



14th March 2025

Dear Parent Carers,

Weekly Update: 14/03/25

I hope this update finds you well. As the Spring Term is drawing to an end, with 3 weeks of school remaining before the Easter break, we are making preparations for the Summer Term and the next academic year; planning Transition activities for current and future St Martins and Horizons students.

After the Easter break, these activities will start to take place – for new students joining St Martins and Horizons 6th Form in September, our Key Stage 3 students who are moving up to Key Stage 4, and those moving up to Key Stage 5 and Supported Internships.

Further in the update, you will find a 'Transition Roadmap'. This map shows the journey and steps that are taken in partnership with home and will hopefully help you to plan and navigate transitions as your child progresses through St Martins in readiness for their next steps beyond their time at school.

Please let us know if you have any specific queries about transition, and if there are any areas that you feel that we could improve. We look forward to updating you more about our Transition activities soon.

Home to School Travel Service

Derby City Council are opening applications for travel assistance in 2025-2026 on 1st April, closing on 31st May. Please review the poster towards the end of the update to check if you may need to make a new application. New applications may be required due to moving to a new address before September 2025, students moving from Year 11 to Post-16. Additionally, Post-16 students must re-apply every year. Contact details for Derby City Council's Transport Team are included on the poster.

Term Dates and INSET Days 2025/2026

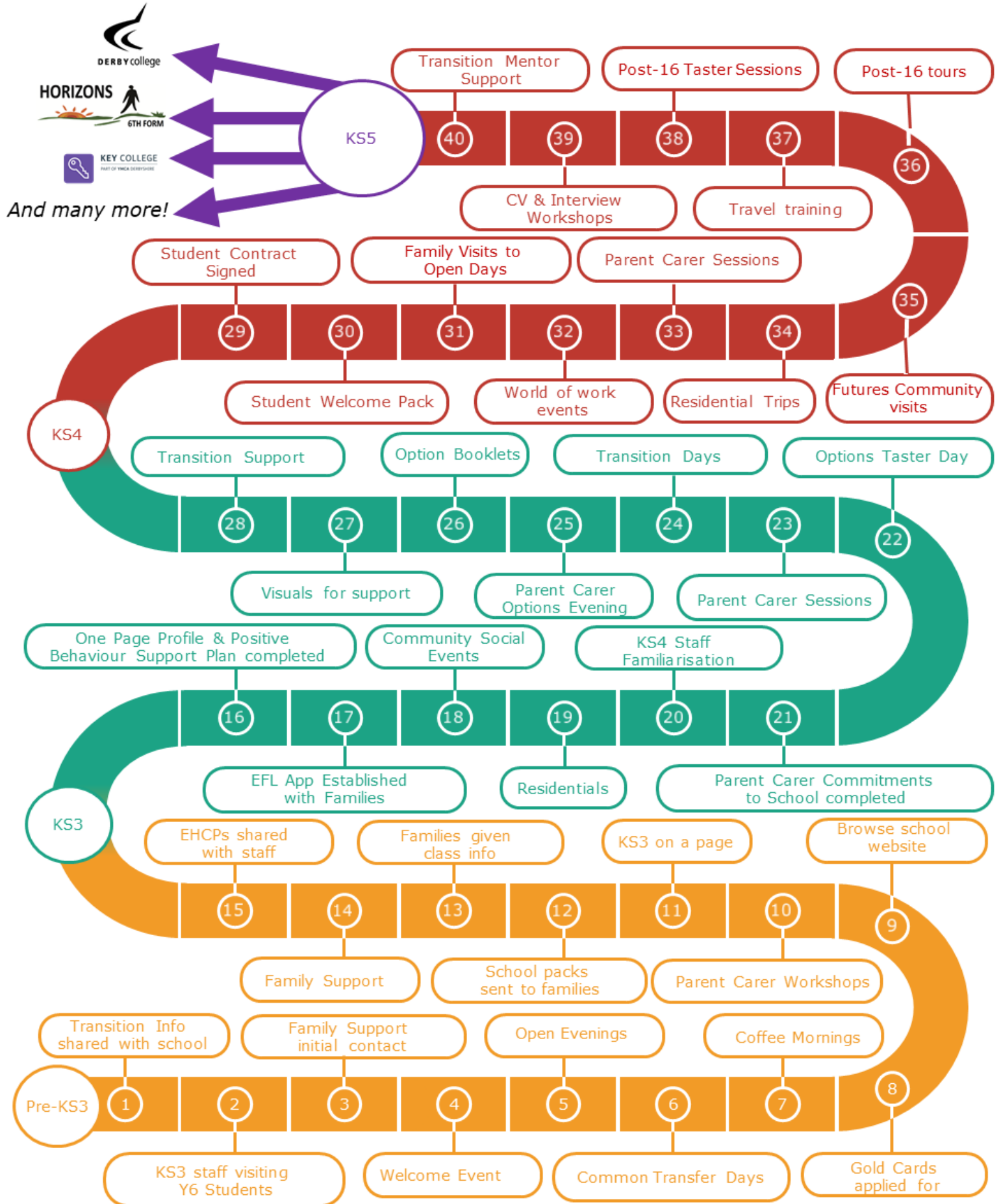
Please see further in the update for St Martins School term dates and INSET Days for the next academic year. We hope you find this information helpful.

With best wishes,

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Your child's journey in education is now in Post-16. There are many provisions to choose from and with the right support from home and school, your child will smoothly transition to the right path for them. In this stage, your child might want to continue into further education or look at employment for when they are 18. Your child might want to look at supported living or even driving lessons! You will have formed new key contacts at your next destination but the transition team will stay in touch to offer guidance and support if necessary.



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During this stage, your child will be committing to the expectations of KS4. Contracts for family/carers as well as for students will highlight the expectations for all to support the learning of your child. Moving through the key stage, your child will be exposed to more opportunities to experience life after St Martins. Your child will visit colleges, businesses and the local community to help them develop their skills and knowledge to decide their next steps. Support through the transition team is developed with regular communication between all parties. Your child may consider Horizons 6th Form, Derby College or other Post-16 providers as a next step as all young people must remain in education or training until they are 18. Wherever your child chooses, they will have an extended transition process to ensure the best possible outcome and start to their Post-16 journey.



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During this stage, your child will be navigating their way in a new environment with new teachers and students. The first part will be establishing links with families and the network of support St Martins provides. Moving through KS3, your child will then have opportunities to get familiar with the Key Stage 4 areas of school, specialist rooms (such as Food Technology, Art and Music), and access support for the transition in to KS4. They will learn about the Options available to them as well as familiarising themselves with key staff. You will also have the opportunity to discover more by accessing the Options Evening and outreach sessions available.



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During this stage, your child will going through an important transition stage. If appropriate, your child will be given a place at St Martins School via the Local Authority. Through reviews, visits and meetings with various stakeholders, a plan will be put in place to support your child's needs into St Martins. Our Family Support Team will be with you throughout the journey to support where necessary. Your child will meet staff from KS3 and will be invited to events and days to familiarise themselves with St Martins, their classroom and meeting other students. You will be invited to take a tour of our main school site, listen in on our induction, and have the opportunity to ask further questions.

Derby City Council - Home to School Travel Service

Applications for Travel Assistance for 2025-26

A copy of the comms below has been sent to all parents where we hold a valid email address. To make sure all applications are received in time; please could you support us by supplying all parents of students where at least one of the below applies receives a copy of these comms.

The on-line application for travel assistance for 2025-26 opens on 01 April 2025

Who needs to apply?

You will need to complete an online application if one or more of the following apply: -

- ❖ You are applying for travel assistance for your child for the first time.
- ❖ Your child is starting school in Reception class.
- ❖ Your child is starting a new school in September 2025.
- ❖ Your child is moving into Year 3 in September 2025 (Infant Schools only).
- ❖ Your child is moving into Year 7 in September 2025.
- ❖ Your child is moving into Year 12 in September 2025 (e.g., sixth form or college).
- ❖ Your child is currently in post 16 or post 19 education and will be continuing in education in September 2025 (post 16 learners and adult learners must apply every year).
- ❖ You are applying for a bus pass for your child.
- ❖ You will be moving to a new home address before September 2025.

Please note: If none of the above apply, your child's current type of travel assistance will remain in place.

How to apply?

The on-line application window is open between **01 April 2025** and **31 May 2025**. You can apply by using the link below. If your application is received after 31 May 2025, it will still be processed, but travel assistance arrangements may not be in place for September 2025. Before making your application, please read our policy at: - [Home to School Travel Assistance - Derby City Council](#)

If you are making the application for yourself, **you must be age 18 or over**.

You will need to attach relevant supporting documents for your child, for example, the Education, Health, and Care Plan (EHCP), medical evidence, proof of free school meals, proof of baptism.

If you do not have access to the Internet to make the application, you should visit your local library or the Council House for free computer and internet access.

If you have any questions, please contact the team via email: schooltravel@derby.gov.uk or by telephone 01332 642716.

For more information about the Home to School Travel Service please see [Home to School Travel Assistance - Derby City Council](#)





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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Term Dates for Academic Year 2024/2025

Spring Term 2025

School Starts Back – Monday 6th January 2025

School Breaks up for Half Term – Thursday 13th February

INSET Day – Friday 14th February

School Starts Back – Monday 24th February

School Breaks up for Easter – Friday 4th April

Summer Term 2025

Bank Holiday – Monday 21st April

INSET Day – Tuesday 22nd April

School Starts Back – Wednesday 23rd April

Bank Holiday – Monday 5th May

School Breaks up for Half Term – Friday 23rd May

School Starts Back – Monday 2nd June

School Breaks up for Summer – Wednesday 23rd July

INSET Day – Thursday 24th July

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