



8th March 2024

Dear Parent Carers,

Weekly Update: 08/03/24

I hope this update finds you well. I am pleased to let you know that leaders from the Shaw Education Trust spent two positive days with us this week to look into the provision that we are providing at St Martins. This process included visiting lessons, and speaking with students and staff. I look forward to sharing more about this soon!

Transitions

Throughout your child's time in school, we work to prepare them for their next steps – whether that is preparing to start at St Martins, moving from Key Stage 3 to Key Stage 4, and then from Key Stage 4 to their next steps at 6th Form or other further education providers.

We are looking at offering students in Key Stage 3 the opportunity to have time in classrooms in Key Stage 4, whilst following their current timetable. This will hopefully familiarise students in different classrooms of the school and get a feel for the evolving expectations as they move through their time at St Martins. Through this, the staff team will be able to identify further aspects of transition that will inform their planning to support students' readiness in their next steps.

As we've mentioned before, on Friday 10th May, an 'Options Day' takes place where students can sample and take part in the different courses on offer, and on Tuesday 14th May, an 'Options Evening' for students to attend with their Parent Carers and speak with the staff team takes place. This will also provide an opportunity to understand the differences and similarities between Key Stages to help you prepare for this milestone and change.

The Options Booklet for the current academic year is available to view on our website should you wish to start thinking about making choices. Please note that the courses available next year may not be the same, but the booklet should give you a flavour of what we offer. You can view the Options booklet here:

<https://www.stmartinsschoolderby.co.uk/curriculum/key-stage-4-curriculum>

Ramadan

The Holy Month of Ramadan starts on Sunday 10th March. 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.

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Have a great weekend,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sabrina Hobbs'.

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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

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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