

7th November 2025

Dear Parent Carers,

Weekly Update: 07/11/25

I hope this update finds you well and rested after the half term break. It's been a delight to welcome our school community back, and we look forward to a productive and fun half term ahead!

Project SEARCH News

The team at our Supported Internship at the Royal Derby Hospital have put together a great newsletter for this week's update – sharing the journeys of the interns (students) so far. We hope you enjoy reading about what they've been up to!

Following our sharing of updates from each of the departments in school, please let us know if there are any other areas that you'd like to learn more about!

iPads for Students

Over the last year, we have been working hard behind the scenes to launch student iPads. Each student will have their own iPad to use in school to support taking part in lessons through interactive work and completing teaching activities through a platform called Showbie. We are excited to see the positive benefits of this investment in iPads and Showbie. iPads will be 'rolled out' gradually, with a few classes taking part at first – KS3JG, KS3KW, KS4PP and KS5RK.

To support the positive use of iPads, an agreement for their use in school will be sent home for Parent Carers to complete together with their young person. This agreement is in place to explain how the iPad should be used and looked after and also cover what could happen should damage occur. Agreements will initially be sent to the first classes taking part.

Welcome

This week we have been joined by a new Classroom Assistant, Maisie Davidson. We are excited for Maisie to join us and hope that you will all welcome her to St Martins!

Upcoming Dates

Dates for this half term are shared later in the update, including our Christmas Market on Tuesday 16th December, which will take place after school. If you are interested in having a stall at the Market, please register your interest with the School Office.

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With best wishes,

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Dates for your diaries:

Date	Event	Details
Tuesday 11 th November	Remembrance Day Service	Students from main site will join with those from Noel Baker. Students at 6 th Form will join the service in the city centre.
Friday 14 th November	Children In Need	Students can wear non-uniform and make a donation via ParentPay. Activities for students will take place in school. More details to follow.
Wednesday 26 th November at 5:00pm	Certificate Presentation Evening for last year's Year 11 and Year 13 students.	Invitations have been posted home.
Thursday 11 th December	Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day	Information to follow.
Tuesday 16 th December time TBC	Winter Wonder Show	Information to follow.
Tuesday 16 th December from 2:30pm-3:30pm	Christmas Market	Information to follow.
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas Dinner for students	Information to follow.

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SEPTEMBER

September marked the start of Induction for our new interns. They spent the month gaining expertise in orienteering, employability skills, understanding ISS, completing NHS Trust inductions and fire safety. They also spent time getting to know one-another, the hospital departments and meeting teams - including new mentors.

OCTOBER

After many meet and greets, first impressions and Q+A sessions, our Interns were ready to be placed into their first roles. A nervous but exciting month of fresh starts with new teams and some pretty awesome mentors to get to know!



MEET OUR INTERNS

Junior

If you need a film recommendation, he's your man. A details man and golden memory.

1st rotation: A&E Porter

Libby

Winner of the biggest smile! Animal lover, dancer and social guru.

1st rotation: CT Porter

Luke

The master of all things chilled. Everyone's friend and great company.

1st rotation: Discharge Unit Assistant

Charlie

Games fanatic, marvel expert and accurate Scooby Doo impressionist.

1st rotation: Ward Assistant

Jacob

Cat lover, colour and number enthusiast. He is the expert at well-timed noises and high fives.

1st rotation: Back of House Catering

Alex

Bench presser and ace barista. Gets the job done and does it with a smile- is there anything he can't do?!

1st rotation: Cafe/Catering Assistant

Edward

The gentle giant of the group who is always looking out for everyone- even Derby County!

1st rotation: Mattress Porter

Nicholas

Tech enthusiast, keen programmer and speedy traveler. Always greeting others with a smile and manners fit for royalty.

1st rotation: Telecoms/Main Reception

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TAKE A PEEK...



EXPERIENCES SO FAR...

"BEFORE I BEGAN MY FIRST PLACEMENT, I FELT NERVOUS. NOW I KNOW THE TEAM I WORK WITH AND I ACTUALLY LOOK FORWARD TO COMING IN EACH DAY!"

"I THINK MY COLLEAGUES ARE VALUABLE. I LIKE SPENDING TIME WITH THEM"

"I CAN IMAGINE DOING THIS AS A CAREER"

"I AM DOING THINGS THAT I DIDN'T THINK I WOULD BE ABLE TO DO"

OUR ALUMNI

We have had the pleasure of spending time with Harry, Lily, James and often bumping into Sam in the library and Reuben on car parking. Jack can often be seen delivering parcels with a big grin too. We recently invited our Alumni to spend some social time with our current interns at the Argosy in Derby too, and we've had the pleasure of welcoming Matthew and James to speak to this year's cohort about their experiences on Project SEARCH previously.



Term Dates 2025/2026

Autumn Term 2025

School Starts Back – Monday 3rd November

School Breaks up for Christmas – Friday 19th December

Spring Term 2026

INSET Day – Monday 5th January 2026

School Starts Back – Tuesday 6th January

School Breaks up for Half Term – Friday 13th February

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/#>

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