

# ST MARTINS SCHOOL

10 January 2025

Welcome back to everyone, I hope you all had some time to relax with family and friends over the Christmas period.

We have come back to some very cold weather that is impacting everyone, thank you to our site staff who have worked to keep the school running in these conditions. Hopefully it warms up next week!

Attendance at school remains a priority and thank you to all our parents who support us with this. The best outcomes for students really do depend on attendance at school. It's fine to send your child to school with a minor cough, common cold or sore throat, we would always contact you if your child becomes unwell and needs to go home. You can see your child's attendance on the ARBOR APP.

Holidays in term time will almost always be unauthorised - but I would like to let parents know that our October half term in 2025 is for TWO weeks which may be an option for taking a family holiday. Full term dates are on the [website](#)

Year 10 and 11 return to school with gcse exams on the horizon. Our preparations continue with a Year 10 & Year 11 GCSE forum on Tuesday at 6pm . This on line information session will be explaining plans for the coming months and support on offer from school. An email has been sent to all parents with a link to attend.



Over Christmas 2 of our pupils earnt a blue peter badge!

Lacey Herbert (Year 6) and Mya Herbert Kelly (Year 2) took part in a Blue Peter horse vaulting showcase where they showcased their tal-

ents with horse vaulting. They met Blue presenters and earnt their Blue Peter badge.

Well done to **Kitt Edwards, Year 2**, used his incredible imagination to create a fantastic monster! Year 2 have been exploring monsters in their art class, inspired by the books *The Troll* by Julia Donaldson and *Troll Swap* by Leigh Hodgkinson. As part of their project, the students also created amazing clay monsters, bringing their ideas to life through art

Have a lovely weekend, Ms Lovecy



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Our St Martins Unlimited enterprise club with the help and support of OsNosh prepared drinks and nibbles for staff and VIPs who attended our Christmas Extravaganza! Thankyou to Paul Newman from Be A Better Fish for his ongoing support!

The year 11 Geography field work trip took place just before the Christmas break with a visit to **Dolwyddelan, Snowdonia** —here are some photos of students really “immersing” themselves into river investigations about diversity, the main physical processes and types of management that affect *ivers*.

Coleg Cambria new course guide is [here](#), students can find out more about what we offer at Coleg Cambria as well as details about our open events.



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Well done to our year 11 students that competed in the U16 N Shropshire badminton tournament. They all played so well!

Congratulations to Thomas Adams School (boys) and Moreton School (girls) for winning and go through to represent N Shropshire at the county games.

**FOOD FESTIVAL**  
By Aspens

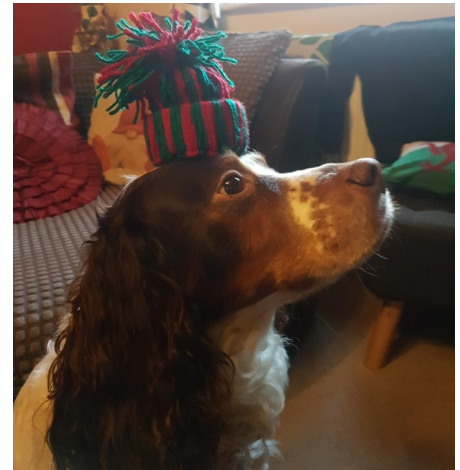
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**FAVOURITE MEAL**

**Census Day Special**  
**Thursday 16TH January**

**Cheese & Tomato Pizza Slice**  
OR  
**Chicken Bites with Chips & Beans or Green Salad**

and

**Cheshire Ice-Cream Pot**



Getting into the festive Christmas spirit, on the last day of term maths students had a craft lesson to make Christmas hats. Here are Ryan Tookey's cat Maggie, and Faye Bamford-Griffith's dog Buddy showing off their new winter woollies!

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## Dates for the diary

- 16 January—year 10 parent evening
- 21 January—year 10 mock interviews & GCSE food practical exam
- 29 January—WOW day 2/Yr 9 vaccinations
- 30 January—year 11 parents evening
- 3 February—second mocks exams for year 11
- 12 February—Moreton Hall careers fair for year 11
- 12 & 13 February—after school club will close at 4pm for staff training**
- 14 February—GCSE Design Technology practical
- 17-21 February—half term
- 27 February—year 7 parents evening
- 6 March—year 9 options evening on line
- 13 March—year 8 trip to a university
- 19 March—Welcome evening to new year 7 (2025) parents
- 3 & 4 April—Skool of Rock—whole school show
- 7 & 8 April—GCSE Art practical exam
- 8 & 9 April— Activate & Advance parents evenings
- 9-11 April—GCSE speaking exams for year 10
- 14-25 April—Easter Holidays



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**We are recruiting!**

**Student Support Programme Lead**  
Term Time only plus 1 week (35hrs per wk)  
Grade 8/9 depending on experience  
(£25,418/£27,753) Permanent

We are seeking a dedicated and proactive individual to lead the delivery of **alternative programmes** aimed at supporting students at risk of permanent exclusion or those with significantly poor attendance. This crucial role focuses on ensuring these students remain engaged in their education and have access to tailored interventions that promote positive outcomes. You will design and deliver programmes working with students and other stakeholders in identifying barriers to engagement and tailoring strategies to meet their needs.

Are you looking for a new challenge? We also have the following vacancies:

**Classroom Cover Supervisor**  
**Maintenance Assistant**  
**Lunchtime Assistant**  
**Minibus Driver/Maintenance Assistant**

Full details of all the vacancies can be found in the Applicant Information Pack available on the school website [www.stmartins3-16.org/school-information/job-vacancies/](http://www.stmartins3-16.org/school-information/job-vacancies/) along with our Application Form. Please contact [clare.ellis@stm.318education.co.uk](mailto:clare.ellis@stm.318education.co.uk) with any queries or if you would like this Information emailed to you.

The closing date for receipt of applications is 3 p.m. Thursday 23 January 2025 – interviews will be soon after.

### What we can offer you:

Willingness to support your completion of further professional qualifications.  
The opportunity to develop your career further, as part of a growing Trust.

*The 3-18 Education Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. Successful candidates will be subject to an enhanced DBS check and satisfactory references. In line with Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE), online checks will be carried out on the successful applicant*

■ Compassionate

■ Accomplished

■ Resilient



'Every individual is in a great school'



Yr 9 3-in1 Teenage Booster (Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio vaccinations) and (Meningitis ACWY)

**29th January 2025.**

Letters have been sent home and an email to parents/guardians If you wish to sign your child up please scan the QR code below.

**The link below will close at 9am on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

