

19th September 2025

Dear Parent Carers,

Weekly Update: 19/09/25

I hope this update finds you well. There has been a great buzz in school this week as students settle into their routines. We have also started to establish this year's Student Council, with each class voting for their own representative. We have had lots of applications from Year 11s to stand in our Head Student elections too, and we look forward to hearing from them through their campaigns next week!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our Parents and Carers for their continued support and partnership. By working positively together, we can ensure the very best outcomes for our young people and create a welcoming and supportive school community. We kindly remind everyone to follow our Parent Code of Conduct – ([please click here to read](#)), which helps us maintain a safe, respectful and collaborative environment for all. Your commitment makes a real difference, and we are grateful to share this journey with you.

Parent Carer Evening – Tuesday 23rd September

Have you booked your appointment for Tuesday's Parent Carer Evening yet? At Parent Carer Evening, you will be able to discuss your child's start to the school year and EHCP targets. Please get in touch with your child's pastoral team to book!

School Meals

Is your child eligible for Free School Meals? Free school meals are available to students in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get).

Please apply online through <https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/entrust> If you have any queries or require support, please contact the School Office.

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SENCO Update from Heather

It's been lovely to see so many of our students returning to school with such a positive attitude, and a real pleasure to welcome our new Year 7s properly into our school community. Next week, we'll be starting the Year 11 phase transfer reviews. These meetings are a great chance to talk about your child's journey so far and to think together about their next steps. As SENCO, I want to reassure you that we'll be supporting students every step of the way as they prepare for this transition. If any parents or carers would like any extra advice or support around your child's needs, wellbeing, or assessments, please don't hesitate to get in touch—I'm always happy to help.

Arbor Parent App

At St Martins School, we use Arbor to manage our student data; including personal information and attendance. As part of this, the Arbor Parent App and Portal are available for Parent Carers to update student and Parent Carer details, view attendance and communicate with the school. It's great that so many of you are accessing this resource to help us to maintain accurate information.

Please could you take a moment to check that your child's personal details and emergency contacts – including the Parent Carers listed is up to date. Please note that only Parent Carers listed as 'Primary' Guardians of students can access the Arbor Parent App and Portal. If there are 'Primary' Guardians missing from your child's record, please get in touch with the School Office.

Marketing Survey

As we start the new school year, we would like to get your thoughts on our school marketing and communications, both through the weekly update and our social media channels, to find out what we are doing well and what we can do better. Please complete this short survey to give us your views:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=48aZkktFFECRk1vXiMa8-pS_TcNdmyZLhMFfj3y4kPBUODJHV1dHQ0JBTKkxTzVEQ01LWjBJRDdWNY4u

With best wishes,



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Term Dates for Academic Year 2025/2026

Autumn Term 2025

INSET Day – Thursday 4th September

INSET Day – Friday 5th September

School Starts for the new Academic Year – Monday 8th September

School Breaks up for Half Term – Friday 24th October

School Starts Back – Monday 3rd November

School Breaks up for Christmas – Friday 19th December

Spring Term 2026

INSET Day – Monday 5th January 2026

School Starts Back – Tuesday 6th January

School Breaks up for Half Term – Friday 13th February

School Starts Back – Monday 23rd February

School Breaks up for Easter – Friday 27th March

Summer Term 2026

School Starts Back – Monday 13th April

INSET Day – Friday 1st May

Bank Holiday – Monday 4th May

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

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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