



6th December 2024

Dear Parent Carers,

Weekly Update: 06/12/24

We hope this update finds you well. Students are doing well in the lead up to Christmas, and we are putting one of our '10 Principles of Learning' front and centre – 'No. 3 – Planned – considered and shared with staff'.

This principle is useful at busy times when students – and adults, can feel overwhelmed with how much Christmas takes over our lives! Having a considered plan in place so that we know what is happening and when, and having the opportunity to change or adapt plans helps us to enjoy special times with our friends and family in a self-assured, calm and managed way.

Please find a copy of our '10 Principles of Learning' later in the update, which was developed using insights from student voice. These help our staff team to stay focussed on what makes the difference to our young people.

Christmas Market and Winter Wondershow

Don't forget to get your tickets for the Christmas Market – Tuesday 17th December and Winter Wondershow – Thursday 19th December. Both afternoons promise to be great. If you would like to book tickets, please return the slip that was sent home last week, otherwise, please contact your child/young person's pastoral team.

After School Clubs

Clubs are finishing for Christmas on Thursday 12th December, and will resume on Monday 13th January. A letter will be sent to Parent Carers who have returned the clubs reply slip confirming which club has been allocated the week commencing Monday 6th January.

Pupil Progress Reports

Parent Carers will receive an Autumn Term Progress Report during the last week of the term. This report looks at 'Attitudes and Learning' and 'Attainment' for each of the areas that your child/young person is studying in school. We hope that you will find this useful as an update of your child's progress. This new in-year snapshot of progress reporting has been developed following Parent Carer feedback from previous surveys. Please let us know what you think.

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Shaw Education Trust – Parental Survey Reminder

The Shaw Education Trust are seeking your views on St Martins again as they survey all schools in the Trust. Whilst we appreciate that you shared your views recently as part of our Ofsted Inspection, it would be helpful if you could do so again – please follow this link to take part - <https://forms.office.com/e/SGJzC0Qdsc>. Thank you for your support!

Academy Councillors – we need you!

Would you like to become an Academy Councillor (Governor)? We are looking to recruit a Parent Carer of a St Martin's student to join our Academy Council. The Academy Council meets in school around 6 times per year to discuss how the school is being led and managed, and how we are Shaping Successful Futures for our young people. Your knowledge of the school from your perspective is really important to us and we will value your contributions. It is not a huge commitment of time and if you think this could be up your street, please get in touch with Victoria Theobald by phone or email (victoria.theobald@smartins.set.org) to arrange a tour and a chat with the Chair – Jeff Howe. We look forward to hearing from you!

With best wishes for the weekend,

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10 Principles of Learning



1. Relationships
– unconditional
positive regard

2. Personalised
– one size
fits one!

3. Planned –
considered and
shared
with staff

4. Proactive – maximise
learning time

5. Well-resourced -
ahead of the lesson!

6. Diversity and
representation

7. Aspirational
– no ceiling!
*Shaping
Successful
Futures*

8. Fun - student
led, practical,
exciting

We Learn

We Respect

We're Family

9. Consistent
– high quality,
expectations

10. All staff as
positive role
models all the time
and leaders in
learning in the
classroom



Term Dates for Academic Year 2024/2025

Autumn Term 2024

INSET Day – Wednesday 4th September

School Starts for the new Academic Year – Thursday 5th September

School Breaks up for Half Term – Friday 25th October

INSET Day – Monday 4th November

School Starts Back – Tuesday 5th November

School Breaks up for Christmas – Friday 20th December

Spring Term 2025

School Starts Back – Monday 6th January 2025

School Breaks up for Half Term – Thursday 13th February

INSET Day – Friday 14th February

School Starts Back – Monday 24th February

School Breaks up for Easter – Friday 4th April

Summer Term 2025

Bank Holiday – Monday 21st April

INSET Day – Tuesday 22nd April

School Starts Back – Wednesday 23rd April

Bank Holiday – Monday 5th May

School Breaks up for Half Term – Friday 23rd May

School Starts Back – Monday 2nd June

School Breaks up for Summer – Wednesday 23rd July

INSET Day – Thursday 24th 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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