6th November 2026

Dear Parent Carers,

Weekly Update: 06/11/26

I hope this update finds you well and rested after the half term break. It's a delight to be back in school with our students and staff, and I am looking forward to a productive and fun half term ahead!

Supported Internship Update

Further in the update, we have a newsletter from our Project SEARCH interns who would like to share about their fantastic start to the year. I hope you enjoy reading this, especially as a number of our former students (and interns) are now mentoring this new cohort. This embodies our school's vision of *Shaping Successful Futures* and the values that we share in our school community. Well done to our team at the hospital – Jo and Phil, for the excellent work that you do!

Children In Need

This year's Children in Need takes place on Friday 13th November. We will have a non-uniform day, and students are welcome to wear Pudsey themed clothing and accessories. To support this fantastic cause, please donate £1 in cash on the day or via the link online:
https://www.runpudsey.co.uk/account

This year's Children in Need fundraiser is called 'Run Pudsey'. As well as a non-uniform day, we are completing a sponsored walk. Each class will complete a lap of the field. If you sign your child/young person up, they will receive a medal for contributing! Please use code **9E8C** on the website address above.

Absence Reporting

A few weeks ago, we wrote to you about attendance as we are looking to improve student absence reporting.

Please can I expand on this message to ask that if your child/young person is absent from school for any reason including lateness, sickness, medical and dental appointments, please either call the school office on 01332 571151 or email the school on admin@stmartins.set.org to let us know. Communicating directly with the school office supports us with ensuring that the right people know about the absence. If emailing the school, you are still welcome to copy your child's pastoral team into the message. Thank you for your support with this.

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Shaw Education Trust – Parental Survey

The Shaw Education Trust are seeking the views of Parent Carers across their 32 schools. Please could we encourage families to complete their survey to find out your thoughts - https://edurio.com/s/open/survey/3KS4KXufzNyHNrKKA059gu2JEyz Students will also take part in a similar survey.

Dates for your diaries

There is lots to look forward to this half term, please take a look at the dates for your diaries section further in the update.

With best wishes,



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Royal Derby Hospital

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Applications for 2027-2028 are now **OPEN**

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UPDATES FROM US

This year's interns absolutely thrived in their induction training in September. Individuals that join Project SEARCH must complete a whole month of preparation, training and orienteering before they begin their first placements. This is crucial to ensure they are aware of safety measures, understand the processes in place at the hospital for both patients and staff. There are also plenty of introductions to key people, including managers and mentors.

It's not all serious though, we also got a VIP visit up to the helipad, and tested their knowledge of the site with lots of orienteering tasks.

Placement one began in October for all interns - we're a month into these now, and we're already seeing huge amounts of progress being made. Some interns have impressed managers so much that there have been discussions about possible employment already! Watch this space...

On top of starting a brand new placement, we've also had interns pass their wheelchair training, GDPR and even driving tests!

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OCTOBER- DECEMBER: PLACEMENT 1

TEN INTERNS BEGAN THEIR PLACEMENTS LAST MONTH. HERE'S WHERE THEY ARE ALL BASED:

Morgan - Pharmacy Porter
Morgan delivers important medication to wards across the entire hospital! He is mentored by Jacob (graduate).

Mayson - CT Porter
Mayson is part of a team who take patients to and from their CT scans. Sometimes patients are in wheelchairs, beds or trolleys. He has many mentors, and Harry (graduate) is one of them. Mayson is wheelchair trained.

Taylor - Cleaner
Taylor works with teams that are responsible for wards being clean and safe for patients. He is mentored by Charlie and Alex (graduates!).

Sam - Discharge Unit Assistant
Sam works with the housekeeper, hostesses and porters to help the department run smoothly. He is wheelchair trained, so ready to help patients get to where they need to be.

Caleb - Receipts and Distribution
Caleb works to deliver new equipment ordered by departments across the entire site! Jack (graduate) mentors Caleb.

Jonny - Back of House Catering
Jonny works in a team who prepare food for wards. He helps to package food to be taken by hostesses, as well as pick patient meals, ready for a hostess to distribute.

Elis - Ward Hostess
Elis works with the hostess teams, to order, prepare and give out meals, as well as regularly giving refereshments to patients on wards.

Sarah - Barista
Sarah works on Level 5, taking drink and food orders and preparing them for customers to enjoy! She can make all of the drinks and food on the menu.

Lexie - Receptionist
Lexie works on the front desk at main reception, she guides hospital users, books taxis for patients, answers and makes phone calls. Lexie is GDPR and wheelchair trained.

Lewis - Mattress Porter
Lewis travels across the whole site, several times per day- collecting and delivering mattresses to departments. He is mentored by Kofi (graduate) for half of his week.

Dates for your diaries:

Date	Event	Information
Wednesday 11th November	Remembrance Day	Students and staff will take part in an act of remembrance with Noel-Baker Academy.
Friday 13th November	Children In Need	Information shared in the update this week
Tuesday 24th November	Presentation Evening	Students who were in Year 11 and Year 13 last year will be invited to collect their certificates. Invitations will be sent in the post.
Friday 27th November	INSET Day – School and 6th Form closed to all.	
Thursday 10th December	Save the Children 'Christmas Jumper Day'	Information will be shared.
Week commencing Monday 14th December	Autumn Progress Reports sent to Parent Carers	The first progress report of the academic year will be shared with families.
Tuesday 15th December	Christmas Market and Winter Wondershow	Information will be shared.
Wednesday 16th December	Christmas Dinner Day	Information will be shared.
Friday 18th December	School finishes for Christmas	
Monday 4th January	School opens to all for the Spring Term.	

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Term Dates for Academic Year 2026/2027

Autumn Term 2026
School Starts Back – Tuesday 3rd November
INSET Day – Friday 27th November
School Breaks up for Christmas – Friday 18th December

Spring Term 2027
School Starts Back – Monday 4th January 2027
School Breaks up for Half Term – Friday 12th February
School Starts Back – Monday 22nd February
School Breaks up for Easter – Thursday 25th March

Summer Term 2027
School Starts Back – Monday 12th April
Bank Holiday – Monday 3rd May
INSET Day – Tuesday 4th May
School Breaks up for Half Term – Friday 28th May
School Starts Back – Monday 7th June
School Breaks up for Summer – Friday 23rd July
INSET Day – Monday 26th 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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