16 September—letters have been sent home with a form to complete if parents wish to have sibling group photos taken (primary only)

We are as disappointed as you are that we could not host our sports day. We wanted to inform students and parents as soon as possible and when we looked at the weather forecast on Monday it looked awful for today. Oh well, hope you enjoy the sunshine! We will of course be calculating our House Point winning house without the addition of sports day—we will let you know next week!

Uniform has been a focus with class teachers and tutors—I have included the uniform policy again in this newsletter. We have a policy in school and this is to be followed by all students. ***The school uniform was introduced to reduce any social differences between students. Wearing a standard uniform saves money - there's no pressure to buy extra 'fashionable' clothes to impress other people at school. Students who wear a school uniform do not have to feel insecure about their appearance or social status. Because all pupils are wearing the same clothes, there's no judgment. School uniforms create a level playing field among the student body, which reduces peer pressure and helps to prevent bullying.***

Dates for the diary. Dates are on the website [School Calendar \(stmartins3-16.org\)](http://stmartins3-16.org) for events like learning review evenings, trips taster days etc... it is updated on a regular basis and from next week we will include key dates in the weekly newsletter. Primary clubs start next week and are bookable on the Arbor app from 6pm this evening. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Club	Year Group	Time	Staff Member	Capacity
Yoga	Years 1,2 and 3	Tuesday 3:25pm-4pm	Miss Sayers	12
Lego Club	Years 1 and 2	Tuesday 3:25pm-4pm	Mrs Evans	20
Board Games	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	Tuesday 3:25pm-4pm	Mrs Pritchard	20
Drawing Club	Years 2, 3 and 4	Tuesday 3:25pm-4pm	Miss Chest-nutt	15
Cross Country	Years 2,3,4,5,6	Wednesday 3:25pm-4pm	Mr Riley and Mr Spellman	No limit
Computer Club*	Years 2,3 and 4	Wednesday 12:25pm-1pm	Mr Holmes	12
Computer Club*	Years 5 and 6	Wednesday 12:25pm-	Mr Holmes	12
Choir*	Years 3,4,5 and 6	Friday 12:30pm-1pm	Mrs Jones	No Limit

We have had a new set of goals for our sports field over the summer. Can I remind our community and parents that the school and school site including the field is not 'open access'.

Parents who are abusive to any member of staff will be barred from coming onto the school site.

Have a lovely weekend

Ms Lovecy



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New lunch menus now on the [website](#)—Primary Meals and Secondary Meals will be £2.60 when we start back in September, FSM's will not be affected. Don't forget to top up parent pay to clear any outstanding bills. From September if there is debt remaining on accounts these accounts will be locked and parents will need to provide a packed lunch.



Just a reminder to parents about our enhanced procedures for mobile phones in school. Students from year 7-11 can bring a phone to school but this must be left switched off and in their school bag from when they arrive at school until the end of the day. If phones are seen they will be confiscated and a parent or nominated adult will need to come to school to collect it. Reception is open from 8am –4pm Monday to Friday. Year 6 phones need to be handed into the class teacher until the end of the day. A full copy of the parent letter is on the [web-site](#) .

## Important Announcement: Transition to House Ties from September

We are thrilled to announce that starting next September, our school will be transitioning to house ties. Please take a look at the stunning picture showcasing the new house ties. To ensure everyone is prepared, please refer to the chart below to know which tie to buy according to your house. We are happy to take old ties to recycle.

**Year 7 Students:** All Year 7 students will be required to purchase house ties.

**New Students:** Any new students joining our school must also purchase ties in their house colour

**Existing students:** when you need to replace your tie you must purchase a house tie.

In Primary, there are mixed houses in each class and we will send a reminder home in the next 2 weeks

Ifton House Blue	Rhyn House Red	Moors House Yellow	Heath house Green
11 JPO	11SST	11 LAT	11 HS
10 KRI	10CY	10 KA	10 RP
9 ZW	9 EH	9 ECJ	9 NP
8 BD	8 CV	8 AMK	9 JHO
7 HCP Ms Crighton- Poli	7 MED Mr Ed- wards	7 CJ Mr James	7 JP Ms Peter- son



## Uniform September 2024

At St Martins School we are constantly improving our provision for students in all areas of school life. Uniform is very important to us and we want students to be proud to wear our uniform. We have made our uniform value for money and our branded Ram Leisure items are of a very high quality.

In school we have a selection of pre loved uniform together with the St Martins badge that can be sewn onto items if parents prefer.

Wearing a school uniform means that students are focused on their education and not on their attire. Research has shown that when all students are wearing the same outfit, classrooms are more disciplined, with lower noise levels and significantly better 'listening' from students. **The school uniform was introduced to reduce any social differences between students. Wearing a standard uniform saves money - there's no pressure to buy extra 'fashionable' clothes to impress other people at school.**

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There are some changes for September and we will be very strict on sticking to our uniform rules and I wanted to give advance notice to all parents. The main areas are bullet pointed below.

- No facial piercings will be allowed, that includes clear plastic and new piercings, students will be asked to remove them
- No false eyelashes or false nails or detectable nail varnish
- No trainers will be allowed even with a parental note. If your child needs to wear special footwear for medical reasons please provide a doctor's note. Please renew this for September so we can scan it and put it on file.
- Ties must be worn and students will be given a detention if they are not wearing one.
- School trousers must be tailored **trousers**, made from trouser fabric not stretchy leggings fabric and have a button and zip fastening. No cargoes or denim
- Sports branded items are not permitted in PE
- Black school skirts for year 9-11 must be pleated and knee length

There will be a large range of new and clean school uniform available for students to borrow for genuine reasons. Please see the student planners and [website](#) for a detailed list of what is acceptable.