



23rd July 2024

Dear Parent Carers,

Weekly Update: 23/07/24

I hope this update finds you well. The past academic year has flown past, and St Martins School has continued to be determined about *Shaping Successful Futures* for our students. Our Key Stage Leads have written about the successes in their departments, I hope you enjoy reading the highlights of our year.

Key Stage 3

Key Stage 3 has had a lot to celebrate this year. We have had all classes on a residential trip ranging from outdoor education centres, York and The Making of Harry Potter Studio tours.

Students have taken part in fundraising, including Buckets of Hope and the Path to Paris challenge where students were completing exercises in order to get to Paris virtually! We even got a video message from Paralympic gold medallist Aaron Phipps.

We have celebrated Spanish culture, and the students loved learning more about Eid.

Our day out at Spring Lakes was fantastic and students excelled in terms of self-regulation, resilience and stepping out of their comfort zones.

Key Stage 4

Key Stage 4 have worked on independence in the community - in Futures lessons students have taken part in travel training and ordering their own food when eating out. Josh GB has completed work experience at the Heart of the Park Café and has truly excelled with his barista skills.

Reardan and Owen completed the two-year GCSE English course in one year, and our GCSE Maths results are expected to be the best ever! Ben H completed Foundation GCSE Maths in a year and is now looking to do the higher paper in Year 11!

The Duke of Edinburgh expedition was a success - especially for Ezra who had never been away with school before, and for Vinny where it was a personal challenge to complete such a physical activity. George has also played for Derbyshire Disability Cricket – what a massive achievement!

Students in Year 11 have now experienced successful transitions to their next placements; including at Horizons, Holbrook and Derby College.

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Key Stage 5

Key Stage 5 has had an amazing year, with successes too numerous to mention. Our enterprise business, Gallery 5, has gone from strength to strength, providing customers with a new and positive experience of young people with additional needs. Nearly all of our students became independent travellers, including students that, even 12 months ago, were thought by parents, carers and often themselves to always be likely to need support. Two of our students have been fine representatives of St Martins whilst visiting Auschwitz, sharing their experiences with other students and staff on their return. Our students have also recently welcomed the first mid-week paying guests to Derby Computer Museum, as they hosted 45 primary school pupils from Stoke on Trent and their staff.

Our students have made amazing academic and personal progress, which is the most important success of all, driven not only by their determination to engage with their learning sessions and placements, but also a willingness to get involved with countless voluntary opportunities. The work done by students and staff at The Heart of the Park Café, and various art exhibitions is something we can all be proud of.

Supported Internships

This year, 10 of our Year 13 Leavers have gained internships at Project SEARCH. The value of this programme is massive, as evidenced by the progress of this year's cohort. Several of the students are now in employment, and all of the students are now further along their personal journeys thanks to the fabulous partnerships with Royal Derby Hospital and the University of Derby.

Leavers

It is inevitable that we say goodbye to some of our fantastic staff team this summer as they move on to pastures new.

Lisa has worked in the office at St Martins since 2018. Lisa worked tirelessly behind the scenes to support functions such as the Annual Review process, which I'm sure you will all have had a smooth experience with. Lisa is moving out of education so that she can spend more time with her family, and hopefully more time in the garden too.

Micha has worked at St Martins since 2020 as a Teaching Assistant and Learning Mentor. Micha has worked across the Key Stages, and most recently spent most of his time at Horizons. Micha is a trained teacher and has decided to make the step back into teaching to work with vulnerable young people in Nottingham.

Shaq has worked at St Martins since 2022 as a Teaching Assistant and Learning Mentor. Shaq is moving on to a mainstream secondary school to work as a Behaviour Mentor.

Verity has worked at St Martins since 2023 as a Teaching Assistant in Key Stage 3. Verity is leaving as she is moving to America to get married and start a new life!

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Daya has worked at St Martins since 2023 as a Teaching Assistant across Key Stage 3 and 4, after first working on supply. Daya is leaving as she is going back to University to continue her studies.

Kim was only with us for a short period of time after joining us as a Teacher in January 2024. Kim has made the decision to move on to new opportunities.

As a school we want to extend our thanks to our leavers for the positive contributions that they made whilst a part of our St Martins family. We wish them all the very best for their next steps.

Congratulations to....

- Sammy Thompson who has recently welcomed baby Nellie!
- Lauren Dunn is now a proud mum of two after welcoming baby Frankie!
- Ryan Gascoine who has become dad to baby Toby!

We can't wait to meet Nellie, Frankie and Toby!

School Meal Cost

We have been informed that there will be a change to the cost of school meals to support price increases to ingredients, energy and staffing. School meals will cost £3.35 per day from September.

I hope that you have enjoyed reading our final update of the year. On behalf of the staff team and Academy Council, we would like to wish you all a happy and safe summer with your family and friends. Fingers crossed that we get some nice weather to enjoy too. See you in September!

Best wishes,

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Toni Beardmore
Head of School

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Term Dates for Academic Year 2023/2024

Summer Term

School Breaks up for Summer – Tuesday 23rd July

Term Dates for Academic Year 2024/2025

Autumn Term 2024

INSET Day – Wednesday 4th September

School Starts for the new Academic Year – Thursday 5th September

School Breaks up for Half Term – Friday 25th October

INSET Day – Monday 4th November

School Starts Back – Tuesday 5th November

School Breaks up for Christmas – Friday 20th December

Spring Term 2025

School Starts Back – Monday 6th January 2025

School Breaks up for Half Term – Thursday 13th February

INSET Day – Friday 14th February

School Starts Back – Monday 24th February

School Breaks up for Easter – Friday 4th April

Summer Term 2025

Bank Holiday – Monday 21st April

INSET Day – Tuesday 22nd April

School Starts Back – Wednesday 23rd April

Bank Holiday – Monday 5th May

School Breaks up for Half Term – Friday 23rd May

School Starts Back – Monday 2nd June

School Breaks up for Summer – Wednesday 23rd July

INSET Day – Thursday 24th 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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