

15th September 2023

Dear Parent Carers,

Weekly Update: 15/09/23

I hope this update finds you well. We have a few updates to share with you this week including good news, a change in school and the café. I have also shared information on workshops from Face Family Advice which you may find useful.

Heather's News

Heather Woodward, SENCO at St Martins, welcomed a baby boy, Samson over the weekend. Heather and baby Samson are both doing well, and we can't wait to meet him!

Leaver

Today we are sad to say goodbye to one of our Learning Mentors, Matt Flaherty. Matt has worked at St Martins for 10 years, and is moving on to work in the well being sector. Matt has made a positive contribution to St Martins over the years, particularly by developing the gardening and horticulture offer at St Martins and creating our beautiful sensory garden. Matt has more recently been a member of the Academy Council, too. We wish Matt the very best in his move, and thank him for his much valued contribution.

Arboretum Café

As shared before the summer holiday, we have recruited a manager to run our joint Café with St Andrew's School in the Arboretum Park. Our manager is Julie, and she has made a wonderful start on things.

The café is not due to open until the end of the month as we prepare it for business. Students have started to go to the café to help get it set-up, and to become familiar with the surrounding area. In the future, students will take part in qualifications relating to the industry, including – food preparation, food hygiene, customer services and health and safety.

We want to use the café as an opportunity for students to integrate within the community and to celebrate the rich diversity that Derby has to offer. Students will obtain transferable skills and develop their confidence outside of school, and continue to prepare for the future.

Equans, who maintain our school building, kindly donated time to help us renovate the café over the holiday. As the café had been unoccupied for a long time, there

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was a lot of work to do. This wouldn't have been possible without the generous donation of the time and expertise of the Equans team. Thank you!

Here are some pictures of the café and surrounding park...



I look forward to being able to invite you to the café once it is open.

Have a great weekend,

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

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Newsletter

FACE THE NEW TERM!



FREE SESSION

Are they getting a good night?
insomnia, screens & energy drinks
Book Now - facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Thursday
14th Sep
18:30 - 20:30



Cannabis Awareness

Cannabis, how much do you know? what are the risks? Increase your knowledge and awareness of the issues.

Thursday
21st Sep
18:30 - 20:30



Anxiety Explained

Whether it is your anxiety or your children's, what exactly is it and how do we manage it?

Thursday
28th Sep
18:30 - 20:30



Supporting a Child with ADHD

interactive session explaining what ADHD is and offering a range of interventions that can make lasting differences.

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Term Dates for Academic Year 2023/2024

Autumn Term

INSET Day – Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th September

School Starts for the new Academic Year – Wednesday 6th September

School Breaks up for Half Term – Friday 27th October

School Starts Back – Monday 6th November

School Breaks up for Christmas – Friday 22nd December

Spring Term

School Starts Back – Monday 8th January 2024

School Breaks up for Half Term – Thursday 15th February

INSET Day – Friday 16th February

School Starts Back – Monday 26th February

School Breaks up for Easter – Thursday 28th March

Summer Term

INSET Day – Monday 15th April

School Starts Back – Tuesday 16th April

Bank Holiday – Monday 6th May

School Breaks up for Half Term - Friday 24th May

School Starts Back – Monday 3rd June

INSET Day – Monday 1st July

School Breaks up for Summer – Tuesday 23rd July

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