

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS Sixth Form

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Welcome from the Headteacher



It is my pleasure to welcome you to St Martin's, an outstanding Church of England School (SIAMS April 2018). St Martin's Sixth Form is truly inclusive and culturally rich, welcoming young people (girls and boys) of all faiths and none. We are characterised by a

warm community atmosphere underpinned by our motto Caritate et Disciplina - With Love and Learning.

We are proud of our emphasis on examination success as the key to the door for future opportunities, but we aspire to much more than this. We believe that education is about developing global citizens, so we value your child's happiness and personal development at every stage.

The essence of St Martin's Sixth Form is our Christian ethos underpinned by our values of service, compassion, justice and perseverance which are central to the life of our school. Students are at the heart of our vision; every student that comes through our door will be cherished, grow in faith and develop academically, socially and spiritually. We want our students to shine and grow together in faith and knowledge, developing their unique gifts and talents

both in the classroom, in the wider life of the school and beyond.

The students at St Martin's Sixth Form choose us knowing they will be empowered to fulfil their academic potential. More than this, they will develop the skills, competencies, personal qualities and characteristics that will help them on their journey to success, whatever the route they choose to take.

Our Sixth Form offers fantastic academic and extracurricular opportunities that will help them realise their potential. We have a proven track record of guiding our Sixth Formers into the universities of their choice as well as into high profile apprenticeships.

We know that choosing the right Sixth Form is a huge decision and it is important to us that you, as parents/carers, are involved in this decision making process. We welcome you to visit our Sixth Form and to see for yourselves our academically focussed and caring community where young people are 'Ambitious for the Future' and 'Inspired to Learn'.

Beverley Stanislaus

Headteacher





Vision and Aims



Latanya Rennalls
Director of Sixth Form

For over 300 years we have followed our school motto Caritate et Disciplina - With Love and Learning. In our Sixth Form, our motto is lived out through the challenge and rigour of our curriculum and the exceptional pastoral care that builds, within our students, resilience and self belief. We enable our students to become independent, confident and driven to succeed.

St Martin's Sixth Form offers an exceptional provision for our girls, who are joined by students from other schools, including boys. We offer a small, inclusive environment where students grow, learn and prepare for undergraduate study and employment in today's competitive world market.





Thriving Sixth Form partnership

St Martin's is part of South London Sixth (SL6) a partnership with other schools in Lambeth.

We pride ourselves on the provision we offer to students called 'Journey to Success'. This is a personalised approach to their chosen programme. Our tailored curriculum and experience will ensure they are successful whether they choose a more traditional academic route, a bespoke vocational route or a mix of both. With over 30 subjects to choose from across the SL6 partnership, students can tailor a curriculum to suit their own individual interests and needs.

"Provision and outcomes in the sixth Form are a strength."

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Our recently established partnership with London South Bank University has benefited students with a wide range of workshops and support with 1:1 mentoring and Extended Project Workshops.

Small family community

Our dedicated network of teachers and pastoral teams have a wealth of experience in matching students to the right course and supporting them throughout their studies, as they continuously strive for excellence.

"The Sixth Form is like a close knit family and you are always supported and encouraged to do your best and be your best."
YEAR 13 STUDENT

We are deliberately a small Sixth Form with a maximum of 150 students on roll across Years 12 and 13, which allows us to provide a bespoke educational experience for all our students. The Director of Sixth knows every student individually and all students are allocated to a tutor group where they receive comprehensive support, including the setting and close monitoring of targets. We provide tailored intervention throughout the Sixth Form to ensure students are on track for success in their chosen programme.

With excellent careers guidance and pastoral support our Sixth Formers enjoy a life-changing two years which prepares them thoroughly for university life and beyond. We encourage all students to take up positions of responsibility and to contribute to our wider community. Our Sixth Formers mentor lower school students, run the school council and coach in local primary schools. We give students the opportunity to plan and organise events within our Sixth Form and across SL6, fund raise and run public awareness campaigns.





An appetite for learning

We recognise that successful Sixth Formers need to have an appetite for learning and a belief in having a 'Growth Mindset'.

Through our academic and pastoral programmes, we work with every student to instil in them the growth mindset approach to learning. Throughout the year, we run workshops, competitions and lectures both on and off site, that develop students desire to learn and engage in a wider curriculum. We publicly reward students for both their commitment to study and further enquiry. This includes trips abroad, such as to Poland, vouchers for driving lessons and work experience opportunities at the Royal Albert Hall.

We became an official Mandarin teaching site in partnership with the Confucius Institute for Traditional Chinese Medicine (CITCM) at London South Bank University. Through our carefully designed enrichment programme we are able to offer students the opportunity to learn Mandarin, take part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award, Envision and Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) which provides further UCAS points and an excellent skill set for university research and learning.

We also offer an exciting opportunity for students to join our debating club and Christian Union. They can also work towards a community sports leader award or provide academic mentoring to students in Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4. Each year the provision changes according to the needs and interests of the students, developing their all important soft skills.

Personalised pathways

We aim to ensure that every student is empowered to make the right decisions in line with their skills, and provide support to enable them to realise their dreams and aspirations for higher education and employment.

Once enrolled, every Sixth Former receives individual careers interviews and guidance from an external, independent provider both in Year 12 and 13. At the end of Year 12 all students are offered work experience and many secure placements during both the February and Easter holidays.

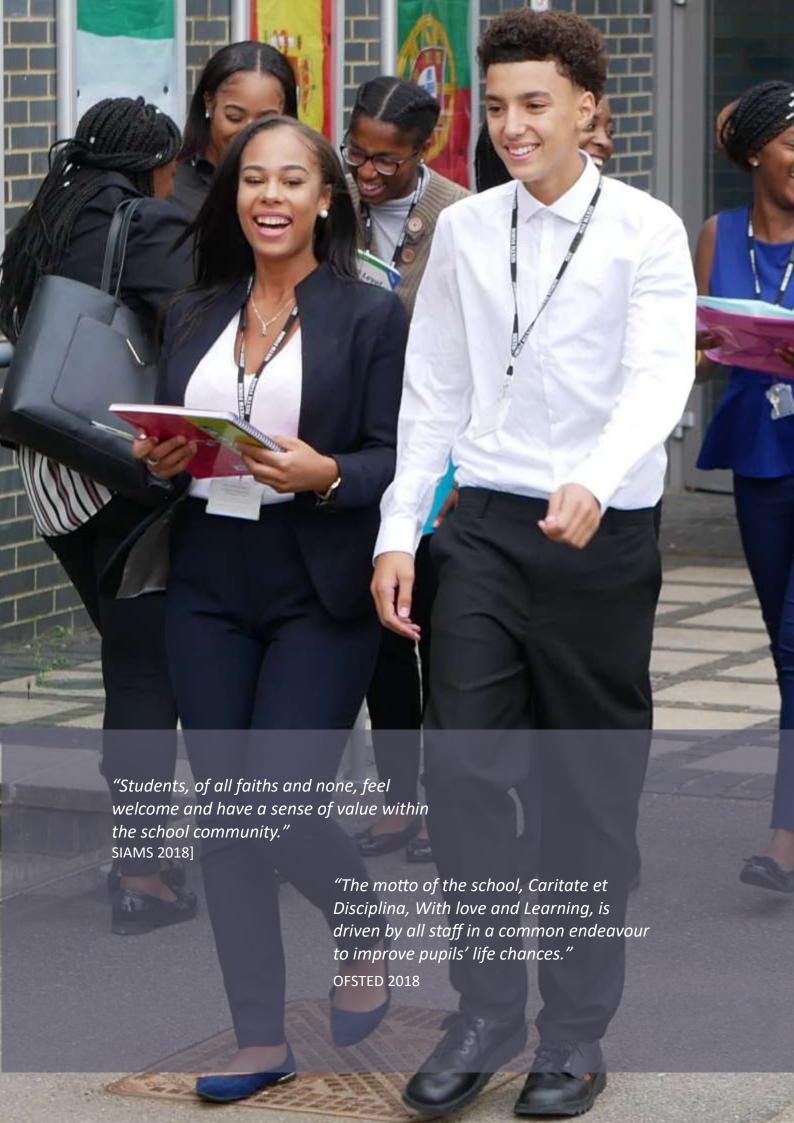
Through 'The Brokerage' organisation we have established links with many top City firms such as

"The teachers have been amazing and supportive - their optimism and encouragement has seen me through."

YEAR 13 STUDENT

Goldman Sachs, Allen and Overy, KPMG, Morgan Stanley, Hogan and Lovell and Barclays. These city firms come into our Sixth Form to run workshops on employability, CV writing, interview skills and so much more. They also invite our students into the City to experience corporate life and each year a lucky few secure paid summer internships.







OFSTED recognised that we are a community with strong values that makes a difference to the lives of the students.

The headline of the SIAMS report states 'the distinctiveness and effectiveness of St Martin's as a Church of England school are Outstanding'. We are proud that Ofsted said that we are a Good School and endorsed our high expectations. Both reports reflect that our school is built on strong Christian and moral values and encourages all students to be ambitious, confident, spiritual, responsible and successful leaders of the future.





At St Martin's, you will receive the very best education and will leave us prepared and ready for the next stage of your life.

Choosing the right courses can be daunting. The decisions you make now will impact on what degree you can read and which universities will offer you a place. Our guidance in steps 1 to 4 will help you plan your progression from Key Stage 4 to Key Stage 5 and beyond.

"The sixth Form has offered me a range of extra opportunities including the DofE Award scheme, and support with my UCAS application."

"My advice to others is to set goals for yourself, have a growth mindset and strive for excellence."

YEAR 13 STUDENTS

A GCSE pass at grade 5 in English and Maths is extremely important and for most courses this is what you will require as a minimum. If you have just missed a 5 in English or Maths, you may still be admitted onto a Lever 3 BTEC course. This will depend on other subject grades, which are also an indicator of success at Level 3 courses. If you have not attained at least a grade 4 in English and Maths, you will have an opportunity to retake these subjects in the Sixth Form.

- Choose a subject you enjoy and are enthusiastic about, not one someone else wants you to choose. You are more likely to succeed.
- If you know what degree or career you would like to pursue, find out if specific A Levels are required. For example, to become a doctor you will need to study Chemistry and Biology whilst if you wish to become an Architect you will need to study Maths, Physics or Chemistry along with a visual arts A Level. Please note, Lawyers and Accountants do not need to study law or accountancy at A Level (in fact universities discourage it strongly) so make sure you do your research.
- You have the opportunity to study new subjects such as Sociology, Psychology and Government and Politics. They are great subjects and exceptionally well taught in our Sixth Form with results in the top 5% of the country year on year. Nevertheless, do some research about the courses and make sure they are really for you rather than choosing them simply because they are new.
- BTEC courses now have an exam component. It is important to look at the weighting or how you will be assessed.





Striving for excellence

As a Sixth Form established for over ten years, we strive for excellence for all our students, to secure their success as they transition from Sixth Form to university and beyond.

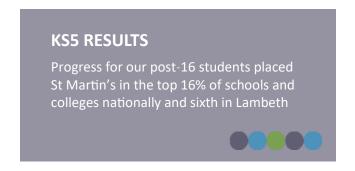
For over 10 years we have been supporting students with university applications and have a fantastic success rate in placing students in their university of choice. We have a specialist team of Sixth Form tutors trained in the application process. We start this process early and provide step by step guidance for students along the way.

Despite remaining one of only a handful of truly comprehensive Sixth Forms in the area, our most academic students continue to excel and move on to the most illustrious universities in the country. We continue to see many of St Martin's students gain places at Russell Group universities and many others going on to some of the UK's most prestigious institutions including Medicine at Imperial and Maths at Bristol. We are proud of our experienced tutors and teachers supporting the Upper Sixth in securing their First or Second choice university offers year after year. Other students are accepted into high profile companies for apprenticeships or employment.

We have an established elite Russell Group pathway for our most academically able students. Over the last 3 years, 100% of these have gone on to study at the top universities in the country. We ensure that

these students build up the necessary academic and 'soft skills' to make them successful in their applications.

Our strong links with external organisations and volunteers have given our Oxbridge students further opportunities for mock interviews, reviewing personal statements and providing 1:1 mentoring sessions throughout the rigorous application process.



Whatever their chosen pathway has been, our alumni have always shown appreciation of their 'Journey to Success' at St Martin's and return to mentor and inspire our Sixth Form students.

University destinations

Our students progress to their university of choice, including the prestigious Russell Group.

Business, (Psychology and Biomedical Aston **Bedfordshire** Engineering), (Human Resource Management), Birbeck (BA The Art of Computer Animation), Bournemouth (Architecture), Brighton (Mathematics, Quantity Surveying, Pharmacy), Brunel (Physiotherapy), Central Lancashire (English Literature and Japanese), Coventry (Economics, Marketing & PR, Politics), Goldsmith (Psychology with Clinical Psychology), Greenwich (Criminology and Criminal Psychology), Hertfordshire (Science, Law/Business, Psychology, Biomedical Science), Hull (History), Kings College (Nursing Studies), Kingston (Accounting &

Finance, Computer Science, Business Management), Leicester (Computer Science), London South Bank (Criminology with Psychology, Sports Rehabilitation), Middlesex (Film, Early Childhood Studies), Notre Dame (Architecture), Plymouth (Human Biology), Portsmouth (Criminology with Psychology), Richmond (Foundation Year), Roehampton (Education Studies, Law), Sussex (Social Sciences), Warwick (Hispanic Studies with Arabic, Sociology), Wolverhampton (Biological Sciences, English).





The journey begins

We are characterised by a warm community atmosphere where our Sixth Formers are ambitious for the future and inspired to learn by working together within a solid moral and spiritual framework.

We are committed to ensuring that the transition from Key Stage 4 to Key Stage 5 is as smooth and enjoyable as possible. We are also keen to get to know all students very quickly so we can advise and create their personalised curriculum to aid their journey to success.

We start our interview process from January and host an induction week in June. This is designed to give students a taste of life as a St Martin's Sixth Former and further secure their understanding of the subjects they may wish to study. The induction will also include an opportunity to explore how each subject will be assessed and encourage students to take on the challenge of the 'summer task' in preparation for the start of the new academic year. It is an exciting week filled with taster lessons, team building activities and plenty of refreshments, something they would not want to miss!

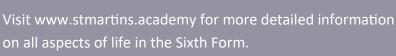
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We have high expectations of how our students present themselves for study.

We see our Sixth Formers as role models to the rest of the school and we expect them to set a good example to our younger students. Our standards of dress are an important part of the culture in our Sixth Form, with an emphasis on smart, business style, conventional dress. The aim is for our Sixth Formers to have a smart appearance which also allows a degree of personal choice. Our Sixth Form Dress Code policy can be found on our website.

8.30 am	Registration and Collective Worship/Assembly
8.50 am	Lesson 1
9.40 am	Lesson 2
10.30 am	Rec
10.50 am	Lesson 3
11.40 am	Lesson 4
12.30 pm	Lunch
1.30 pm	Lesson 5
2.25 pm	Lesson 6
3.15 pm	End of day







Our motto, **CARITATE ET DISCIPLINA** - **WITH LOVE AND LEARNING**, embodies our vision and is timeless. All that we do is underpinned by our Christian values and the knowledge that the realisation of our vision is transformational for the girls at St Martin's. God's guidance will give our girls the insight to see realistically what is and provide them with the vision to dream of all the possibilities that can be.

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