

11th July 2025

Dear Parent Carers,

Weekly Update: 11/07/25

I hope this update finds you well. With the temperature being incredibly hot today, and the current forecast for warmer weather to continue into next week, we are supporting students to stay as cool as possible. If they wish, students are able to spend time in the shaded areas of the playground at break and lunchtime. To keep cool, students are allowed to wear cooler clothing – including shorts and a t-shirt. Please make sure that your child/young person has a refillable bottle in school, and that they have a hat/cap and suncream for when they are outside.

Shaw Education Trust Survey

Earlier in the week, a link was shared for the Shaw Education Trust's latest Parental Survey. The Trust are really keen to get your thoughts – both on the Trust and the school – and we all appreciate your engagement with the survey. The survey itself can take up to 15 minutes to complete, but the results will inform us of what we are doing well, what we could get better at, which in turn supports the provision for all of our students. Thank you your support with this.

Please follow this link to complete the survey: <https://edurio.com/poll/E4Qz7k>

Summer Support Leaflet

The rest of this week's update focusses on the summer holidays, with support, advice and some activities that are available during the summer. If you have any queries regarding support that is available, please get in touch with our Family Support Team.

With best wishes,



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ST MARTINS SCHOOL

SUMMER SUPPORT

Support / Advice / Activities

SUMMER BREAK

Many of our young people find it difficult without the routine of coming into school. Please see attached some summer SEN friendly activities available during the summer to help fill your time.



ADVICE

Mental Health is something we all have and just like our physical health we also need to take care of how we think, feel and act. This helps enable us to be able to take on challenges and new experiences.

We know that growing up provides many challenges and we want to support our young people as best as possible. To help please find below a list of useful apps, websites and some activities to help promote good mental health.



Online Counselling service

BBC Own It—Advice as you chat



Specific support pages. Free phone 1:1 online counselling.

HeadSpace—Mindful meditation

Be Mindful



The summer holidays often mean more screen time for children, so it's the perfect time to check in on their online safety. Here are some simple steps to help keep your child safe online this summer:



1. Stay Involved

Take an active interest in what your child is doing online. Ask about their favourite apps, games, and websites. Keeping communication open helps them feel comfortable coming to you if something goes wrong.

2. Set Boundaries

Establish clear rules for screen time and agree on when and where devices can be used – for example, no phones at bedtime or during meals.

3. Use Parental Controls

Make use of built-in parental controls on devices and apps to help filter content and manage time spent online.

4. Talk About Privacy

Remind your child not to share personal information like their full name, school, address, or photos with strangers online.

5. Encourage Safe Sharing

Teach them to think before they post – once something is online, it can be hard to remove.



6. Know Who They're Talking To

Help your child understand that not everyone online is who they say they are. Encourage them to only chat with people they know in real life.

7. Be There for Support

Let your child know they can come to you with any worries or if they see something upsetting online. Stay calm and supportive if they do. By staying engaged and setting clear expectations, you can help your child enjoy a fun, safe, and balanced online experience over the summer holidays.



Useful websites for advice

ThinkUKnow – www.thinkuknow.co.uk
(Advice from the National Crime Agency for keeping children safe online.)

NSPCC - Online Safety – www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety
(Guides and advice tailored by age and issue.)

Internet Matters – www.internetmatters.org
(Tools and tips for managing your child's digital world.)

UK Safer Internet Centre – www.saferinternet.org.uk
(Guidance, tips, and reporting tools.)





ST MARTINS SCHOOL - SUMMER SUPPORT

SUPPORT/ACTIVITIES - AVAILABLE OVER THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2025

Food Bank Support

Derby Food 4 Thought Alliance

Emergency food parcels, signposting & advice

Location: 30 Charnwood St, Derby DE1 2GU

Open: Mon–Fri 9 am–4:30 pm (phonelines 9:30–4:00)

Contact: 01332 227728 (text: 07490 341584 for deaf users), info@df4ta.com

Derby City Mission Food Bank

Food parcels and financial advice referrals

Contact: advice@derbycitymission.org.uk Derbyshire Community Bank

Doorways Food Bank

Membership-based parcels, plus Tuesday pop-up street kitchen

Contact: doorways2015@gmail.com / 07754 128763

Padley Centre (YMCA Derbyshire)

Regular food distribution

Contact: padley@ymcaderbyshire.org.uk / 01332 774480

Springwater Charity (Chellaston)

New food bank — call first for parcel arrangement

Contact: springwatercommunitygroup@gmail.com / 07832 653255

Festival of **SPORT**

at Derby Arena

4TH-8TH
AUGUST
2025

8.30AM-3.15PM

FREE

FIVE DAYS OF INCLUSIVE SPORTING ACTIVITIES FOR
CHILDREN AGED 8-14 AT DERBY ARENA:



SPORTS



HEALTHY FOOD



VIRTUAL REALITY



INCLUSION



TO BOOK:

SCAN THE CODE OR EMAIL
INFO@DERBYSHIREIS.CO.UK



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Derby City Council

DERBYSHIRE
INSTITUTE OF SPORT

Derby
Promise

DERBY ARENA, ROYAL WAY, PRIDE PARK, DERBY DE24 8JB



**BRIGHT
FUTURES**

**HOLIDAY
CLUB**

STEP INTO A WORLD OF FUN, CREATIVITY & ADVENTURE!

Bright Futures Holiday Club,
where every young person
with SEND **shines brighter!**

We offer a range of age-
appropriate, fun, and accessible
activities that foster inclusion,
personal growth, and a sense
of community.

WE CATER TO:

- ★ Young people aged
12–16 years
- ★ Young adults aged
17–25 years

**SIGN UP
TODAY**

Secure your space
so you don't
miss out!





OUR ACTIVITIES



**Adaptive
Sports &
Exercise**



**Music
Sessions**



**Arts
& Crafts**



**Gardening &
Horticultural
Skills**



**Sensory-
based
Activities**



**Life Skills
Including
Cookery**



**Games &
Competitions**



**Wellbeing &
Relaxation
Sessions**



**Days Out
& Events**

**AND
MUCH
MORE!**

Bright Futures Holiday Club is open to all young people with SEND and runs alongside the Holiday Activities and Food Programme.

**We cater to young people aged 12–16 years
& young adults aged 17–25 years**

WE OFFER A TWO-HOUR TASTER SESSION BEFORE JOINING.

Taster sessions can be booked through the online booking system via Eventbrite, with payment made through the secure payment system.



**OPEN ALL
SCHOOL
HOLIDAYS!**

(Closed on bank holidays
and Christmas)



To register and see updated
opening dates and times visit:

www.enabledcentre.co.uk/holiday-club

CONTACT US AT

✉ **brightfutures@enabledcentre.co.uk**

☎ **07946 741173** (Call or WhatsApp)

**BRIGHT
FUTURES**



Term Dates for Academic Year 2024/2025

Summer Term 2025

School Starts Back – Monday 2nd June

School Breaks up for Summer – Wednesday 23rd July

INSET Day – Thursday 24th July

Term Dates for Academic Year 2025/2026

Autumn Term 2025

INSET Day – Thursday 4th September

INSET Day – Friday 5th September

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

INSET Day – Monday 29th June

School Breaks up for Summer – 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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