

10th October 2025

Dear Parent Carers,

Weekly Update: 10/10/25

I hope this update finds you well. This week, our students have enjoyed some fantastic activities with the Learning Mentors to mark World Mental Health Day. From sitting around the fire with hot chocolate to building cosy indoor dens, dancing, and messy play – everyone got involved and had a great time! These sessions were all about socialising, mindfulness, and celebrating the importance of looking after our wellbeing.

Students also spent time thinking about what makes them unique by identifying their own strengths and things they are grateful for. A huge well done to everyone who took part! Take a look at our Facebook page to see what we've been up to - <https://en-gb.facebook.com/StMartinsSchoolDerby/> !

The next Wellbeing Team event will be during Anti-Bullying Week from 10th-14th November.

Key Stage 3 Update

Further in the update, you will see Key Stage 3's fantastic newsletter to show what they've been up to since the start of term. In great news, two Year 8 students have used their journalism skills to interview Year 7 students about their experience at St Martins so far – we hope you enjoy the read!

The Adolescence Effect – free webinar

Did you watch the Netflix drama 'Adolescence'?

- Are you worried about what your children might be up to online?
- Would you like to have a better understanding of incel culture and misogyny?
- Do you want some ideas about how to protect your children, especially our boys, against such negative influences?



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Derby City Council's Prevent Education Officer, Sally Siner, supported by **Online safety expert Traci Gregory** are offering a free online webinar for parents and carers of children and young people on: **Thursday 16th October from 6-7pm.**

No need to book, just join the link below on the day!

Microsoft Teams [Need help?](#)

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 347 560 314 556 3, Passcode: Y5GK9Ts3

With best wishes,

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This Term in Our Classrooms

The first term in KS3 is all about instilling our school values; "We learn, we respect and we're family". Students get to know their new class teams and routines for the year including their new timetables and meeting new staff.

A Spotlight on Futures!

KS3TM have been working hard on their fine motor skills through sewing in Futures lessons. The students have learned different sewing techniques and stitches.



Announcements

Don't forget to dress up for our Mini Monster Marathon on Wednesday 22nd October! We can't wait to see parents and carers come and join us for the Creepy Crafts or the afternoon run!

Gardening with KS3SPS

KS3SPS have been gardening with Will, our new Learning Mentor. Will has been encouraging the class to learn how to grow vegetables.



Introducing Our KS3 School Council Reps

Each class in school has a School Council representative, voted in by their classmates. The reps meet regularly to discuss issues and ideas for improving the school. They also take part in interviews for new staff – a big responsibility!



Zaiydan



Sophie



Matthew



Bella



Alicia



Tylor



Noah



Ismaeel



Frazer

Our Year 7 Students

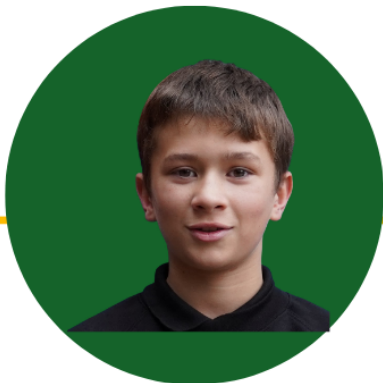
Budding reporters Noah and Lucas (Y8) asked some of our Year 7 students what they liked about St Martins! Here's what they had to say!



I like having new friends and it is supportive here - Lucy



The dinners! And the teachers who help (Emma and Jane), the classes, the swings and the lessons - Junior



The lessons, the swings and seeing my friends from primary school - Nico



I like that the learning is more easy for me. . Here I can do the work. If I can't do the work here I ask for help and they will help me. Here they have a lot of nice things and I like the swings. I have a lot of new friends here. I feel amazing at St Martins! - Lily-Rose

Key Stage 3 students take part in a range of visits and activities over the year - through visits to our Cafe and local parks, swimming lessons for Year 8/9 students; and other events such as the Pantomime in December.

During the Spring and Summer Term, Key Stage 3 students go on residential visits to places such as Lea Green, Mount Cook, Shining Cliff, Manchester and York.

We believe that off-site visits give our students opportunities to develop life skills such as using public transport, independence, communication and resilience, as well as enhancing their knowledge of the world around them.

Dates for your Diaries:

Date	Event	Information
Tuesday 14 th October	Flu Vaccinations in school	Information has been sent home via email to all students in Years 7-11.
Thursday 16 th October	Tempest Photography in school to take student portraits for Years 7-11	Students will bring 'proofs' home so that photographs can be ordered online or via the order form.
Wednesday 22 nd October	Mini Monster Marathon	Letter has been sent home.

Term Dates 2025/2026

Autumn Term 2025

School Starts for the new Academic Year – Monday 8th September

School Breaks up for Half Term – Friday 24th October

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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