

18th October 2024

Dear Parent Carers,

Weekly Update: 18/10/24

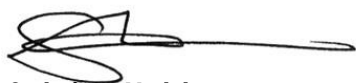
We hope this update finds you well. Students and staff have had a great half term so far, and we are nearly ready for the half term break. As we are all starting to feel tired and the seasonal bugs start going around, we encourage families to maintain their health by being prepared; eating well and having enough vitamins, getting a decent amount of sleep, and having vaccinations where possible. This will hopefully make the difference, as nobody enjoys being poorly.

Did you know that our amazing students have been representing St Martins School and Horizons 6th Form nationally and internationally this week? Here's what they've been up to:

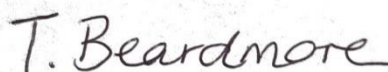
- Two 6th Form students, Alex and Sam took part in a visit to Poland as part of the Holocaust Education Trust's 'Lessons from Auschwitz' project. Accompanied by two staff, Alex and Sam flew to Krakow and visited the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp with other schools from the region. As part of the project, Alex and Sam will attend additional sessions to learn more about the Holocaust and become ambassadors who are empowered to talk about this with their peers.
- Two Key Stage 4 students, Amrit and Anselmo were invited to attend the Shaw Education Trust's Key Stage 3 awards ceremony where they were both presented with awards.
 - Amrit's award celebrated her positive attitude, being a role model and always ready to learn.
 - Anselmo's award celebrated that he has shown resilience throughout the school year and is always engaged in his learning.
- Well done to Amrit and Anselmo – we are so proud of your achievements!

Our students at Horizons 6th Form impress us constantly with all of the activities that they get involved in; including recently hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning and attending First Aid Training with The Red Cross. Please read their news on the next two pages.

Have a great weekend,



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Newsletter

What an amazing start to the year!

Students at Horizons have got off to a flying start this academic year!

Our new Year 12s have settled in brilliantly and are already making fantastic progress. Our Year 13s have led the way as great role-models. As well as developing their Maths and English knowledge in real world settings, all of our students are gaining invaluable work experience through their projects and work placements.



Our Macmillan Coffee Morning raised over £100



First Aid Training with The Red Cross



Gallery 5 Printing (our internal work experience opportunity)



Off-site Placements

Our Students have stepped up and proved themselves more than able to take part in at least one of a range of off-site work placements. Some students have been learning what's needed to work in the Sports and Leisure sector at Inspire Fitness while others have been working at The Heart of the Park Café at the Arboretum. Other students have been exploring creative careers and pursuits at both QUAD and ArtCore. Excellent steps on the path to a successful future!



Projects in the community

From Derby Arboretum to Electric Daisy, and from Elvaston Castle to Peartree Railway Station - Horizons students are making positive contributions right across Derby and beyond.

We are now working with Derby County Community Trust to deliver a 12 week National Citizen Service Programme for our students!



Independence and Life Skills

Upcoming Open Evening

**Join us for a behind the scenes look at our wonderful 6th Form!
from 3pm to 5pm on
Tuesday 22nd October**



**World Mental Health Day 2024
Celebrated at Horizons!**



Term Dates for Academic Year 2024/2025

Autumn Term 2024

INSET Day – Wednesday 4th September

School Starts for the new Academic Year – Thursday 5th September

School Breaks up for Half Term – Friday 25th October

INSET Day – Monday 4th November

School Starts Back – Tuesday 5th November

School Breaks up for Christmas – Friday 20th December

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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