

24<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Dear Parent Carers,

**Weekly Update: 24/04/26**

I hope this update finds you well. As we shared last week, as part of Autism Acceptance Month, school will be running a series of activities during Personal Learning Goal (PLG) time, 1:10pm–1:30pm, to promote understanding, acceptance and celebration of autism.

Throughout the month, students will take part in the following activities:

- 20th April – *Autism Quiz and Myth Busters*
- 22nd April – *Learning the St Martins' Spirit Song* with Dave and Monika
- 27th April – *PLG Acceptance Walk* – an opportunity for students to walk together and chat with peers
- 29th April – *PowerPoint and discussion* exploring a wide range of people with autism, including famous individuals and ex-students who have gone on to employment
- 30th April – *PLG Picnic* – classes will have the chance to enjoy some snacks after lunch and socialise together
- Thursday 30th April will also be a non-uniform day with the theme: "Wear what makes you feel comfortable."

Class teams will be discussing this with students, but we kindly ask that you also talk this through at home to ensure that chosen outfits are comfortable and appropriate for school, learning activities, and being around others.

We will be taking photos throughout these events and will share these on our school social media pages.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support in helping us create an accepting and inclusive school community.

**National Year of Reading – April**

For this month's National Year of Reading activity, staff in school will be sharing their own reading experiences. Learn more about this on the poster further in the update.

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### **Parent Carer Coffee Morning**

The Family Support Team are hosting a coffee morning focussing on next steps for young people in Years 10 and 11 on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May. Learn more about this on the poster further in the update.

### **Reminder: INSET Day and Bank Holiday**

School will be closed to students on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> and Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May for an INSET Day and Bank Holiday. We look forward to welcoming students back to school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May.

With best wishes,

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National Year of Reading 2026

**MONDAY 27TH APRIL 2026**

# APRIL FOCUS: STAFF AS READING ROLE MODELS

**MAKING READING VISIBLE ACROSS  
OUR SCHOOL!**

On Monday, staff will be sharing their own reading experiences with students, from favourite books and articles to audiobooks and short extracts.

**STUDENTS WILL ALSO BE  
ENCOURAGED TO SHARE THEIR  
OWN READING INTERESTS AND  
EXPERIENCES, HELPING TO BUILD  
CONFIDENCE, COMMUNICATION  
SKILLS, AND ENJOYMENT OF  
READING!**





# Coffee Morning



**FOR PARENTS AND CARERS**  
Focussing on **next steps for**  
**Year 10 and Year 11**

Come along and meet staff from Derby  
College, T2 and other providers.

**Thursday 14th May**  
**9:30am - 10:30am**



All Welcome!

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## Dates for your diaries:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Information</u>
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	INSET Day	School closed to all students.
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday	School closed.
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Exams start for students in relevant year groups	Letters have been sent home.
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Options Taster Day	Information will be sent to students in Year 9 and Yer 10.
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Options Evening	Parent Carers will be invited to attend along with students in Year 9 and Year 10. Information will be sent home.
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Break up for Half Term	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Students return to school	
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 11 and Year 13 Parent Carer Evening	Parent Carers invited – information will be sent home.
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> July	Sports Day	Parent Carers invited – information will be sent home.
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> , Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> July	Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 Parent Carer Evening	Parent Carers invited – information will be sent home.
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Martifest!	Parent Carers invited – information will be sent home.
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Prize Day	Parent Carers of winners invited. Information will be sent home.
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Students break up for Summer.	

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## **Term Dates 2025/2026**

### **Summer Term 2026**

School Starts Back – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April

INSET Day – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May

Bank Holiday – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May

School Breaks up for Half Term – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

School Starts Back – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June

**School Breaks up for Summer – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**

INSET Day – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

## **Term Dates for Academic Year 2026/2027**

### **Autumn Term 2026**

INSET Day – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September

**School Starts for the new Academic Year – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September**

School Breaks up for Half Term – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

INSET Day – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

School Starts Back – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

INSET Day – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November

School Breaks up for Christmas – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

### **Spring Term 2027**

School Starts Back – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2027

School Breaks up for Half Term – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February

School Starts Back – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

School Breaks up for Easter – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March

### **Summer Term 2027**

School Starts Back – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April

Bank Holiday – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

INSET Day – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May

School Breaks up for Half Term – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May

School Starts Back – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June

**School Breaks up for Summer – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**

INSET Day – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> 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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