

16th May 2025

Dear Parent Carers,

Weekly Update: 16/05/25

I hope this update finds you well. Over the past week, our Year 9 and Year 10 students have taken an exciting step towards shaping their own successful futures by participating in Option Taster Sessions and Options Evening. These sessions are designed to give students a first-hand experience of the diverse range of practical subjects available to them next year as part of Options Day every Friday. From creative arts and childcare to sport and digital skills, the taster sessions allow students to explore their interests, discover new talents, and make informed choices about the pathways they wish to pursue.

This opportunity reflects our school vision of *Shaping Successful Futures* by empowering students to take ownership of their learning journey and develop skills that will support their aspirations. It brings to life our core values: **We Learn**, as students engaged actively in new subjects; **We Respect**, as they collaborated and listened to different perspectives; and **We're Family**, as they supported one another through shared experiences and positive encouragement. We are proud of the thoughtful choices our students are making and look forward to seeing them thrive in their chosen option areas next year. Students in Year 9 and Year 10 were given an Options booklet to share at home and select their choices from – please do get in touch if you have any queries about this.

Staff Changes

We are pleased to announce that we have appointed Liz Sanger as Assistant Headteacher. Liz will join St Martins in September and will be based with the Key Stage 5 team at Horizons 6th Form. Liz currently works as a Headteacher for the Respect Collaboration Schools, and so brings strong leadership experience to lead our Key Stage 5 provision of Horizons, Project SEARCH and support work related learning opportunities at our café.

As well as this, Phil Swindley, our current Key Stage 5 Lead, is changing role after the May half term to join the Supported Internship team as a Job Coach, fulfilling his passion to support our young people into paid employment and feel confident about their future as young adults. The leadership of this will be covered internally over the second half term.

Emily Hallam is now on Maternity Leave. As planned, the class is now being taught by Jane Winter who has had a successful start at St Martins since Easter. We look forward to sharing an update from Emily soon.

Sabrina Hobbs **Principal**

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Coffee Morning

On Monday 19th May, the Family Support Team are hosting a session focussing on Transition from Year 9 – Year 10, supported by Rachel Cooper – our Assistant Headteacher and Key Stage 4 Lead. Please see the flyer further in the update for more information.

Family SEND Events

There are two city-wide events coming up over the next week, both hosted by Derby SEND Voice. There is a 'Let's Talk SEND' event on Thursday 22nd May at Moorways Sports Village, and a 'Family SEND' event on Saturday 24th May at the Museum of Making. Please see the flyers for more information.

We hope that you are able to take the opportunity to participate in these events as we are keen to work with families to support with signposting, share strategies and gain feedback on how we can further improve.

Best wishes for an enjoyable weekend,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sabrina Hobbs', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Focusing on
Year 9 transition to Year 10

Come along and meet **Rachel Cooper**
the **Key Stage 4 Lead**

Monday 19th May 9:30am - 11:00am



At the **Heart of the Park Café**

All Welcome!

LETS

TALK

SEND



LIVING MY
BEST LIFE

Please scan the code for tickets or
follow this link

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lets-talk-send-derby-tickets-1343603497229?aff=oddtcreator>

Parents and carers
are invited a
Let's Talk SEND event

Thursday 22nd May
1700 - 1900

At
Moorway Sports Village &
Water Park
Moor Ln,
Allenton,
Derby DE24 9HY

For information please email
derbysendvoice@gmail.com

This event
is supported by
Derby SEND Voice
with
representatives
from the
Local Authority, Health
& Social Care

Themes including

SEN Support in school
and the EHCP process

Health support in schools

Family Hubs



Derby City Council



Derby and Derbyshire
Integrated Care Board



FAMILY

**May
24th**

SEND

EVENT

**10
till
4**

The Museum of making

**Join Derby SEND Voice Parent Carer Forum
for a day of all things SEND in Derby
There will be Lots of stalls,
information, organisations & Fun**

**For more details email
derbysendvoice@gmail.com**





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

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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