

21st April 2023

Dear Parent Carers,

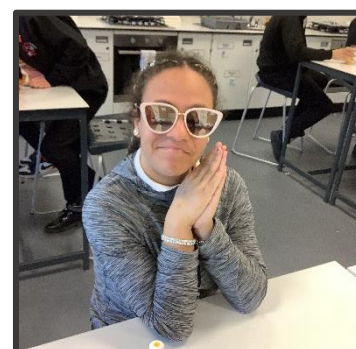
Weekly Update – 21/04/23

Welcome back!

I hope this update finds you well. I hope you had an enjoyable Easter break. It has been a great start to the week, with students engaged in their learning, going on residential visits and getting back into their school routines.

Attendance Celebration Breakfast

This week we celebrated those students who have achieved 100% attendance so far this year, and the most improved attendance for the year so far. As a reward, we had a lovely celebration breakfast with balloons and music, which all really enjoyed, with one student stating, "I feel like a king!" A big well done to all of those students that joined us. Our next attendance breakfast celebration will take place at the end of the summer term.



All students have the opportunity to achieve this as we start monitoring attendance for the next celebration breakfast after returning from the Easter break. If you would like any support with your child's attendance please contact the School Office and ask to speak to the Family Support Team.

Industrial Action – Upcoming Dates

Industrial action is planned to take place in school on Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May (after the Bank Holiday).

As with previous recent strike days, St Martins will remain open to our community of vulnerable young people, however, the school day will look different as the number of teaching staff working may be limited. In the recent strike days, student groups have been merged, and we collapsed the usual timetable and curriculum offer.

The latest strikes are likely to play out in the same way. Managing and maintaining

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safeguarding and the health and safety of students and staff will be our main priority.

The Exam period for Year 11 and Year 13 students begins the week beginning 15th May. Discussions are taking place in school at how to prepare students who are expected to take exams, and minimise the disruption for this cohort as much as possible.

We understand that some of our young people will find the changes to their school routine challenging and so you may prefer to keep your young person at home for the day(s) – absences will be authorised.

Once discussions have taken place at the start of next week, we will send a Form via text for families to let us know their plans. If you were able to complete this promptly, as for previous days, this would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Taylor's Dragon

Taylor, one of our talented Year 9 students has recently lost a laminated paper dragon puppet similar to the one picture. Taylor's dragon was lost in school on Friday 31st March. If this has accidentally been taken home by a student, please could they return it to Taylor's class – KS3TM. I am certain that she would make a dragon puppet for them as a reward for returning it. Thank you for your help.



Dates for your diaries

Monday 1 st May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 2 nd May – Thursday 4 th May	Duke of Edinburgh - Silver Practice Expedition
Friday 5 th May	Coronation Event *details have been sent home*
Monday 8 th May	Bank Holiday
Friday 12 th May	Options Taster Day for current Year 9 and Year 10
w/b 15 th May	Exams start for Year 11 and Year 13
Tuesday 16 th May	Options Evening – 4pm-6pm *details to follow*
Tuesday 23 rd May	Bingo *details to follow*

Have a great weekend,



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Term Dates for Academic Year 2022/2023

Spring Term

School Starts Back – Monday 9th January 2023

School Breaks up for Half Term – Thursday 16th February

INSET Day – Friday 17th February

School Starts Back – Monday 27th February

School Breaks up for Easter – Friday 31st March

Summer Term

INSET Day – Monday 17th April

School Starts Back – Tuesday 18th April

Bank Holiday – Monday 1st May

Bank Holiday – Monday 8th May

School Breaks up for Half Term - Friday 26th May

School Starts Back – Monday 5th June

INSET Day – Monday 26th June

School Breaks up for Summer – Friday 21st July

INSET Day Dates for 2023-2024

Monday 4th September

Tuesday 5th September

Friday 16th February

Monday 15th April

Monday 1st July

Term Dates for the next academic year can be found on our website:

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