

6th October 2023

Dear Parent Carers,

Weekly Update: 06/10/23

I hope this update finds you well. This half term is flying by, with 3 weeks to go until the break. There is still lots to come, including our first Parent Carer Coffee Morning at the Arboretum Café on Tuesday 10th October, and our Mini Monster Marathon on Wednesday 25th October. This will be the third year that we have held the mini marathon in school, and hope that you will be able to join us for one of the activities.

Head Student Elections

On Friday last week, we held elections for the role of Head Student. We had 11 students stand for election, and the votes were so close that instead of having 2 Head Students, we now have 4! As part of the election process, the candidates produced posters, spoke in assemblies or produced a video – for many of them, this was out of their comfort zone. We are so proud of our students for wanting to make a positive contribution to our school community. Well done to Joe, Ezra, Roisin and Owen on becoming Head Students. We are excited to work with you over the year as you step into this new role together.

Celebration of UK Commercial Radio

Did you know that UK commercial radio is celebrating its 50th anniversary this weekend? One of our Year 11 students, Brodie, has produced a video and quiz in his own time to celebrate this milestone. Brodie's video has all of the jingles and logos of the radio stations, as well as a quiz which could well be featured on Mastermind! Students will have the chance to watch the video and take part in the quiz on Monday next week. Brodie – we are proud of you, your knowledge and enthusiasm for bringing the school together.

Medication in School

If your child requires any medication whilst in school, please can you ensure that it is brought into school by an adult and that a Medication Consent Form is completed. For health and safety reasons, we cannot accept medication brought in by students in Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4. This includes medication such as paracetamol, allergy medication and antibiotics. All medication brought into school must have a pharmacy label on it. If you have any questions about this, please get in touch with Amy Cameron. We appreciate your support with this.

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Parking at St Martins

I am aware that parking can be limited on site at St Martins, and appreciate your support when bringing your vehicle on site. Please may I request that Parent Carers do not park in the staff carpark, but instead turn left when entering the site and park near the Sports Hall. There have been occasions when staff from both St Martins and Noel-Baker have not been able to leave the site as their cars have been blocked in. It may be worth considering parking on Bracknell Drive and walking up to school if you are concerned about not being able to find a space. We welcome your feedback on parking and hope that this starts to ease.



Horizons Derby County Exhibition

Horizons students are hosting a Derby County Exhibition in partnership with the Rams Heritage Trust at The City Lab on St James' Street near Irongate from 4th – 20th October. The exhibition is called 'Back from the Brink' and looks at the recent troubles at the club and is open Monday-Friday from 10am-2pm. The students would be delighted if you were able to support them by attending.

Have a great weekend,



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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



Parent Carer
Coffee Morning



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