

22nd March 2024

Dear Parent Carers,

Weekly Update: 22/03/24

I hope this update finds you well. On Wednesday this week, some of our September 2024 Year 7 cohort came in with their families to find out more about their new school. We were delighted to meet them, and look forward to seeing the new students in their current schools over the next term, as well as having them in school in July for transition visits.

International Visitors

After the Easter break, we will be joined by two teachers from our partner school, Udayachal High School, in Mumbai, India. Over the years, staff and students from St Martins and Udayachal High School have visited each other's schools using funding from the British Council. Currently, there is no funding for these visits, but we continue to value the links that we have.

Padma and Gale will spend lots of time across our sites – St Martins, Horizons, Project SEARCH and the Café to learn more about what we do and how we prepare our students for adulthood. We are planning to have a Coffee Morning at the Café during their time here so that Parent Carers are able to meet our visitors too. Please look out for more information about this and let us know if you are interested in getting involved.

Staffing Update

Following on from last week's update, I wanted to let you know that Mark Hatton who was due to join us as Key Stage 4 Lead, is no longer taking up this position as he has taken up a Headteachers position at another school. This is clearly an unexpected and disappointing turn of events so we will update you once we have a more permanent plan in place.

In the meantime, I hope that you enjoy a brilliant weekend ahead of our final 4 days of term next week. We will be preparing our young people for Good Friday, a 2 week long Easter Break, and the Monday INSET day on return in the Summer Term.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Sabrina Hobbs'.

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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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