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*M*ARTIN'S SCHOOL



*Be The Best You Can Be*

# Welcome

**It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the prospectus for St Martin's school.**

Being in education and playing a part in forming the futures of the students in our school is a privilege. We live in a world where the demands made upon us all, both at work and in our personal lives are changing constantly. It has therefore never been more important that our students not only succeed in formal qualifications but also develop the personal skills and attributes that allow them to flourish at every stage of their lives. Working together with parents we ensure that our students make excellent progress and are proud to come to St Martin's. They leave us as well equipped, responsible, extremely well-rounded young people who are able to choose their own future and are ready to make a positive difference in the world.

The individual development of our students is woven into every aspect of life at St Martin's. It is a personal journey and never-ending ambition to Be The Best You Can Be. As you read through this booklet you will get a feel for how we challenge, support, develop and empower our students throughout their time in school.

I look forward to meeting you when you visit the school, where you will get a chance to see the school at work. You will be able to meet our exceptional staff and students, see our excellent facilities and appreciate how special St Martin's really is.

Regards

**Ian Smyrk, Headteacher**



# Vision & Ethos



## *Our Mission Statement*

**To inspire and empower all our students to realise their full potential and *Be The Best They Can Be.***



## *Traditional Values*

Our school ethos is based on traditional values, including students' personal development and well-being as well as outstanding academic achievement. We also place equal importance on exemplary behaviour, smart appearance, good manners as well as encouraging all of our students to make a positive contribution to their school and local community.

## *Learning for the Future*

Gaining excellent exam results are not enough on their own to help our students face everyday life situations in the 21st century. Throughout their time in school our students develop the skills and attributes that are the key to empowering them to be successful, fully rounded individuals, who can go on to flourish in every aspect of their lives.

## *Outstanding Personal Achievement*

This is the ultimate goal of our student personal journey regardless of starting point or ability. We continually encourage and challenge in all aspects of school life to enable them to achieve as highly as possible. The nature of their achievement will be very different for everyone student and will encompass a whole raft of subjects, activities and personal preferences at all levels of ability.

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# Traditional Values

# Our Values



***“The school’s work to promote pupils’ personal development and welfare is outstanding.”***

Ofsted, January 2019



**Our distinctive ethos is that St Martin’s is a happy place to work and study and where students can actively participate in all aspects of school life such as sports fixtures, school plays and music clubs.**

Students are taught to be kind, respectful and empathetic. One of our mantras is to “**Treat everybody as you expect to be treated yourself.**” This underpins everything we do and is an essential skill for life.

All members of the school community treat each other with compassion and dignity.

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# Ourselfes



*"We cannot thank you enough for stimulating our son's interest and inspiring him to work hard and fully fulfil his potential in this subject."*



**Visitors to the school often comment on the high standards we expect from our students and how diligent they are in lessons.**

At St Martin's, students develop personal attributes such as being committed, well mannered, smart and honest. These are key skills that thoroughly prepare them for either the next phase of their education or the world of work.





# Our School

**St Martin's is a supportive environment where we all look out for and care about one another.**

We have a dedicated pastoral team whose primary focus is to provide high levels of care, support and guidance to all of our students including the most vulnerable.

Our Special Educational Needs and Safeguarding teams provide exceptional levels of support for all of our students.

We also have a thorough induction programme, ensuring a smooth transition from primary school into Year 7.

*"This scheme would not have been such a success if the school had not been so encouraging, supportive to the student and so flexible to accommodate her needs."*



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# Learning for the Future

# Learning & Innovation Skills



*"We are currently preparing students for jobs and technology that do not yet exist, ... in order to solve problems that we do not even know are problems yet."*

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**Students study a curriculum designed to accentuate skills for the 21st century while studying their individual subjects.**

Lessons include a variety of techniques to engage students in activities where collaboration, innovation and communication are the key skills required.





# Life & Career Skills

**Leadership skills are developed throughout the keys stages. Leadership opportunities include being a prefect, sports leader, prefect in peer support or being a member of the student council.**

In a world where everything is on demand and fast paced, we develop student's resilience and adaptability to deal with situations when they do not quite understand and things do not go to plan.

A bespoke programme designed by St Martin's staff and students specifically tailored to our school to develop, recognise and reward the improvement of these skills.



# Information, Media & Technology Skills



**State of the art, Media and ICT suites enable our students to succeed in all aspects of Information Technology and ICT literacy.**

Students learn how to locate, evaluate and create a variety of sources of information including print and digital.

Deciphering what information is safe, accurate and credible is extremely important in today's ever changing world. Students develop the skills throughout the curriculum to be able to do this individually.

Appropriate safe use of technology and internal responsibility is a constant theme in all lessons. Specific sessions are in place for all year groups so all students are aware of the huge benefit of technology and media but also how to stay safe at all times.



*"This is the sort of belief and support that shapes students' lives."*





# Outstanding Personal Achievement

# Learning & Teaching



***“They both have grown in confidence and achieved their full potential during their time at the school and that is testament to the excellent teaching and pastoral care they have received.”***



**All teachers have very high expectations of all students. They plan and teach lessons that enable students to learn exceptionally well across the curriculum.**

Teachers use well judged and inspirational teaching strategies that, together with sharply focused and timely support, matches individual needs accurately. Consequently, students learn exceptionally well across all areas of the curriculum.

Teachers set regular, challenging homework that is age appropriate. This consolidates learning, deepens understanding and prepares students extremely well for their future learning.

# Extra-Curricular Activities



**The school provides a huge amount of extra-curricular activities. Students' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is extremely well catered for. Students are able to undertake positions of responsibility and leadership throughout the school.**

The vast majority of teachers commit themselves to running clubs, activities and trips. The vast majority of students grasp all the opportunities that come their way. Clubs and activities are always well attended.

The rich experiences that the students are exposed to both inside and outside the formal curriculum fosters a strong sense of loyalty and pride in the school.





# Taking it Further

**The school is totally committed to raising the cultural capital of every child. It really matters to the school that students learn and enjoy things they won't necessarily experience at home or with their peers.**

Students regularly represent the school in county and national competitions in sport, music, drama and debating.

Due to the deep commitment to individual students, all students are exceptionally well prepared for the next stages of their education. Very many students display the highest aspirations for themselves and for their future.

***"Their professionalism and expertise is outstanding. Thank you for the enormous amount of support and guidance you have given our daughter."***

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