

8th May 2026

Dear Parent Carers,

Weekly Update: 08/05/26

I hope this update finds you well. Today, our current Year 9 and Year 10 students have taken part in an Options 'Taster' Day to showcase the different subjects that are on offer to them next year.

Parent Carers of students in Year 9 and Year 10 have been invited to Options Evening, which will take place on **Tuesday 12th May** from **4.30pm – 6pm**. This is an information evening for parent carers and students as we feel that having an element of choice is an important part of the offer here at St Martins and helps students to actively engage in their learning.

There will be time to speak to Options teachers about the subjects and ask any questions you may have followed by a short presentation to explain how the Options work in school. A copy of the Options booklet will be handed out during the evening.

A copy is available to view by following this link: [Options Booklet](#)

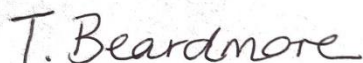
National Year of Reading – May Focus

May's reading focus is on exploring stories through experience – please see the flyer on the next page for more information.

Derby College Parent Carer Transition Event

On Tuesday 16th June, there will be a Transition event at Derby College's Roundhouse Campus for Parent Carers to learn more about the resources, guidance, and assistance on offer at the College. Please see the flyer further in the update for more information; including how to register for this event.

With best wishes,



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National Year of Reading 2026

MONDAY 11TH MAY 2026

**MAY FOCUS:
EXPLORING STORIES
THROUGH EXPERIENCE**

**BRINGING STORIES TO LIFE
THROUGH SENSES AND EXPERIENCE**

This month's focus brings stories to life in exciting, hands-on ways! Students will engage with texts through:

🎵 Sound effects and music

🖼️ Visuals and imagery

🧸 Objects linked to stories

🌟 Interactive, sensory storytelling experiences

**THESE ACTIVITIES ARE DESIGNED TO MAKE
READING ACCESSIBLE, ENGAGING AND
ENJOYABLE FOR ALL LEARNERS**



PARENTS AND CARERS TRANSITION EVENT

TUESDAY 16TH JUNE 2026 4:00PM

DERBY COLLEGE GROUP - ROUNDHOUSE CAMPUS

This event is aimed at Parents and Carers of supported children and young people (CYP) who are exploring the potential of starting their studies at DCG for September 2026.

Join us for an informative event that will explore the support available to your CYP. You will learn more about the resources, guidance, and assistance on offer to ensure a smooth transition into College life.



**SCAN TO
REGISTER
YOUR PLACE
AT THIS
EVENT**



If you require any further information please contact:

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Dates for your diaries:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Information</u>
Tuesday 12 th May	Options Evening	Parent Carers are invited to attend along with students in Year 9 and Year 10 from 4:30pm-6:00pm
Friday 22 nd May	Break up for Half Term	
Monday 1 st June	Students return to school	
Tuesday 16 th June	Year 11 and Year 13 Parent Carer Evening	Parent Carers invited – information will be sent home.
Friday 26 th June	Last day for Year 11 and Year 13 students, Prom	Information will be sent home regarding the Year 11 Leavers' Assembly and Prom.
Wednesday 1 st July	Sports Day	Parent Carers invited – information will be sent home.
Tuesday 7 th , Wednesday 8 th and Thursday 9 th July	'Moving-up' and city-wide transition	Students spend time in their September pastoral groups, and the new Year 7 students will be in school.
Tuesday 14 th July	Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 Parent Carer Evening	Parent Carers invited – information will be sent home.
Friday 17 th July	Martifest!	Parent Carers invited – information will be sent home.
Tuesday 21 st July	Prize Day	Parent Carers of winners invited. Information will be sent home.
Wednesday 22 nd July	Students break up for Summer.	

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Term Dates 2025/2026

Summer Term 2026

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

Term Dates for Academic Year 2026/2027

Autumn Term 2026

INSET Day – Friday 4th September

School Starts for the new Academic Year – Monday 7th September

School Breaks up for Half Term – Friday 23rd October

INSET Day – Monday 2nd November

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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