

15th May 2026

Dear Parent Carers,

Weekly Update: 15/05/26

I hope this update finds you well. We have recently marked a couple of milestones in school – students in Year 11 have started their GCSEs, a Year 12 student has taken a Maths AS Level; and on Tuesday this week, Year 9 and Year 10 families came in to school to take part in Options Evening. These activities mark an exciting transition stage for students as they look to the future and their next steps.

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.

Hannah Pardey, our Transitions Mentor, is reviewing the roadmap and is looking to create additional maps, especially for those currently in Key Stage 4 and 5.

Please let us know if you have any specific queries about transition, and if there are any areas that you feel that we could add or improve on in the roadmaps.

MartinFest T-shirts!

In 9 weeks, we are hosting our first ever MartinFest on Friday 17th July. As part of the festival, we are pleased to share that we have designed some special t-shirts! T-shirts will be available to buy ahead of the festival at a cost of £7.50 each. A letter with payment links and an order form will be sent home should you be interested.



MartinFest Enterprise Project - Noah - Year 8 student

KS3TM are running a plant business as part of an enterprise project. These will be sold at MartinFest on 17th July 2026.

We need your help! Any hanging baskets you no longer need can be brought into school. Please make sure they are in good condition, and they can be brought into school and given to Laura. Thank you so much for your support, we really appreciate it as a school.

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Reminder: Half Term

School finishes for Half Term on Friday 22nd May, with students returning on Monday 1st June.

Wishing you a relaxing weekend,



T. Beardmore

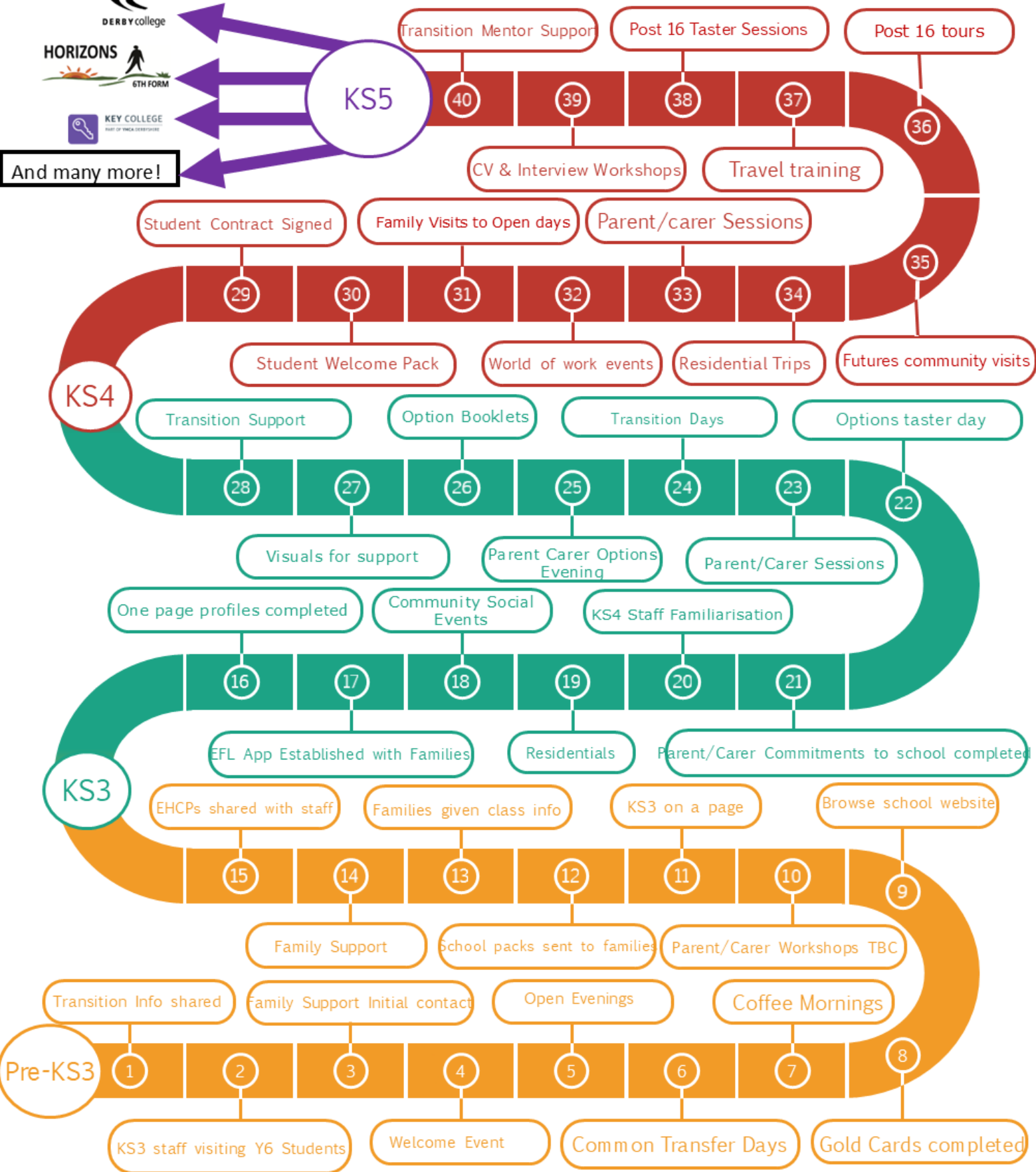
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And many more!



Pre-KS3

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During this stage, your child will be 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.

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KS3

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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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KS4

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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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KS5

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.

Dates for your diaries:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Information</u>
Friday 22 nd May	Break up for Half Term	
Monday 1 st June	Students return to school	
Tuesday 16 th June	Year 11 and Year 13 Parent Carer Evening	Parent Carers invited – information will be sent home.
Friday 26 th June	Last day for Year 11 and Year 13 students, Prom	Information will be sent home regarding the Year 11 Leavers' Assembly and Prom.
Wednesday 1 st July	Sports Day	Parent Carers invited – information will be sent home.
Tuesday 7 th , Wednesday 8 th and Thursday 9 th July	'Moving-up' and city- wide transition	Students spend time in their September pastoral groups, and the new Year 7 students will be in school.
Tuesday 14 th July	Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 Parent Carer Evening	Parent Carers invited – information will be sent home.
Friday 17 th July	Martinfest!	Parent Carers invited – information will be sent home.
Tuesday 21 st July	Prize Day	Parent Carers of winners invited. Information will be sent home.
Wednesday 22 nd July	Students break up for Summer.	

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Term Dates 2025/2026

Summer Term 2026

School Breaks up for Half Term – Friday 22nd May

School Starts Back – Monday 1st June

School Breaks up for Summer – Wednesday 22nd July

INSET Day – Thursday 23rd July

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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