



24th May 2024

Dear Parent Carers,

Weekly Update: 24/05/24

I hope this update finds you well. Students and staff have worked incredibly hard this half term, and are in need of a well deserved break! Whilst the half term ahead is fun and rewarding for most, it can be more challenging for others who may be anxious about transitioning to their next year group or placement. Taking some time to refresh and recharge over the holiday is key to being prepared for whatever challenges lie ahead for us next half term.

Transition Journey Map

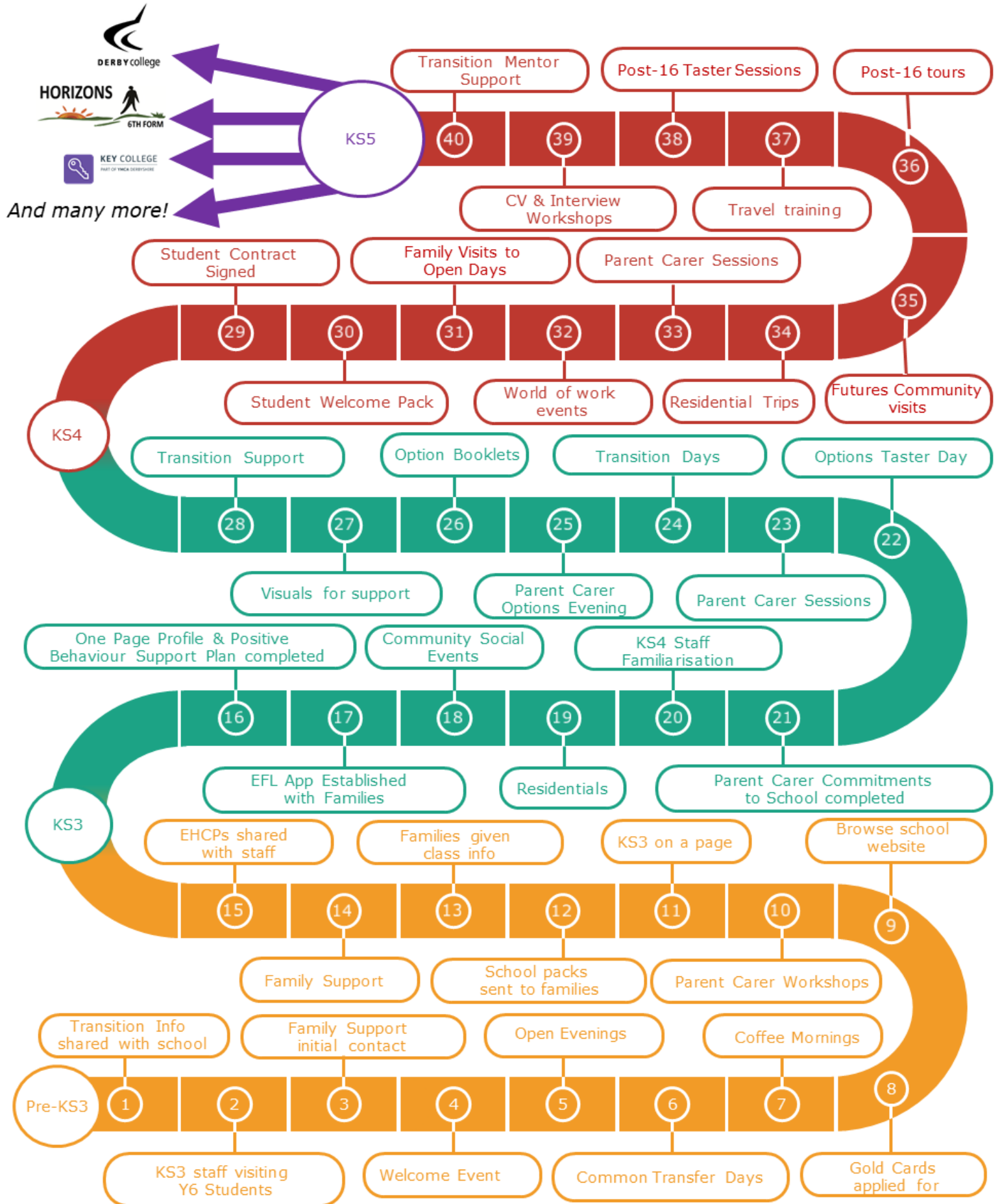
At St Martins, we work hard to prepare our students before they start with us, and then throughout their time with us as we work tirelessly to Shape Successful Futures. We know that Shaping Successful Futures means that we – school and home, work together in the best interests of our young people. Our talented team have put this journey on paper, and I am pleased to share a Transition Journey Map with you on the following two pages. This map shows the journey and steps that are taken in partnership with home and will hopefully help you to plan and navigate transitions as your child progresses through St Martins in readiness for their next steps beyond their time at school. Please let us know if this is helpful or if you think there is anything else that we can do to further improve in this area.

With best wishes for the holiday,

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KS5

Your child's journey in education is now in Post-16. There are many provisions to choose from and with the right support from home and school, your child will smoothly transition to the right path for them. In this stage, your child might want to continue into further education or look at employment for when they are 18. Your child might want to look at supported living or even driving lessons! You will have formed new key contacts at your next destination but the transition team will stay in touch to offer guidance and support if necessary.

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KS4

During this stage, your child will be committing to the expectations of KS4. Contracts for family/carers as well as for students will highlight the expectations for all to support the learning of your child. Moving through the key stage, your child will be exposed to more opportunities to experience life after St Martins. Your child will visit colleges, businesses and the local community to help them develop their skills and knowledge to decide their next steps. Support through the transition team is developed with regular communication between all parties. Your child may consider Horizons 6th Form, Derby College or other Post-16 providers as a next step as all young people must remain in education or training until they are 18. Wherever your child chooses, they will have an extended transition process to ensure the best possible outcome and start to their Post-16 journey.

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KS3

During this stage, your child will be navigating their way in a new environment with new teachers and students. The first part will be establishing links with families and the network of support St Martins provides. Moving through KS3, your child will then have opportunities to get familiar with the Key Stage 4 areas of school, specialist rooms (such as Food Technology, Art and Music), and access support for the transition in to KS4. They will learn about the Options available to them as well as familiarising themselves with key staff. You will also have the opportunity to discover more by accessing the Options Evening and outreach sessions available.

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Pre-
KS3

During this stage, your child will going through an important transition stage. If appropriate, your child will be given a place at St Martins School via the Local Authority. Through reviews, visits and meetings with various stakeholders, a plan will be put in place to support your child's needs into St Martins. Our Family Support Team will be with you throughout the journey to support where necessary. Your child will meet staff from KS3 and will be invited to events and days to familiarise themselves with St Martins, their classroom and meeting other students. You will be invited to take a tour of our main school site, listen in on our induction, and have the opportunity to ask further questions.



Term Dates for Academic Year 2023/2024

Summer Term

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

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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