



Martin High School

BULLETIN 4

11th February 2016

Christmas Fair

'As usual we put on our annual Christmas Fair on the last day of term. Pupils worked extremely hard to make the morning a success and several local businesses were generous with their donations for the raffle.

In the end we raised £2491.90 for this year's charities chosen by the student council: Cancer Research, the Multiple Sclerosis Trust and UNICEF. Well done everyone for a fantastic morning!'



GCSE Drama Workshop

Frantic Assembly is led by Artistic Director Scott Graham. Having toured extensively throughout the UK, Frantic Assembly has built an enviable reputation as one of the most exciting companies in the country. The company has also performed, created and collaborated in 30 different countries across the world. .

Frantic Assembly's Physical Theatre Company came to do two workshops with our GCSE Drama students on Tuesday 12th January. This was a once in a lifetime experience for our students studying Drama at GCSE. Their work is incredibly inspiring and will have stretched and challenged our students' performance skills, and also allowed them to understand and respect a modern form of theatre that they may not have come across before.

Bridie Milner
Head of Drama

Key Dates

12 th February	Staff only Day
12 th - 18 th February	Year 11 trip to New York
15 th - 19 th February	Year 10 trip to Iceland
16 th March	Year 11 Drama Exam
16 th March	Year 9 trip to Stratford upon Avon
21 st March	Year 11 Parents' Evening (3.30-7.00 pm)
22 nd March	Years 10 and 11 trip to the Curve to see 'An Inspector Calls'
6 th - 9 th April	Year 8 Geography trip to Naples
14 th April	Alan Gibbons, Author Visit
20 th - 24 th June	Year 8 Normandy trip
1 st July	Year 11 Prom

Parents' Questionnaires

Thanks to all the parents and carers that supported our pilot of Academic Mentoring day. It was really busy and hopefully a useful event.

Please remember to return your questionnaires if you haven't already.

PE Extra-Curricular timetable

	Lunch time	After school
Monday	Years 7/8/9 fitness club GCSE Year 11 drop in/catch up session	
Tuesday	Year 10/11 strength & conditioning Inter-form basketball	Year 10/11 dodgeball Years 8/9/10/11 netball training
Wednesday	Inter-form rowing Year 7 netball	Year 10/11 basketball Badminton/netball fixtures
Thursday		Years 7/8/9 basketball Badminton (all years)
Friday	Inter-form competitions	Table tennis club (all years) Years 10/11 basketball

School Clothing Collection

We need your old clothes, paired shoes, handbags, blankets, sheets, curtains and soft toys.

Please fill a plastic sack with any of the above items and bring them into school before **Wednesday 16th March.**

Donating these items will raise funds for the school, help to clothe people in developing countries and reduce environmental damage.



Read for my School Competition

The library is taking part in a national 'Read for my School' competition for Years 7 and 8. The competition runs from Monday 18th January to Friday 15th April and encourages pupils to read as much as they can during this time.

The Read for my School competition provides:

- ✓ A free online library of over 100 titles by top children's authors
- ✓ The chance for pupils to choose books from the free online library
- ✓ The chance for pupils to win a Reading Legend award and a tower of books
- ✓ The chance to help our school win a £1,000 Pearson Education voucher or a £500 Pearson Education voucher.

More information is provided on the website www.booktrust.org.uk/programmes/primary/read-for-my-school

Any pupil interested in entering this competition can get more information from the library.

'Get caught reading' prize draw

Students throughout last term received a raffle ticket if they were 'spotted' quietly reading in the library. They were then entered into a prize draw. Winners were:-

Emmaline Lansbury 9R	Chloe Huss 7N
Lucy Harris 7N	Tilly Moore 8A
Natalia Congiu 8N	Lili Williamson 8N

Students won a small prize.

The winner of the Christmas Word Search competition was Ben North in 7M. He won a box of chocolates. Well done to all.

Mrs Wait and Mrs Turner
Library/Resources

Exams Invigilators required

We require Exam Invigilators for GCSE exams in May and June 2016. This is a seasonal, casual post. You must be over 18. Full training will be given. £8.26 per hour. For more information, please contact Tash Kinsey on 0116 2363291 ext. 221.

Sainsbury's Vouchers

It's that time of year again. If you shop in a Sainsbury's store and receive an Active Kid's voucher please send it into school to be posted into one of the collection boxes. They are located in the foyer (near the registers) and on the windowsill in PE. All vouchers collected go towards equipment and experiences for the students. Last year we were able to provide students with new orienteering resources, whistles, stopwatches, table tennis bats and

fitness suite kit. Please help us provide more amazing PE equipment for our students.

NSEA News

The NSEA team competed at Bury Farm Equestrian Centre on Saturday in the Show Jumping. The 79cm consisted of India Keates-Robinson, Mia Law & Ellie May. They did very well and came 6th as a team and Mia came 4th individually. The 80cm team also had Emma Flower join. Again, they all rode extremely well, but were out of the ribbons in 10th place. With over 200 competitors in the class it was a fair result.



A Busy Term

It has been a really busy half term with guest speakers in our assemblies looking at E-safety.

On Monday 8th February, pupils in Year 7 experienced a dynamic and exciting E-Safety session run by Leicestershire County Council. The information morning provided valuable advice for pupils on how to remain safe online.

As a school we are aware of the increasing amount of young people using mobile technology and social networking sites, and it is important for us to embrace and encourage it and the multitude of academic benefits it can bring, but also to inform pupil's on the potential risks.



More information on keeping your children safe online can be found in our 2016 E-Safety Policy available on the school website.



Miss Connell, Head of Year 9

After being the dual tutor of 9R last year, I am very much looking forward to once again being part of this fantastic year group by taking on the role of Head of Year 9 whilst Miss Duplock is on maternity

leave.

I am very excited to be working closely with such encouraging form tutors, to ensure our students have a happy and successful transition into KS4, as well as our hard working and inspiring students.



Miss Milner, KS4 SENCO

Miss Milner is looking forward to supporting the Key Stage 4 SEN students in their GCSE years whilst Mrs Iliffe is on maternity leave.

Midday Supervisor Vacancy

We require a midday supervisor to join our small friendly team. 5 hours 50 minutes per week (1 hour 10 minutes per day). Hours are 12.05-1.15pm. £7.18 per hour. Training will be given.

For further details please contact Mr Witton at the school.

Mid Term Break

School closes on **Thursday 11th February**
Staff only day on **Friday 12th February**
School opens on **Monday 22nd February**