

22nd May 2026

Dear Parent Carers,

Weekly Update: 22/05/26

I hope this update finds you well. After a jam packed half term of residentials, exams and preparing for transition, I'm sure we are all ready for a restful half term break!

There is always lots of working behind the scenes during this half term to prepare for the next academic year including the recruitment of teachers and support staff, planning class groups and arranging timetables. The final half term will be busy with Leavers' events for those in Year 11 and Year 13, transition days for new starters, moving up days for next year's pastoral groups, days out, Sports Day, MartinFest and Prize Day.

On Tuesday, I was privileged to attend the Shaw Education Trust's Key Stage 2 Awards alongside our Head Student and Deputy Youth Mayor – Anselmo. At the awards, Anselmo delivered an inspiring speech to the primary students attending. I continue to be impressed by Anselmo's positive skills and attitude - and the staff and students present were clearly inspired by his wonderful words too!



This week's update has a special focus on the residentials that have taken place recently, with each Key Stage sharing about theirs. Residential activities are an important part of our offer at St Martins as we recognise their importance in cultural enrichment, life skills and independence – as well as having a great time away with your friends!



Annual Health Checks

An information session regarding Annual Health Checks is taking place on Tuesday 23rd June at the Glow & Grow Café at Friar Gate Studios. A flyer with more information is included with the update.

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Derby College Transition Event for Parent Carers

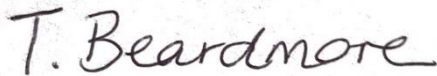
A transition event is taking place at Derby College – Roundhouse Campus, on Tuesday 16th June for Parent Carers. Please see the flyer included for more information and to register.

Staffing Update

After the half term break, Keir Mather will be joining the school as our new Pastoral and Safeguarding Manager. We look forward to having Keir in this role.

Thank you all for your support over the half term. Your ongoing efforts and support as Parent Carers is very much appreciated.

We wish you an enjoyable break and look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 1st June.



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WEEKLY UPDATE

Key Stage 3

KS3 RESIDENTIALS - 2026

March 2026 – Mount Cook Outdoor Centre
KS3SPS, KS3JW and KS3JSH Students took part in a two-day residential. They did a range of outdoor education activities such as climbing, fire lighting, team work games, zip lining and archery tag.



April 2026 – Manchester City Centre
KS3SC and KS3KW Students went away for two days, staying at the YHA. Students explored the Science and Industry museum completing a gaming experience, visited Peak Wildlife Park, Trafford Centre and Tatton Park. On the first night, students got to dress up for the theatre and loved watching the UK tour of Matilda at the Palace Theatre.



KS3

May - York City Centre
KS3TM and KS3TV Students completed two days in York staying at the YHA. They visited York Castle museum, the Jorvik centre, York Minster, York Dungeons and a walk around the city walls. Popular sites included The Shambles and the Hole in Wand mini golf!



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Key Stage 4

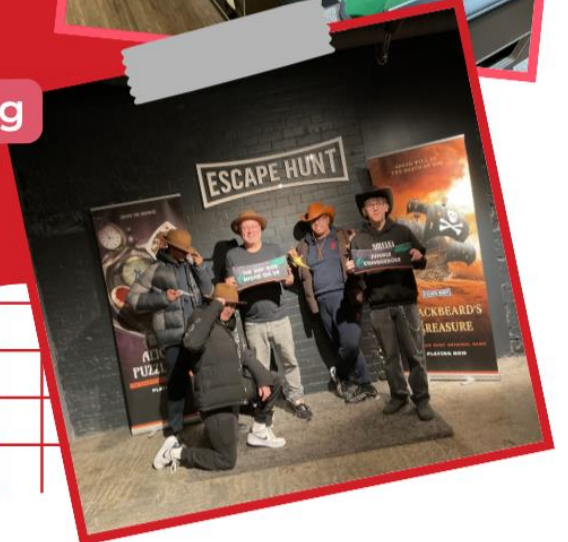
KS4PP TRIP TO MANCHESTER

KS4PP Residential was a blast! Our students had an amazing time in Manchester with lots of laughs. They went shopping, enjoyed some delicious Nando's, and tackled an escape room! We can't wait for the next one!



“It was really funny and I enjoyed it.” – **Cooper**

“It was fun and I enjoyed shopping and Nando's with my class.” – **Qasim**



KS4PP

“10/10 would go again, the escape room was funny how we relied on Cooper.” – **Cody**

“Loved it! I want to go back! Nando's was the best I ever had.” - **Louie**



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Key Stage 5



KS5 TRIP TO WHITBY

Horizons' students and staff had a fabulous two nights and three days in Whitby. They visited Robin Hood's Bay, the Dracula Experience, Whitby Abbey and went on a boat and the beach, making the most of their seaside experience. Much fun was had by all and they could have easily stayed a lot longer!



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Transition2 Information Session

ANNUAL HEALTH CHECK

Join us to find out more about
Annual Health Checks.

A chance to learn more, ask questions
and understand how Annual Health
Checks support young people
with learning disabilities.



Date:
Tuesday 23rd June 2026



9:30am start
**Annual Health Checks promotion session
for young people aged 14+ with LD**
This includes Transition2, St Martins' and
Horizons' learners (will be opened up to other
SEND schools and LD services for future sessions)



**10:15am
BREAK**



11:00am start
**Annual Health Checks promotion session
for parents/carers of young people with LD**



**12:00pm
FINISH**



Taking place at
**Glow &
Grow Café,
Friar Gate
Studios**



Delivered by
**Rachel Johnson
and the Learning Disability
Health Facilitation Team**

Supported by medical
undergraduates from our partners,
the **Psychiatry Teaching Unit (PTU)**,
Radbourne Unit, based at
Royal Derby Hospital.



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PARENTS AND CARERS **TRANSITION EVENT**

TUESDAY 16TH JUNE 2026 4:00PM

DERBY COLLEGE GROUP - ROUNDHOUSE CAMPUS

This event is aimed at Parents and Carers of supported children and young people (CYP) who are exploring the potential of starting their studies at DCG for September 2026.

Join us for an informative event that will explore the support available to your CYP. You will learn more about the resources, guidance, and assistance on offer to ensure a smooth transition into College life.



SCAN TO REGISTER YOUR PLACE AT THIS EVENT



If you require any further information please contact:

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Dates for your diaries:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Information</u>
Friday 22 nd May	Break up for Half Term	
Monday 1 st June	Students return to school	
Tuesday 16 th June	Year 11 and Year 13 Parent Carer Evening	Parent Carers invited – information will be sent home.
Friday 26 th June	Last day for Year 11 and Year 13 students, Prom	Information will be sent home regarding the Year 11 Leavers' Assembly and Prom.
Wednesday 1 st July	Sports Day	Parent Carers invited – information will be sent home.
Tuesday 7 th , Wednesday 8 th and Thursday 9 th July	'Moving-up' and city- wide transition	Students spend time in their September pastoral groups, and the new Year 7 students will be in school.
Tuesday 14 th July	Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 Parent Carer Evening	Parent Carers invited – information will be sent home.
Friday 17 th July	Martinfest!	Parent Carers invited – information will be sent home.
Tuesday 21 st July	Prize Day	Parent Carers of winners invited. Information will be sent home.
Wednesday 22 nd July	Students break up for Summer.	

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Term Dates 2025/2026

Summer Term 2026

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

Term Dates for Academic Year 2026/2027

Autumn Term 2026

INSET Day – Friday 4th September

School Starts for the new Academic Year – Monday 7th September

School Breaks up for Half Term – Friday 23rd October

INSET Day – Monday 2nd November

School Starts Back – Tuesday 3rd November

INSET Day – Friday 27th November

School Breaks up for Christmas – Friday 18th December

Spring Term 2027

School Starts Back – Monday 4th January 2027

School Breaks up for Half Term – Friday 12th February

School Starts Back – Monday 22nd February

School Breaks up for Easter – Thursday 25th March

Summer Term 2027

School Starts Back – Monday 12th April

Bank Holiday – Monday 3rd May

INSET Day – Tuesday 4th May

School Breaks up for Half Term – Friday 28th May

School Starts Back – Monday 7th June

School Breaks up for Summer – Friday 23rd July

INSET Day – Monday 26th 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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