

St. Martin-in-the-Fields High School for Girls and Sixth Form (co-ed)

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Proverbs 22:6

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

Dear Families

Welcome back to the start of a new academic year which I am pleased to say has got off to an excellent start. I would like to extend a special welcome to all our new parents/carers and students who have joined us.

Our new Year 7 girls have settled quickly. Our older students have made them feel very welcome and are looking after them. When I stand at the gate at the end of the day, it is a joy to see so many happy faces! We are a community where our values, service, compassion, justice and perseverance are at the heart of all that we do. We all strive to model and display these values each and every day.

As I outlined in my recent correspondence to you, we are in the midst of replacing and refurbishing the windows in the main building. We are pleased that the new windows are already helping with the 'face lift' that was needed. Once Silwood House is painted and the scaffolding is down, we will be able to see the real beauty of the improvements, and also feel it in the winter, when the heat stays in!!

We are pleased that our examination results show an improvement on last year. This demonstrates that we are on an upward trajectory. We are not complacent and will continue to work hard to ensure that across the school, your daughters are making exceptional progress.

You are already aware that the government has introduced new measures on reporting student progress. I have included a link to a DfE clip which is really quite helpful in explaining the changes simply, and in 3 minutes. <https://amp.twimg.com/v/94e0f954-4336-4c7f-b7bd-37c9a03eda53> You will also be able to find the link on our website and more information about the changes. Please find our headline exam results at the end of this letter.

We started the year with a service of welcome at Holy Trinity Church. We also had a dedication for our new Student Leadership, the Year 11 Prefects. Please look at our website for more information.

At the end of the summer term we had a number of late resignations which meant that we were not able to recruit to these posts in time for the new term. We are in the process of advertising and will have permanent staff as soon as possible. In the meantime, we have some experienced and skilled temporary staff and we are ensuring that this will not impact negatively on your daughter's progress in these subjects.

We welcome Ms Loxton and Ms Rashid to the English department and Ms Baldwin to additional support.

Please continue to stress our school expectations to your daughters with regards to compliance around uniform, jewellery, mobile phones and particularly behaviour on the buses and out in the community. They are ambassadors for our school. Unfortunately, we do not always hear the positives when our girls are being model citizens. We seem only to be contacted when things go wrong! Can I stress that students

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should not be changing into what are known as 'Sliders' once they leave our school site. They are unsightly and are a health and safety issue. Proper school shoes are the 'order of the day'.

We are intending to establish a Parent Forum and hope that you will be interested in joining. The first meeting will be on Tuesday 18th October 2016 from 5.30pm to 6.30pm. At this meeting we will be happy to listen to your ideas so we can work in partnership to drive our vision and school priorities.

On Monday 19th September we have our Year 6 Opening Evening. As this involves a lot of preparation we will have an early closure for students. They will be dismissed after period 5 at 2.25pm. You can find details of other events on the calendar on the school website and the attached term dates document can also be found on our website too.

This year we will strive to exceed everything we have achieved so far; to attain even better results, to develop the reputation of the school further within the local community; to continue with the improvements to our school building. Onwards and upwards!

In the meantime, I look forward to seeing as many parents/carers as possible this Friday 16th September for the Year 7 House Welcome Tea Party from 3.30pm to 4.30pm.

Yours sincerely



Beverley Stanislaus
Headteacher

Key Stage 4

The DfE will report a new group of performance measures for schools in 2016 including Progress 8, Attainment 8 and Threshold measures.

Headline Figures	Results 2016
Progress 8	-0.06
Attainment 8	4.99
Ebacc (% students)	24%
Threshold (Eng & Ma)	58%
English	84%
Mathematics	60%
5 A*-C EM	58%
Overall A*-A	15%

Subject Results (A*-C)	Results 2016	Subject Results (A*-C)	Results 2016
Textiles	69%	Geography	67%
Biology	97%	Health & Social Care (BTEC)	70%
Business Studies (GCSE)	83%	History	72%
Business Studies (BTEC)	60%	ICT (BTEC)	33%
Chemistry	100%	Mathematics	60%
Computing	91%	Music	95%
Food Technology	35%	Physical Education	92%
Graphic Product	63%	Physics	100%
Resistant Materials	78%	Religious Studies	73%
Drama	73%	Core Science	44%
English Language	74%	Additional Science	68%
English Literature	78%	Spanish	51%
French	64%	Home Languages	100%

Key Stage 5

The DfE have announced a new group of performance measures for schools in 2016 which are reported in the table below. The subsequent table displays a comparison of prior performance measures.

Headline Figures	Results 2016
QCA APS per student	563
QCA APS per entry	213
UCAS APS per student	231
UCAS APS per entry	87
A*-B Pass Rate	39%
A*-C Pass Rate	69%
A*-E Pass Rate	98%