

24th March 2023

Dear Parent Carers,

Weekly Update: 24/03/2023

I hope this update finds you well. The Easter holiday is nearly here, so we thought we would share some activities that are taking place in the local area for students in receipt of Free School Meals, as well as paid activities and free activities for families. More information and activities can be found here: [Derby Holiday Activity and Food Programme - Derby City Council](#)

Release Holiday Club

FREE Activities for Children Aged 7 - 17 with SEND requirements and additional needs who receive Free School Meals! Release SEND is a provision for neurodiverse minds, which runs for 4 days with 2 and ½ hours delivery each day. Every session is jam packed with fun activities including Streetdance, singing and songwriting, whilst addressing the importance of self-worth and belief. During the week students will be encouraged to express their emotions and creativity, develop skills in dance, singing and songwriting, be educated about the impact of social media and be involved in discussions around positive healthy usage. As part of the programme children will also receive lunch. [Release Holiday Club SEND | Freedom Foundation \(coordinate.cloud\)](#)

Spirit and Soul

Spirit and Soul are providing funded HAF programme spaces for children aged 8-16, the minimum criteria is that kids are eligible for free school meals and we are a SEND provision too.

Utilising horses, our programmes offer specialised send provision providing Children aged 8 to 16 in small groups. Unique new experiences increasing knowledge of health/nutrition, learning life skills including problem solving, confidence, assertiveness, trust, resilience, character building, empathy and being more active in a fun and innovative way. Our barn offers a warmer space at all times of the year, providing the opportunity to be close to the horses learning basic horse care, incorporating horse anatomy, chalk art, games and fun facts these involve working together to achieve results.

This will be during the Easter half term, dates 5th, 6th, 12th & 13th April, from 9am-1pm, and a hot meal will be provided.

For further information on our Easter HAF and how to book please select the link below: [Synergy - Provider Details \(derby.gov.uk\)](#)

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Endorphins – Easter Extravaganza

Join Endorphins this Easter Holiday for our Easter Extravaganza. Come along to our safe and supportive inclusive sessions for SEND young people to have fun, make friends and flourish. There are HAF spaces and paid spaces available.

- Monday 3rd April 10-2pm
- Tuesday 4th April 10-2pm
- Wednesday 5th April 10-2pm
- Monday 10th April 2:30-6:30pm

Join our fun and inclusive sessions for:

- A chance to socialise at our fun and enjoyable play scheme sessions for children or young people with a learning difficulty and/or disability aged 12-18 years old.
- Fun activities and games for all abilities
- Fully trained and DBS checked Group leaders to keep you safe

<https://endorphins.uk/events/derby-easter-extravaganza-ages-12-18/>

Derbyshire Wildlife Trust

As part of our growing relationship with Derbyshire Wildlife trust our students and their families have been invited to an opening event at Derwent Meadows during the Easter holidays, 13th and 15th April. There will be a range of guided and self-guided activities on the day.

A bit more info and link for free tickets for the two events may be found here:

[Wild About Derwent Meadows - Day 1 Tickets, Thu 13 Apr 2023 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#)

And here:

[Wild About Derwent Meadows - Day 2 Tickets, Sat 15 Apr 2023 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#)

Format Festival and New Horizons Exhibition

Horizons students have contributed to the photography and the New Horizons Exhibition that's held at the QUAD and the QUAD extra gallery space. Some of our students will have photographs they have taken on display - Reuben's photo, shown below, has been selected to be shown at the FORMAT23 Exhibition at the QUAD.

FORMAT23 is running from now until Sunday 9th April and is free to enter:

<https://www.derbyquad.co.uk/FORMATFest23>

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Support for the Easter Break

If you are at all concerned or worried about the 2-week break, please get in touch with our Family Support team:

Jess – j.longhurst@stmartins.derby.sch.uk

Marie – m.chadwick@stmartins.derby.sch.uk

I hope you find the information about activities useful.

With best wishes,



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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

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

<https://www.stmartinsschoolderby.co.uk/termdates>

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