

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

11-19 Church of England Academy Founded 1699



4th January 2017

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,

Welcome back and a Happy New Year to you all.

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

The Feast of the Epiphany is celebrated on 6th January. In Britain the old name is Twelfth Night. It celebrates the time when Jesus was shown to the Gentiles (i.e. everyone), alerting people to the fact that he had come into the world for everyone, not just the Jews. The story can be found in Matthew 2:1-12. Our whole school assembly on Friday will focus on Epiphany.

It is 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, and then another six weeks before we break for Easter. I look forward to seeing you at some of the events that will be taking place.

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

Thursday 19 th January	Year 11 Parents Evening	4.30 to 7.30
Thursday 26 th January	Year 10 Parents Evening	4.30 to 7.30
Thursday 9 th February	Year 8 Parents Evening	4.30 to 7.30
Monday 20 th February	Year 9 Options Evening	6.00 to 7.00
Thursday 16 th March	Spring Music Concert	5.00 to 6.00
Thursday 23 rd March	6 th Form Parents Evening	4.30 to 7.30

Prior to the Christmas break, Year 11 students were 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'. They will be receiving their results on Friday alongside an additional support and intervention programme. Please encourage your daughter to attend all the extra sessions that are being planned. These will take place before and after school, at lunchtime and at the weekend. Students will sit the PPE2 papers for all their subjects in March, you will receive information about this nearer the time.

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After a holiday we sometimes have to challenge a few students because of their appearance. I would like to remind you to check the uniform policy. Hair and nail treatments that were applied during the two week break must be removed. It is not acceptable for students to come to school with nail extensions, false eyelashes, hair that is not of their natural hair colour, wearing make-up or wearing trainers. Unfortunately, on the first day of term, we had to send a few students home for not complying with our rules. I thank you in advance for your vigilance in ensuring that your daughter meets our expectations.

I am very excited that we have a group of parents who have signed up to be part of our St Martin's PTA. We are all keen to establish an active association that supports the work of the school. Our first meeting will take place on Tuesday 31st January 2017 at 6.30pm. Please pencil this into your diary so that you can come along. I will email you with further details nearer the time.

May I take this opportunity to thank you again for your continued support, and wish you all a very blessed, peaceful and happy 2017.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Beverley Stanislaus', written in a cursive style.

Beverley Stanislaus
Headteacher