



ST MARTINS SCHOOL

11 October 2024



Year 11 had a career focused week this week—they took part in a trip to Wrexham University where they had a taster of “uni campus life”, attending lectures, and taking part in a workshop on forensic anthropology and facial reconstruction . These type of experiences are an important part of our careers programme to show students the vast array of opportunities open to them when they leave us.

Next week year 11 along with the rest of KS3 and 4 have access to Unifrog which is a careers guidance platform which helps students compare every university course, every apprenticeship, and Further Education courses - then apply successfully for their chosen pathway.



unifrog
The universal careers platform

Improving communication between school and home remains a school priority. There are a

few parent /carer activities over the next few weeks—year 7 parents are invited to meet with tutors (Tuesday 22nd October for Mr James and Mrs Poli, Wednesday 23rd October for Mr Edwards and Ms Peterson) to discuss how their child has settled into year 7 and targets for the year ahead. Bookings open at 5pm today via the Arbor App. There will be a Phonics Workshop for Parents/Carers of pupils in our Reception class on Monday 21 October at 2.30pm.

Phonics

There will be a workshop for Year 1 and 2 Parents/Carers on Monday 11 November at 2.30pm.

The final workshop will focus on Helping pupils to develop their reading further by giving parents/carers strategies to use at home. This is aimed at KS2 parents/carers. This will take place on Monday 18 November at 2.30pm. Parents can book via Arbor. Please sign in at main Reception from 2.15pm. Sessions will be finished before the end of the school day

Yesterday Nursery took part in “Odd Shoes Day” which was set up by The Blind Water Sports Dad (check out his Facebook or Instagram for more of his story), to raise money for Guide Dogs UK. He is on the waiting list for his own guide dog, and set up this fundraiser after recently sending his young son to nursery wearing odd shoes without realising as he was unable to see them. A fun day was had by all. Thank you to the nursery parents/carers for your support. What a fabulous week, enjoy your weekend! Ms Lovecy





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There will be **no After School Clubs** after school on **Wednesday 23 October** due to our KS2 Harvest Festival. Extended School will run as normal until 5.30pm for those pupils booked in.
There will be a link sent to KS2 parents/carers via Arbor to complete regarding collecting pupils from the Church or walking back to school.

Dates for the diary

- 15 October—year 11 GCSE Food practical
- 15 October—Flu vaccinations reception—yr 11 [Consent letter has been emailed to all parents and on the website](#)
- Week beginning 21 October—harvest festivals
- 22 & 23 October—year 7 review days—emails have been sent to parents to book their appointments via the arbor app
- 23 October—school closes for half term
- 5 November—school re opens after half term
- 5-9 November—Malaga trip
- 12 November—WOW day
- 14 November—Careers fair for year 9-11
- 15 November—Mock exams start
- 19&20 November—Activate & Advance learning reviews
- 29 November—Year 11 trip to post 16 providers
- 17 December—Christmas Lunch
- 18 December—Extravaganza and staff panto
- 20 December—last day

We seem to be missing some school calculators—could parents and former students check at home and hand any in to our reception Thank you

PRIMARY HALLOWEEN DISCO

Monday 21st October 2024
4:30pm-5:30pm
£2 on the door

Drinks and snacks will be available to buy

Party clothes/own clothes are welcome. Costumes are optional.
If your child is wearing a costume please ensure it does not include any props, blood or anything younger children may find scary

Harvest Festival

We are asking children to bring in food in tins of packets for our Harvest Festival collection which will take place on:

Monday 21st October

This year, we are delighted to be able to donate the food the children bring in to the residents of Cedar Close.

Parents and carers are invited to join us for our Harvest Festival Services. This will take place on Wednesday 23rd October. Details are below

Nursery and Reception- 9:30am at St Martins School. Please sign in at the main reception
Year 1 and Year 2- 10:30am at St Martins School. Please sign in at the main Reception
Years 3 to 6- 1:30pm at St Martins Parish Church

If you would like to take your child straight home after the church service, please fill in the form that has been sent out on Arbor. Children will not be permitted to walk home alone from the Church.



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ETC SAWMILLS LTD

A big thankyou Christopher Griffiths / Branch Manager of ETC sawmills who has donated timber to our technology department. This will primarily be used by year 11 as they work on their final exam piece.



Congratulations to the year 8 boys who played against Ysgol Dinas Bran in Llangollen this week. The boys lost 7-3, with Goals from captain Luca Roberts (penalty), Alex Williams and Archie Mac-



Kenzie. St Martins were playing against a very strong team who passed the ball very well. Our boys battled to the end and I couldn't be more proud of them. Player of the match was Nathan Cutajar for his great awareness, passing and tackling.

We are hosting the year 7 boys rugby tournament here next Tuesday and I will be taking the year seven boys football team to Welshpool HS the following Tuesday- Good luck to our teams!!

The girls played in one of the wettest netball tournament Ms Hamm Jones has ever seen!! They were in tough pools and competed as well as they could against some very tall, experienced players. It was a good experience for them to see the different levels of the game particularly for our more able pupils. They worked hard and were very professional in their manner. They represented our school very positively and I was proud of them. Captain duties were shared to give everyone the experience.



And continuing to celebrate achievements outside of school , 3 of our year 8 students recently took part in a boxing tournament in Shrewsbury, in front of a massive crowd. Well done to Alex Williams, Leon Jones and Jaiden Wood.



Isobel Powell from year 8 and her pony Millie competed in a competition at the weekend. Well done Isobel and Millie for coming first : they even had their winning rosette awarded by a famous You Tuber!