



3rd May 2024

Dear Parent Carers,

Weekly Update: 03/05/24

I hope this update finds you well. The weeks are flying past this half term, and preparations are already taking place in school for the next academic year. I look forward to sharing information including details of your child's class next year with you over the coming weeks. INSET Days for next year are further in the update. Preparations are also taking place for those students due to sit exams soon, and our Prize Day, Sports Day as well as our annual end of year report to Parent Carers.

Residential Visits

At St Martins, we value the experiences that students receive when they attend residential visits with their peers. We believe that these experiences are some of the most exciting times that students have when they are at school and give them unforgettable memories. So far this year, students have visited Lea Green, Mount Cook, York, Kingswood; and more visits are planned for Chester, Blackpool, Shining Cliff, Reading, and York (again – it's very popular!).

Our staff team work hard to facilitate these experiences so that our students have a different opportunity each year they are at St Martins. This takes a huge amount of staff commitment, with lots of preparation, planning and staying away from home to ensure that visits can safely take place.

When students are away on residential visits, please could I ask you to support the school by being on stand-by and be available / have a plan in place in case any issues arise on the trip and your child needs to return home. Whilst this is not something that happens regularly, I wanted to bring this to your attention.

Following feedback from Parent Carers, we will ensure that the trip leader has an agreed communication strategy so that families are kept up to date with any key information such as when students arrive at their destination.

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Shaw Education Trust Parent Carer Survey

The latest Shaw Education Trust survey recently opened, and will be open until Friday 7th June. Please can I encourage you to share your feedback via the survey, to help us know what we are doing well and areas that we can improve on. Your views are valuable to us, and we thank you for sharing them. Please find a link to the survey here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SpecialSchoolParentSurveyTerm32024>

INSET Day Dates 2024-2025

I am pleased to share the St Martins INSET Days for the next academic year with you below. We continue to follow Derby City Council's term dates and a link to next year's dates is with the term dates on the next page.

1. Wednesday 4th September 2024
2. Monday 4th November 2024
3. Friday 14th February 2025
4. Tuesday 22nd April 2025
5. Thursday 24th July 2025

Bank Holiday

School is closed on Monday 6th May for a Bank Holiday. School will be open as usual on Tuesday 7th May.

Wishing you a great Bank Holiday weekend.

Best wishes,

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Term Dates for Academic Year 2023/2024

Autumn Term

INSET Day – Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th September

School Starts for the new Academic Year – Wednesday 6th September

School Breaks up for Half Term – Friday 27th October

School Starts Back – Monday 6th November

School Breaks up for Christmas – Friday 22nd December

Spring Term

School Starts Back – Monday 8th January 2024

School Breaks up for Half Term – Thursday 15th February

INSET Day – Friday 16th February

School Starts Back – Monday 26th February

School Breaks up for Easter – Thursday 28th March

Summer Term

INSET Day – Monday 15th April

School Starts Back – Tuesday 16th April

Bank Holiday – Monday 6th May

School Breaks up for Half Term - Friday 24th May

School Starts Back – Monday 3rd June

INSET Day – Monday 1st July

School Breaks up for Summer – Tuesday 23rd July

St Martins follows Derby City Council's term dates. Dates for next year can be found on their website – please follow the link for these -

<https://derby.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/term-holiday-dates/#>

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