

11th September 2026

Dear Parent Carers,

Weekly Update: 11/09/26

I am delighted to welcome all students and staff back to St Martins School for the new academic year. I hope that you have all had a good summer and feel refreshed and ready for the year ahead.

For those of you who are new to St Martins, I would like to extend a warm welcome to our school – we are proud of our school community and the collaborative and open way in which we work with our families. The team at school has a strong shared vision to '*Shape Successful Futures*', and I am sure that you will see this through our aspirational, inclusive and nurturing environment.

Every week, we compile a 'weekly update' to share news, information and updates from across the school, Post-16 and Project SEARCH. We hope that you find them useful. Term dates for the year are included with every update to support with planning, and key dates are shared every half term too.

Over the year, we hold 3 Parent Carer evenings and invite families to join us for different events such as our annual Monster Mini Marathon, Bingo, Christmas Market and Winter Wondershow; and our festival – MartinFest.

This week we would like to share some general information regarding accessing the school site for drop-off and pick-up, as well as key dates for the next half term. Next week, we will introduce you to the staff who joined us in September.

Drop-Off and Pick-Up at St Martins

We have gates in place as a safeguarding measure to help keep our school site safe. The gates will be open in the morning until 9:15am. The gates will open at 2:10pm for the end of the day, before closing at 2:45pm for Noel Baker students to safely depart the site. If you are visiting the school during the day, you will need to press the buzzer and identify yourself before being admitted onto the school site.

Please do not try to enter the school site before 2:10pm to collect your child, or follow vehicles onto the site before this time. It is vital that the entrance to the site remains clear for vehicles which need access, including staff, visitors and emergency services. Once the gates open at 2:10pm, traffic is able to move onto the school site freely.

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Once on the school site, please do not park in the main car park. This car park is for staff use only. Instead, please turn left and park in the overflow parking next to the Sports Hall. When walking across the site, please ensure that you remain on the foot paths and don't cross in front of vehicles.

To ensure the safety of all of our young people and a smooth transition into school, please can you make sure that your child/young person has been left with a member of staff when dropping them off.

We appreciate that these measures may impact on your overall experience of drop-off/pick-up, however they are essential to the safe control and management of both schools on site.

If you have any feedback or suggestions on how we could make these arrangements better, please get in touch.

With best wishes,



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Dates for your Diaries:

Date	Event	Information
Friday 18 th September	Jeans for Genes non-uniform day	Letter has been sent home
Tuesday 22 nd September	Parent Carer Evening from 3pm-6pm	Letter will be sent home.
Thursday 24 th September	Flu Vaccinations in school and at sixth form.	Information has been sent home via email to all students in Years 7-13.
Tuesday 6 th October	Next Steps Event at Noel Baker – time TBC	Letter will be sent home.
Thursday 16 th October	Tempest Photography in school to take student portraits	Letter will be sent home.
Wednesday 21 st October	Mini Monster Marathon	Letter will be sent home.

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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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