



19th April 2024

Dear Parent Carers,

Weekly Update: 19/04/24

Welcome back! I hope this update finds you well and refreshed after the Easter break. It has been brilliant to welcome students and staff back into school this week, and we are looking forward to the half term ahead and the fun lead into summer.

We are blessed to be joined by two Teachers, Padma and Gale, from Udayachal High School in Mumbai, India, this week. Padma and Gale are spending time across our school sites to see how we teach English, Reading, Enterprise; and how our school curriculum and ethos work toward Shaping Successful Futures for all of our students. On Thursday 25th April, we are hosting a Coffee Morning at the Heart of the Park Café where you will be able to meet Padma and Gale and hear about their incredible school. Details are on the flyer attached.

It was great to hear that so many of you joined us for our Eid celebration yesterday. Acknowledging the diversity of our school community is so important, and I was thrilled to learn how school came together by decorating their classroom doors, having a Bhangra Dhol performance, having Mendi patterns and eating tasty treats. I look forward to even more of these days in the future.

Leavers

Today we say goodbye to two of our classroom support staff. Samina Bibi worked with us as a Teaching Assistant for 2 and a half years and made a positive contribution to the diversity of our staff by previously encouraging them to take part in fasting during Ramadan. Chelsey Lamb has worked with us since December as a Classroom Assistant and is leaving to take up a post at another Shaw school closer to her new home. We wish Samina and Chelsey the very best for their next steps and thank them for their time here.

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Dates for your diaries:

Date	Event
23 rd – 24 th April	KS4ZA Residential
29 th - 30 th April	KS3KA Residential
6 th May	School Closed for Bank Holiday
7 th – 8 th May	KS3JG and KS3TM Residential
w/c 13 th May	Examination period starts for Year 11 students – letter to follow
14 th May	Options Evening for Year 9 and Year 10 students – details to follow
15 th – 16 th May	KS4LB and KS4RK Residential
23 rd – 24 th May	Horizons Residential

With best wishes,



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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

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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Parent Carer Coffee Morning

We would like to invite you to a special coffee morning at the Heart of the Park Café with our guests from Udayachal High School in India.



This is also a great chance to connect with other Parent Carers.

Enjoy a tasty treat from our new menu! Payment can be made by card or cash.

When: Thursday 25th April

Where: Our Café at the Arboretum Park - DE23 8FR
(parking available on surrounding streets)

Time: 10:30am - 11:30am

If you have any questions, please call the School Office on 01332 571151 and ask for a member of the Family Support Team

We look forward to seeing you!