



12<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Dear Parent Carers,

**Update: 12/07/24**

I hope this update finds you well. As I write, students and staff are working hard to set-up for the Summer Fayre – the team are looking forward to being able to catch up with Parent Carers across the afternoon and hope that those who have been able to come have had an enjoyable time.

Towards the end of 2023, I wrote to families to let you know about some changes in school. Since November, I have been supporting another school in the Shaw Education Trust and became Executive Headteacher across St Martins and Portland.

There has recently been a development in how I split my time, and this currently means that I am at Portland for most of the week. My time at Portland was initially planned to finish in July 2024, but due to further developments this will continue for at least another year. Whilst I am not able to be at St Martins as much as I would like, I remain committed to the continued success of our fantastic school.

Toni Beardmore remains Head of School with Rachel Cooper continuing as Deputy Head of School. Toni and Rachel have excelled in these new roles, and I am confident that they will continue to do so. Heather Woodward – Assistant Headteacher and SENCO, returns from Maternity Leave on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July and will add additional capacity to the team.

Please feel free to contact myself or Toni at school if you wish to discuss these changes.

**Our Well Being Team**

At St Martins, we have a Well Being Team in place to provide additional support to students. The team are multi-skilled and work with students in lots of different ways to support their personal, social and emotional progress. The team works closely with the Family Support Team who work collaboratively to support families at home. So that you can find out more about them, we asked them to write about themselves...

**Tammy**

I'm the Lead Learning Mentor with the Well Being team. In my role, I support students 1 to 1, deliver group sessions on emotional regulation, turn taking and friendships. I provide co-regulation with students who need a sensory diet. Other sessions include Lego Therapy, craft groups, positive support, sensory/play sessions and messy play.

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### Hayley D

I have been a Learning Mentor at St Martins for over 3 years now and have been lucky to work with lots of students throughout KS3 & KS4.

I support students in 1 to 1 and group sessions, and my sessions focus on a variety of different areas of support, some of which include life skills, social skills, emotional support, transition support and working with Martin, our school therapy dog.

### Laura

I offer support and a safe space for students who may be struggling with social, emotional or behavioural barriers that affect their ability to learn. I liaise with teachers to help develop student independence, resilience, and coping skills, building confidence amongst learners, empowering them to self-manage, through supportive 1 to 1 relationships and small group work.

### Sheli

I am the Learning Mentor for mental health, and work with students across the whole school to help improve and support their mental health. One of my favourite things to do is get messy and I can usually be found covered in flour and glitter. I run lots of sensory sessions throughout the school ranging from 1:1 to whole class sessions. I'm always around at break times and lunch times if anyone needs a chat.



### Caroline

As a Learning Mentor, I have had the pleasure to work with the students to rejuvenate 'Howard's Hut' and the garden area. Together, we have worked hard to get the garden and the raised beds back to full health and we have lots of produce growing. It has been amazing to see how the children work outside of the regular classroom, and how the students open up and share their thoughts and feelings in a different environment.

### Hayley R

As a fairly new Learning Mentor, my highlight has to be the building of relationships with our young people over the last few months. Getting to know them, spending time with them and learning more about their likes/dislikes is something that I have really enjoyed. Every day is different and being part of our young people's lives is a privilege for me.



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I hope you have enjoyed learning about our Well Being Team and what they have to offer.

Wishing you a great weekend – fingers crossed for the Euro 2024 Final!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sabrina Hobbs'.

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

### **Summer Term**

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

## **Term Dates for Academic Year 2024/2025**

### **Autumn Term 2024**

INSET Day – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September  
School Starts for the new Academic Year – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September  
School Breaks up for Half Term – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October  
INSET Day – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November  
School Starts Back – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November  
School Breaks up for Christmas – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

### **Spring Term 2025**

School Starts Back – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025  
School Breaks up for Half Term – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February  
INSET Day – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February  
School Starts Back – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February  
School Breaks up for Easter – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April

### **Summer Term 2025**

Bank Holiday – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April  
INSET Day – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April  
School Starts Back – Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April  
Bank Holiday – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May  
School Breaks up for Half Term – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May  
School Starts Back – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June  
School Breaks up for Summer – Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July  
INSET Day – Thursday 24<sup>th</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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