

10th November 2023

Dear Parent Carers,

Weekly Update: 10/11/23

I hope this update finds you well. We've had a great start to the new half term and we continue to be proud of the way that our students conduct themselves in school, and how they speak with each other and adults.

Earlier in the week, we hosted 10 students from the University of Derby, and two of our Head Students, Ezra and Roisin, did a sterling job giving them a tour and talking to them about our school and what makes it such a unique place to be.

This morning, students took part in a joint Remembrance Service with Noel-Baker Academy. This was the second year that we have taken part in the service, and on both occasions it has been a powerful reflective time for us all. Josh and Vinny wore their uniforms and joined Army Cadets from Noel-Baker as part of this act of Remembrance.



This week's update focusses on Anti-Bullying Week which is taking place next week. The theme this year is '**make a noise about bullying.**'

In school we will be focussed on raising awareness, with lessons and assemblies around the topic to ensure all of our students feel confident in recognising the signs of bullying, when 'banter' turns to bullying and how to report any worries they may have.

In school we have our ABC - Anti Bullying Crew, who provide peer support at break and lunch times to students who may be feeling alone and communicate with staff members any concerns they may have.

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Please see below our anti bullying statement by students in the ABC...

- At St Martins, students feel safe, we like every student in our school to feel comfortable.
- St Martins is a welcoming school where we treat everyone with respect.
- We have a no tolerance approach to bullying within our school and students feel they can report any issues to all staff.
- We want all the students in our school to feel happy.

Some useful sites for Parent Carers:

- Family Lives www.familylives.org.uk
- Parent Zone (digital family life) www.parentzone.org.uk/home
- Red Balloon Learner Centres www.redballoonlearner.org
- YoungMinds (for support with mental health) www.youngminds.org.uk
- Papyrus UK (suicide prevention support) www.papyrus-uk.org
- Report Harmful Content (for cyberbullying and online harms) www.reportharmfulcontent.com
- Childnet International (for cyberbullying and online harms) www.childnet.com
- Internet Matters (for cyberbullying and online harms) www.internetmatters.org/issues/cyberbullying/

Some useful sites for young people

- Anti-Bullying Pro www.antibullyingpro.com
- ChildLine www.childline.org.uk
- The Mix www.themix.org.uk
- Report harmful Content (for 13+ concerned about cyberbullying and online harms) www.reportharmfulcontent.com
- Childnet International (for cyberbullying and online harms) www.childnet.com
- YoungMinds (for mental health) www.youngminds.org.uk
- Papyrus UK (suicide prevention support) www.papyrus-uk.org

A poster about Anti Bullying week is on the next page, and to view the full parent pack from the Anti Bullying Alliance, please click [here](#). I hope that you find this useful.

If you do have any concerns or worries please contact the school office on 01332 571151 and ask to speak with Jess Longhurst (Designated Safeguarding Lead).

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Staff Farewell

Unfortunately today is Dave Burrows's final day at St Martins. Albeit a short time with us, we would like to thank Dave for his support to Key Stage 4 and wider support with our pastoral and behaviour systems. We wish him well in his new chapter at Kingsmead Pupil Referral Unit as Deputy Headteacher. We will follow up and keep you updated on our next steps.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sabrina Hobbs', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Anti-Bullying Week 2023

MONDAY 13TH TO FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER

A TOOL FOR
PARENTS AND
CARERS



MAKE A
NOISE
ABOUT
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#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK



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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

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