



12<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parent Carers,

**Weekly Update: 12/01/24**

Happy New Year! I hope this update finds you well. It's been great to welcome the students back to school this week, as well as several new members of staff...

We are delighted to welcome Kim Asbury who has joined us as a Teacher to take over David Simpson's class, Caroline Williams and Sheli Kear as Learning Mentors, and Sherrilea Allison as Classroom Assistant. We are continuing to recruit further members of staff to accommodate the higher number of students that we now have.

We are saying goodbye to Jane Millar today. Jane has worked with us as a Teaching Assistant since September 2020, and is leaving us to take up a position closer to home. We are thankful to Jane for the time that she has given us and wish her well in her new adventure.

**Academy Councillors – could you be the one?**

We have a vacancy for a Parent Councillor on our Academy Council (Governing Body), following Gill Fennell stepping down after 7 years when her son left the school in July. The Academy Council's role is to support and be a critical friend to the Leadership Team in ensuring the best outcomes for our students. Academy Councillors have the chance to positively contribute their own knowledge and experience, and are welcome to spend time in school at events and learning walks, where they can learn about the inner workings of the school.

Meetings are held every term, both in person and online, and there are different committees which focus on various areas; including Progress, Safeguarding, and Health and Safety. Councillors can take part in areas that they have previous experience of, and learn about new ones too.

If you would like to know more about the role of an Academy Councillor, and meet with current members, please get in touch with Victoria in school either by phone or email – [victoria.theobald@stmartins.set.org](mailto:victoria.theobald@stmartins.set.org)

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### **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.

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.

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.

### **Survey Results**

Thank you to those who completed Shaw Education Trust's recent survey. I look forward to sharing the results of this with you soon.

### **Dates for your diaries:**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Event</u></b>	<b><u>Details</u></b>
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	School Photograph Day	Letter has been sent home
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Horizons Open Day	Flyer below
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Parent Carer Evening	Letter has been sent home
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Parent Carer Evening	Letter has been sent home
w/c Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Children's Mental Health Week	Details to follow
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day	Details to follow
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	INSET Day – School closed to students	

Wishing you and your family the best for 2024!



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# HORIZONS



6TH FORM

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# OPEN DAY!

## COME AND SEE WHAT WE DO



**THURSDAY  
25TH  
JANUARY  
2024  
FROM  
2PM-5PM**

Horizons 6th Form and Gallery 5 are pleased to invite you to our open day! Horizons 6th Form students run a social enterprise printing business called Gallery 5. This helps to develop our students' skills and confidence in *Shaping Successful Futures*.

- ✓ Explore what our students do
- ✓ Discuss opportunities
- ✓ Meet the staff and students

Iron Gate House, 10 Iron Gate, Derby, DE1 3JF

For more information please contact us at:  
gallery5@stmartins.set.org  
01332 571 151 Select Extension 2 for Horizons





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## **Term Dates for Academic Year 2023/2024**

### **Autumn Term**

INSET Day – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September

School Starts for the new Academic Year – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September

School Breaks up for Half Term – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October

School Starts Back – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November

School Breaks up for Christmas – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

### **Spring Term**

School Starts Back – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024

School Breaks up for Half Term – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February

INSET Day – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February

School Starts Back – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February

School Breaks up for Easter – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

### **Summer Term**

INSET Day – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April

School Starts Back – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April

Bank Holiday – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May

School Breaks up for Half Term - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

School Starts Back – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

INSET Day – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July

School Breaks up for Summer – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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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