



26th May 2023

Dear Parent Carers,

Weekly Update: 26/05/23

I hope this update finds you well. Today, students and staff finish for a well-deserved half term break.

Over the past couple of weeks, our GCSE and A Level students have done us proud with their hard work during their exams. We recognise that this can be a cause of stress and anxiety for most people, but our students' calm and considered approach has been remarkable. Well done to our students and thanks goes to the staff and families who give support in the background.

Goodbyes

Today we say goodbye and thank you to two members of our team – Tom Stopford and Marie Ferris. Tom has been at St Martins since March 2020, firstly as a Teaching Assistant and then as a Learning Mentor. Tom has made a big impact at St Martins and has a fantastic approach with our students. Marie has been with us since September 2022, working as a Teaching Assistant in Key Stage 4. Whilst Marie has only been with us a short time, we will miss her wonderful way with the students. We wish Tom and Marie the best for their future endeavours.

Communication Arrangements

I wanted to update you on arrangements for communication with school out of hours and during the holidays.

School opening hours are between the times of 8:30am and 3:00pm, and during this time, staff are on hand to help with any concerns you may have. Outside of these times, and during the school holidays, you may leave a message or send us an email, but for direct support, please refer to the following contacts for support:

- If you have any concerns about your young person's mental health please contact your GP.
- If you need to speak to someone for advice please contact the Derby city and Derbyshire mental health line on 0800 0280077. This number is for young people and adults in Derby City and Derbyshire.

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- If you need to contact children's Social Care, please use the following numbers:
 - Derby City - 01332 641172, out of hours 01332 956606
 - Derbyshire 01629 533190
- Non-emergency numbers: Police 101, NHS 111
- In an emergency, please always contact 999.

It really helps us support your young person if you keep us informed and updated if these services are used, please do so by contacting the school office during the school opening hours.

Evidence for Learning

Do you know about the Evidence for Learning App? It's a great way to see what your child / young person has been learning about in school, and always a way for you to show us what they've been up to at home. More information can be found here: <https://www.stmartinsschoolderby.co.uk/parents/evidence-for-learning>

Internet Safety – Snap Chat

Is Snap Chat safe for my child? What is it?

Snap Chat is an app to exchange images, texts, videos and calls.

Is there an Age Restriction?

You must be aged 13 and over to use Snap chat

What are the risks?

- Snaps can be screenshotted, captured off another device, or someone may use third party apps to record snaps.
- Any user can add someone else as a 'friend'
- Unwanted or explicit messages or photos are a risk on most platforms but the disappearing nature of snaps means that while users can report to Snap Chat Parent Carers won't be able to see the messages
- Snap map shows a live location of where your child is!



How can you make this safer?

- Decline requests from strangers
- Use ghost mode to always keep location private on the snap map
- Keep account settings private to restrict who can make contact and view snaps

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- Users should block other users that make them uncomfortable or who they do not know.
 - Let your child show you the app on their device and ask questions; who are they talking to? What filters do they use? Is it in 'ghost mode'?

For more advice on keeping safe online please refer to [Get advice \(thinkuknow.co.uk\)](#) which gives guidance around talking to your child about sex, relationships and their lives online.

If you would like to speak about any online safety concerns, please contact the school office and ask to speak with a member of the Safeguarding Team.

Wishing you a great half term,

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sabrina Hobbs', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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Term Dates for Academic Year 2022/2023

Summer Term

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

Term Dates for Academic Year 2023/2024

Autumn Term

INSET Day – Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th September

School Starts for the new Academic Year – Wednesday 6th September

School Breaks up for Half Term – Friday 27th October

School Starts Back – Monday 6th November

School Breaks up for Christmas – Friday 22nd December

Spring Term

School Starts Back – Monday 8th January 2024

School Breaks up for Half Term – Thursday 15th February

INSET Day – Friday 16th February

School Starts Back – Monday 26th February

School Breaks up for Easter – Thursday 28th March

Summer Term

INSET Day – Monday 15th April

School Starts Back – Tuesday 16th April

Bank Holiday – Monday 6th May

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

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