



# St Martin-in-the-Fields High School for Girls

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Thursday 3 January 2019

*When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.* *Matthew 2:10-11*

Dear Families

Happy New Year to you all. I hope you had a very happy Christmas and New Year and have made your New Year resolutions, which of course you will keep!

The Feast of the Epiphany is celebrated on 6 January (Twelfth Night). It celebrates the time of the visit of the magi (wise men) to the infant Jesus when God revealed himself to the world through the incarnation of Jesus. The magi offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. You can read more in Matthew 2:1-12. On Monday, our whole school collective worship will focus on Epiphany.

School starts at the normal time **on Monday 7 January 2019**. I ask that you ensure that if your daughter has enjoyed the holiday treats of hair colour, acrylic nails, false eyelashes piercings and other body adornment, this is all removed ready to start the new school term properly. Can I also remind you that 'Hoodies' are not part of our uniform. They should not be brought to school or worn to or from school. There will be no exceptions so please comply with our expectations. Your cooperation in this goes a long way to ensure we maintain our high standards and a focus on being a scholarly and ambitious institution.

It will be good to get back into a routine again and we are looking forward to a successful spring term. It will be a busy six weeks before we get to February half term, that will end with a Chinese New Year event, a show with live performances from Chinese artists and a Chinese buffet. I hope that you will buy your tickets early, as based on our previous event, they will be in huge demand!

We had some great news at the end of last term. To add to our portfolio of success, our Outstanding SIAMS and Good Ofsted, we have now been awarded with 'The Quality in Careers Standard'. This is a prestigious award for our work on students entitlement for careers education, Information Advice and Guidance. A huge thank you to Ms Pieroulli for her leadership of careers across the school, her hard work and dedication and for ensuring we had a successful assessment day on 4 December, which indeed we did!

I very much look forward to seeing you this term at some of our events. In the meantime please put Tuesday, 15 January 2019 into your diary. This is the date for the next Parent Partnership meeting from 6.30pm to 8.00pm. Amongst other items, we will be planning our Chinese New Year event.

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From Monday 7 January, for two weeks, Year 11 students will be taking a series of tests that we call Pre Public Examinations (PPE's). These examinations are to ascertain their current progress in all their subjects and to prepare them for the 'real thing'. Students will receive the results of these tests soon after and a programme of intervention will be put in place to ensure there is a focus on any gaps in knowledge. There will be an opportunity for you to discuss your daughter's results at the Year 11 Progress Evening in February.

Below are the dates of some of the key events, please pencil into your diary the events that are relevant to you. All of these dates can be found on the calendar on our website.

### **Spring Term Events**

Parent Partnership Meeting	Tuesday 15 January	6.30 - 8.00
Year 13 Progress Evening	Thursday 24 January	4.30 - 7.00
Year 8 Progress Evening	Thursday 31 January	4.30 - 7.00
Chinese New Year Event	Thursday 14 February	time to be confirmed

### **Half Term**

### **Monday 18 February to Friday 22 February**

Year 11 Progress Evening	Thursday 28 February	4.30 - 7.00
Year 12 Progress Evening	Thursday 7 March	4.30 - 7.00
Year 10 Progress Evening	Thursday 21 March	4.30 - 7.00
Year 9 Choices Evening	Thursday 4 April	5.00 - 6.30

May I take this opportunity to thank you again for your continued support, and from me and all the staff at St Martin's, we wish you all a blessed, peaceful and happy 2019.

Blessings



Beverley Stanislaus  
Headteacher