

5<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Dear Parent Carers,

### **Weekly Update: 05/06/26**

I hope this update finds you well. We are now in the last half term of the year, but there is still so much more to come! I hope our school community is well rested after the break and ready to enjoy the activities and events that mark the end of the year.

To support the transition process from Year 10 to Post-16, Heather has written about how school is currently supporting Year 10 students for their next steps, and also shared information about Post-16 provisions and opportunities, and open events at Horizons, Broomfield and Joseph Wright.

Derby City Council have asked the school to share details of a consultation for Short Breaks. Please take part in this consultation if you are able.

### **Year 10 - Post-16 Transition Support**

We are delighted to share that Hannah Pardey, our Transitions Mentor, will begin working with all Year 10 students from Monday as they start to consider their next steps beyond school.

Hannah will be supporting students to explore:

- Their interests, strengths and aspirations
- Possible Post-16 pathways and provisions
- Qualifications gained and future goals
- Key information needed for transition planning

This is an important and supportive process that will help prepare students and families ahead of their Phase Transfer Reviews, which will commence from September.

### **Information for Families**

Over the coming weeks, Hannah will provide students with a booklet containing information about a range of Post-16 provisions and opportunities. We encourage families to:

- Read through the booklet together

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- Visit provider websites
- Discuss future options and aspirations
- Attend open days and information events where possible

These conversations can be invaluable in helping young people make informed decisions about their future.

### **Upcoming Open Events**

**Broomfield Hall** - Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026 - 9:00am – 12:00pm **\*this weekend\***

**The Joseph Wright Centre** - Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2026 - 5:00pm – 7:00pm

**Horizons Open Evening** - Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2026 - 4:30pm – 6:00pm

If you would like to attend the Horizons Open Evening, please contact the school office to reserve a place.

### **Looking Ahead**

We will continue to share additional open days and events throughout the year, including opportunities at settings such as YMCA, Lees Brook and other local colleges.

If you have any questions regarding Post-16 transition planning, please do not hesitate to contact:

- **Hannah Pardey** – Transitions Mentor
- **Rachel Cooper** – KS4 Lead
- **Liz Sanger** – KS5 Lead

We look forward to supporting our Year 10 students and families as they begin planning for this exciting next stage of their education journey.

### **Derby City Council – Short Breaks Consultation**

Community Short Breaks are for children and young people aged 0-17 with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) who need extra help to take part in activities. Providers deliver targeted\* services by arranging activities and providing additional support to children and young people with SEND. These activities may take place after school, at weekends, or during school holidays. Community Short Breaks also support families by giving parents and carers time to rest from caring.

\*Targeted services are for children and young people who may need additional support and may require an assessment of need to access services.

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Further information about the Community Short Breaks offer can be found at the following link: [Short Breaks - Derby City Council](#)

A public consultation in relation to the **Community Short Breaks Service** was launched on **21<sup>st</sup> May 2026**. The consultation will be open for 90 days and will close at midnight on **19<sup>th</sup> August 2026**.

Derby City Council is reviewing its Community Short Breaks Service and is proposing some ideas for change. We want to ask parents/carers, children/young people and providers about these and for them to give feedback. Their views will help us understand the impact of the ideas for change that we are proposing and what they think about the current Community Short Breaks Offer.

The consultation will include face-to-face focus groups (details to follow within the next few weeks) and parent/carer, child/young person and provider consultation surveys.

We want to consult with as many people as possible so we are asking for your help in circulating the survey link. We should appreciate if you could please share this far and wide - <https://letstalk.derby.gov.uk/short-breaks-consultation>

Paper copies of the surveys and alternative formats will be available upon request by emailing [CYPParticipate@derby.gov.uk](mailto:CYPParticipate@derby.gov.uk)

## Welcome

I would like to welcome two new Parent Academy Councillors – Daniel Lodge and Nicolette Robinson. When we appealed for new Parents to join the Academy Council, we were delighted to receive expressions of interest from Parent Carers to support the school in this way. Thank you to our school community for your support!

In addition to this, now that Keir Mather has joined the school as Pastoral and Safeguarding Manager, he has stepped down from his role on the school's Academy Council. The new Chair of the Academy Councillor is Holly Dyer. Holly has been a part of our council since 2019, and we are grateful to Holly for stepping into this position.

With best wishes,



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## Dates for your diaries:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Information</u>
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 11 and Year 13 Parent Carer Evening	Parent Carers invited – information will be sent home.
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Last day for Year 11 and Year 13 students, Prom	Information has been sent home regarding the Year 11 Leavers' Assembly and Prom.
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Sports Day	Parent Carers invited – information will be sent home.
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> , Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	'Moving-up' and city-wide transition	Students spend time in their September pastoral groups, and the new Year 7 students will be in school.
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 Parent Carer Evening	Parent Carers invited – information will be sent home.
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Martifest!	Parent Carers invited – information will be sent home.
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Prize Day	Parent Carers of winners invited. Information will be sent home.
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Students break up for Summer.	

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## **Term Dates 2025/2026**

### **Summer Term 2026**

**School Breaks up for Summer – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**

INSET Day – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

## **Term Dates for Academic Year 2026/2027**

### **Autumn Term 2026**

INSET Day – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September

**School Starts for the new Academic Year – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September**

School Breaks up for Half Term – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

INSET Day – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

School Starts Back – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

INSET Day – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November

School Breaks up for Christmas – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

### **Spring Term 2027**

School Starts Back – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2027

School Breaks up for Half Term – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February

School Starts Back – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

School Breaks up for Easter – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March

### **Summer Term 2027**

School Starts Back – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April

Bank Holiday – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

INSET Day – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May

School Breaks up for Half Term – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May

School Starts Back – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June

**School Breaks up for Summer – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**

INSET Day – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> 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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