



# Martin High School

## NEWSLETTER 3

FRIDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> MARCH 2018

As we approach the end of our spring term, I would like to take the opportunity to thank parents and carers for their support; especially during the more trying weather!

Year 11 are working exceptionally hard, with a huge range of interventions happening; including during the Easter break. Please see our website for details.

We, as always, have had a very busy term. Can I remind parents and carers how important attendance is, especially in the summer term as all learners sit their final assessments. Any attendance below 95% will seriously impact on your child's ability to progress, and achieve their full potential.

### Welcome Evening for new Year 7 cohort

On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March, Martin High School welcomed their new cohort of Year 7 learners and parents for 2018.

A short presentation about what they can expect over the next few months during the transition process was followed by a question and answer session where people were invited to try new uniform, chat with current Year 7 pupils as well as find out about the bus routes and how to access pupil premium funding.

The evening was very well attended and learners left enthusiastic about their future at Martin High. "I'm counting down the days until I become a Martin High pupil for real," said one excited learner.

For further information about upcoming transition events or to book a tour of the school, please contact Mrs S Coates, Head of Transition on [scoates@martin.leics.sch.uk](mailto:scoates@martin.leics.sch.uk)

### Geography trip to Iceland

On the 11<sup>th</sup> February 33 students and 4 teachers set off on a 5 day Geography adventure to Iceland - the Land of Fire and Ice.

Even though we had a delayed start, an amazing time was had by all. There was an incredible amount of snow with it snowing on all but the last day which did unfortunately mean we didn't get to see the Northern Lights. Students enjoyed time swimming in geothermally heated waters, viewing volcanoes and marvelling at the thundering waterfalls.

Walking on the glacier with crampons and ice axes was a highlight for many as well as going underground to explore a lava tunnel full of surreal natural ice and snow sculptures. For many, it was the first time of being able to see and walk on a black sand beach while watching the waves crashing on the land. As cold as it was, there was no shortage of snow fights.

Students have come away with some fantastic memories which will no doubt last for a long time into the future.



Mr S Williams  
**Trip Organiser**

## Sport Relief 2018 - 24 Hour Challenge

Two years ago for Sport Relief we went big with our Road to Rio challenge covering 8118 miles of our 1 mile course. This time we are trying something BIGGER and TOUGHER!

Spiritually share the love/pain:

You can watch us live online. We have a live stream that you can access and will show us on Youtube. The link will feature on our here.

Financially share the love/pain:

You can donate and help us reach our target of £1000. Text 'mhpe90' followed by £1, £2, £3, £4, £5 or £10 to 70070.

[www.justgiving.com/martin-high-pe](http://www.justgiving.com/martin-high-pe)



Mr A Black  
Subject Lead - PE

## Year 11 GCSE Drama Exams

The year 11 GCSE Drama students have now completed their final practical exams and will be now working hard to get prepared for their theory.

Auditions have now started to take place for the summer concert which will be a showcase of all musical, dancing, and acting talent within the school. More information will follow.

Miss B Milner  
Creative Arts

## National Apprenticeship week

We celebrated National Apprenticeship week. From 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> March. The National Apprenticeship Service co-ordinates this and it is designed to celebrate apprenticeships and the positive impact they have on individuals, businesses and the wider economy. Apprenticeships are becoming increasingly more popular with school leavers, so the week was used to educate our students about Apprenticeships.

Here's what we got up to:

On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March we had a visit from Neil Briggs and Reece Davis from Bloor Homes.

Neil is an Apprenticeship Master and Reece is currently doing a bricklaying apprenticeship.

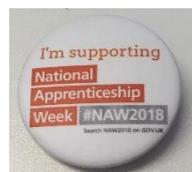
Neil explained how the apprenticeship programme worked; apprentices can expect to do 4 weeks on site followed by a week at college. Reece spoke about the perks of the job including bonuses for doing well at college and the provision of free tools and uniform. Neil also offered advice to students on writing a CV and interview tips.

Representatives from Leicester College and Stephenson College talked about the different options that are available to our students if they were to take the apprenticeship route. Students were also given some valuable advice such as what websites to use and what would be expected in a good application and the importance of writing a good CV.

On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March, Miss Inns received a trim from local hairdresser - 'Hair by Nelly'. Nelly shared her secrets of the trade and talked about her journey from college to salon. The girls were shown how to section hair before cutting and also how to achieve a feathered finish. Thank you to Miss Inns for volunteering to have her hair cut with an audience!



All students who have attended one of our events will receive one of these lovely 'I'm supporting NAW2018' badges.



Mrs T Kinsey  
Exam and Careers Officer

## Primary Science Event

On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March a group of Year 10 triple science students went to Woolden Hill Primary School, as part of science week. It was a fantastic day where both MHS and Woolden Hill pupils really engaged with

science. Our students helped support the teachers at the primary school through being science ambassadors, and even ran the sessions later in the day.

The day was themed around scientists, and the activities were linked to the work these scientists had done. There was a range of activities taking place during the day such as looking at fingerprints, making rockets, investigating sound and making magnetic slime.

Our pupils showed real leadership skills, and were spoken very highly of by the primary school.



Miss Orchard  
**Teacher of Science**

### **Classics Club**

Classics Club has started running this half term and gives selected Year 7 students the opportunity to study classical literature from Ancient Greece and Rome. So far the students have begun looking at Roman Leicester and learning basic Latin.

After Easter some of their work is going to be displayed at Leicester University Classic Conference which is a four-day event.

Miss Yeabsley  
**Teacher of English**

### **Pi Day**

It was a pleasure to welcome so many of our feeder primary schools to Martin High School for our Pi Day event.

The session started with a game of pi dingbats around the room to get the students active and engaged in the activities ahead. Students were then able to discover Pi for themselves using string to identify the relationship between the circumference and diameter.

Following on from this, the students' variety of answers caused some interesting discussions to take place. The event finished

with an activity allowing students to look more closely at the digits of pi. In groups, students were to choose a different coloured paper for the digits 0-9 and then follow the digits comprising Pi to create the longest paper chain they could within the allocated time. It was fantastic to see so many different strategies, excellent teamwork and the competitive streak of our primary school learners.

The Maths Department look forward to working with you all again in the future.

Miss Watts  
**Subject Leader, Maths**

### **Pet-Xi**

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March we held a Pet-Xi maths event with 40 of our year 11 learners. This involved all 40 learners being involved in developing a better understanding of a range of maths topics.

The day was very successful with overwhelmingly positive feedback from learners, Pet-xi staff and parents.

Many learners feel that has given them a real boost in understanding and helped them feel more confident going into their GCSE exams.

A big well done to all the learners for their engagement in the day and the enthusiastic staff from Pet-Xi.

Mr Dickinson  
**Assistant Head Teacher**

### **Scholastic Book Fair**

The book fair took place from Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February. We earned £313.21 worth of free books for the school library.

If any students would like to suggest books they would like to see in the library, please contact Mrs Wait.

### **Summer Term Dates**

School Opens Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018

May Day Bank Holiday Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Half Term Break Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018

School Closes Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2018

## Safeguarding Information for Parents and Carers

Martin High school fully recognises the contribution it can make to protect children and support pupils. Therefore, the highest priority is given to safeguarding our pupils in all aspects of their school lives and in society. Pupil welfare is paramount, all staff and volunteers have an obligation to promote the welfare, safety and health of our pupils. We achieve this using robust safeguarding processes and procedures to promote a culture of safeguarding amongst our staff and volunteers.

The school Safeguarding and Child Protection policy can be viewed on the schools website:

[www.martinhigh.org](http://www.martinhigh.org)

### Important information for parents:

- School staff and volunteers have a duty to report concerns about a child, this may mean a pupil needs additional help or support or there may be concerns raised that a child has been abused or is at risk of abuse
- Dependant on circumstance, the school may be obliged to refer pupils to Children's Social Care, for a child's needs to be assessed or if an investigation into possible child abuse is required.
- In most cases discussion between the school and home will already have taken place regarding any situation or concerns involving a pupil. However, the school may not inform parents/carers that a referral to Children's Social Care has been made if it is thought that this could put a child at further risk.
- The Designated Safeguarding Lead within school is Miss Meadowcroft, Assistant Head Teacher.
- If you think that your child may have been abused, or may be at risk, you can contact Children's Social Care at Leicestershire County Council 0116 3050005 or [childrensduty@leics.gov.uk](mailto:childrensduty@leics.gov.uk).

## ATTENDANCE

- There is a clear link between attendance and achievement. Whenever a pupil misses school through illness or holidays they miss out on important learning.
- Please contact the school before 8.30am to let us know if your child will be absent on the first day of absence and then on each subsequent day. For medical appointments, where possible, please arrange these appointments outside of school hours.
- We will contact you on the first day of absence by text message if we have not been given a reason for the absence. Please respond to the message by ringing the school.

**ALL PUPILS  
SHOULD AIM  
FOR 100%  
ATTENDANCE.**

*Pupils are at  
school for 190 days  
each year!  
That leaves 175 days  
for other things!*



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# Uniform expectations

## All students must wear...

### Black tailored trousers.



These should NOT be:

- Skinny fit
- Jeans or jeans style
- Chinos
- Leggings
- Jogging bottoms

### The school blazer.



Black with the Martin High School emblem.

This should be worn at all times within school, including to and from school.

*Blazers may only be removed with direct permission from a member of staff.*

### Optional clothing.

**V-neck jumper or cardigan.** This must be plain black and worn underneath the school blazer.

**Cold weather clothing.** Warm waterproof coat, hat, gloves, scarf. Coats should be worn over the blazer during periods of cold or wet weather. Coats must not be worn inside the building.



### Black knee length skirts.



Pleated skirts are recommended and should be worn with plain black tights.

Skirts should NOT be:

- High-waisted
- Made from stretchy material

### Black shoes or trainers



These should be plain black and must NOT have:

- A coloured sole
- A colourful or eye-catching logo.
- Coloured laces

### A white stiff collared shirt.



This should be tucked in at all times.

### The school tie.



This should be worn at all times.



**Hoodies are NOT allowed to be worn in school at any time.**

## MHS Uniform reminder...

We expect all pupils to wear full school uniform throughout the day.

Expectations for parents and carers is outlined, please follow this guidance to avoid purchasing inappropriate items.

Any Hoodies, or hoodie style tops should not be worn at any time. These are not a substitute for a coat and will be confiscated.



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# Confiscation procedure

## Mobile Phones

The use of mobile phones, music or gaming devices is restricted to the designated 'Mobile Phone Zone' at break and lunch time ONLY.



## Headphones / headsets

All head phones / headsets must be put away when entering the school premises.

## Make up

Wear subtle make up to school. False nails and nail varnish are not permitted



## Jewellery

Students must not wear excessive jewellery to school. Students are only permitted to wear one pair of stud earrings. Facial jewellery is NOT allowed.



## Other

Any other item that staff deem not relevant to the lesson and disruptive to learning.

**If any of the above items are seen in school they will be confiscated.**

**Parents will then be required to collect confiscated items from reception  
between the following times:**

**9.00am—10.00am or 3.00pm—4.00pm**