



6th March 2026

Dear Parent Carers,

Weekly Update: 06/03/26

I hope this update finds you well. Over the week, we have started to see more signs of Spring, along with some well-deserved sunshine, which has been a very welcome sight!

This week's update has a focus on Key Stage 4, as they share what they've been up to recently – including transition interviews and work experience. We hope you enjoy their news!

World Book Day

World Book Day was celebrated on Thursday this week. We look forward to sharing images of what we got up to on our social media soon.

Ramadan

The Holy Month of Ramadan started recently. We would like to support and celebrate with our school community who observe this festival. If students are fasting, we are able to provide a space for them to rest during lunchtime. Please get in touch with your child's pastoral teacher to let them know of individualised options and plans you would like us to consider.

Online safety webinars for parents

Online safety is a key issue for schools and parent carers. Join RM Technology and online safety expert Alan Mackenzie for a free webinar designed specifically for parents of secondary school children on Monday 9th March from 6:30pm-7:30pm.

They'll share practical, honest advice on how to support your teenager as they navigate social media, manage their digital footprint, and build healthy habits for the future.

What is covered:

- **Managing risks:** Navigating social media, privacy, and online reputation.
- **Open conversations:** How to talk about difficult topics without the friction.
- **Digital well-being:** Practical tips for balancing screen time and mental health.

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Here is the link to register for this webinar -

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/3d25c788-10d7-46d6-a831-a96e1653ae10@3a4af158-b8a5-4bc8-833c-d973205f2bc2>

Derby SEND Voice Event

Derby SEND Voice are hosting a SEND Marketplace event on Sunday 8th March.
Please read their flyer for more information.

With best wishes,

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KEY STAGE 4

Spring Update

Halfway Through the Year!

We are already halfway through the school year – it has been a productive, inspiring journey so far.

The photos on the update show our Key Stage 4 classes accessing provisions this term. Some classes have taken part in outdoor education activities at Elvaston Castle, while others visited the padel courts at the Derbion as part of their Futures curriculum. Some photos also include students taking part in our year of reading programme.



Year 11 Transition Interviews

Interviews for Year 11 students are well underway as we support them in preparing for their next steps beyond St Martins.

Leavers' Activities

Planning has begun for our Year 11 leavers' celebrations to ensure a memorable and meaningful send-off.



Work Experience Achievements

Rudy from Year 11 has successfully completed a week-long work experience placement with East Midlands Railway, gaining valuable skills and hands-on industry experience. Jaydan from Year 10 has been outstanding working at the Arboretum cafe.

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We're Family



KEY STAGE 4

Spring Update

📖 Maths & Reading Assessments

Maths assessments and NGRT Reading Assessments have been completed and will feed into end-of-term progress reports.



📖 Year 10 Annual Reviews

Year 10 Annual Reviews are underway, with students reflecting on their progress and setting goals for the remainder of the year.



🏠 Residential

Year 10 and 11 are preparing for lots of different Residential including: Manchester, Whitby, Skegness, and beyond. The first of which will be towards the end of this term. These opportunities and experience enrich students cultural capital.

📄 Student Leadership Success

We are incredibly proud that Anselmo has been voted Derby Deputy Youth Mayor – a fantastic achievement showcasing his leadership and dedication.





Spring Family SEND Event

Sunday, March 8th

10am
till
3pm

Join Derby SEND Voice
for a SEND marketplace at the
Museum of Making!

Enjoy a day of information,
connection, and fun for the
whole family!

Museum of Making



For more information please email
derbysendvoice@gmail.com



Dates for your Diaries

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Information</u>
Wednesday 11 th March	Auschwitz Visit	Two students and staff are visiting Auschwitz for the day with the Holocaust Education Trust
w/c 23 rd March	Spring Progress Reports are sent home	
Friday 27 th March	School finishes for the Easter Holiday	
Monday 13 th April	Students return after the Easter Holiday	
Friday 1 st May	INSET Day	School closed
Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday	School closed
Tuesday 5 th May	GCSEs and formal assessments start	A letter has been sent home to relevant students this week.
Friday 8 th May	Options Taster Day	This is for current Year 9 and Year 10 students.
Tuesday 12 th May from 4:30pm-6:00pm	Options Evening	Year 9 and Year 10 students with their Parent Carers – letter will be sent home.

Term Dates 2025/2026

Spring Term 2026

School Starts Back – Monday 23rd February

School Breaks up for Easter – Friday 27th March

Summer Term 2026

School Starts Back – Monday 13th April

INSET Day – Friday 1st May

Bank Holiday – Monday 4th May

School Breaks up for Half Term – Friday 22nd May

School Starts Back – Monday 1st June

School Breaks up for Summer – Wednesday 22nd July

INSET Day – Thursday 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/#>

Social Media Links

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