

27<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Dear Parent Carers,

### **Weekly Update – 27/06/25**

I hope this update finds you well. Today we said farewell to our Year 11 students in assembly, before we celebrate together at the Year 11 and Year 13 Leavers' Prom tonight. Every year we experience a vast range of emotions on Leavers' Day as we reflect on the journeys that all of our students have been on during their time at St Martins School and Horizons 6<sup>th</sup> Form. Thank you to all families for your support over the years. They say that it 'takes a village' to raise a child, and we have been a part of your village over the years – going through the highs and lows together whilst working to Shape Successful Futures for our students who all deserve the very best. We are incredibly proud of all of our students and look forward to hearing about their future successes!

This update has lots of information – from next week's Transition Days, an update regarding Horizons 6<sup>th</sup> Form, uniform donations, and supportive webinars for Parent Carers; we hope you find this helpful.

### **Transition Days**

Next week marks an important time in our school calendar as we welcome the Common Transfer Days for our Year 6–7 students and hold Transition Days for our current students. These will take place from Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> to Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. Today, your child will have been informed of their class teacher and teaching assistants for the next academic year. It's natural for students to feel a mix of emotions — from excitement to nervousness — as they prepare for these changes. We encourage you to read through the attached social story with your child and talk about the positives of transition. These days are a fantastic opportunity for students to get to know new staff, explore different classrooms, and meet new peers. They will take part in a variety of engaging activities designed to help them settle in and enjoy the experience.

### **Horizons 6<sup>th</sup> Form – Early Closure**

To support the planned 6<sup>th</sup> Form move from the Irongate site to Friar Gate Studios, Horizons 6<sup>th</sup> Form will be closing to students on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July. This early closure will support the moving of furniture and resources to the new site, to get it ready for September. A letter and email has been sent to all Year 12 students to give them further details and links for support if necessary.

We are planning opportunities for the current Year 12 students, and those joining in

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September to visit Friar Gate Studios during their Transition Weeks. We are excited for this move and look forward to welcoming families to this more accessible and modern space.

### **School Uniform**

Thank you for your continued generosity with donations of school uniform, at present we **do not** require further donations. Donated uniform – including polo shirts, jumpers and trousers will be available at upcoming events; including Parent Carer Evening on 8<sup>th</sup> July, Sports Day on 16<sup>th</sup> July and the Summer Fayre on 18<sup>th</sup> July.

### **Let's Talk SEND**

There are two online sessions for Parent Carers and SEND professionals in Derby City, with conversations around Transitions and School Transport. These will take place on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July and Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

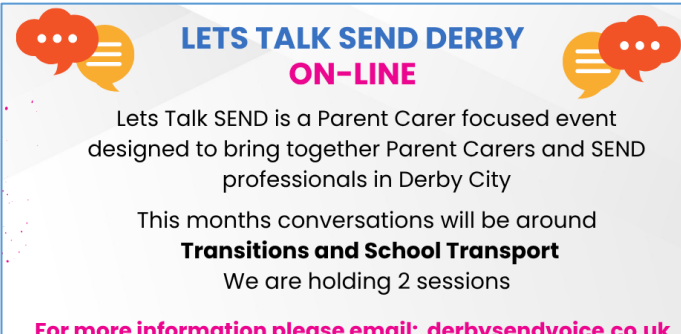
Ticket booking links:

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July – 5:30pm-6:30pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1421028918749?aff=oddttdtcreator>

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 12pm-1:00pm

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**LET'S TALK SEND DERBY  
ON-LINE**

Lets Talk SEND is a Parent Carer focused event designed to bring together Parent Carers and SEND professionals in Derby City

This months conversations will be around  
**Transitions and School Transport**  
We are holding 2 sessions

**For more information please email: [derbysendvoice.co.uk](mailto:derbysendvoice.co.uk)**

### **The Adolescence Effect – Webinar for Parent Carers**

The recent Netflix series, Adolescence caused lots of questions about how our young people spend their time online. Derby City Council are hosting a Webinar for Parent Carers on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July which you may find useful. Please see the joining information below.

Did you watch the Netflix drama 'Adolescence'?

- Are you worried about what your children might be up to online?
- Would you like to have a better understanding of incel culture and misogyny?
- Do you want some ideas about how to protect your children, especially our boys, against such negative influences?



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**Prevent Education Officer Sally Siner**, supported by **Online safety expert Traci Gregory** are offering a free online webinar for parents and carers of children and young people on: **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July from 11am – 12 noon**

**No need to book, just join the link below on the day!**

**Microsoft Teams** [Need help? Join the meeting now](#) Meeting ID: 341 599 022 955 5  
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With best wishes for the weekend,

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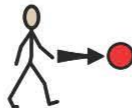
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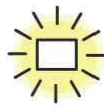
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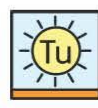
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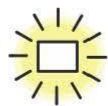
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## **Term Dates for Academic Year 2024/2025**

### **Summer Term 2025**

School Starts Back – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

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

INSET Day – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July

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## **Term Dates for Academic Year 2025/2026**

### **Autumn Term 2025**

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

INSET Day – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September

**School Starts for the new Academic Year – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September**

School Breaks up for Half Term – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October

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

School Breaks up for Christmas – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December

### **Spring Term 2026**

INSET Day – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026

School Starts Back – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January

School Breaks up for Half Term – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February

School Starts Back – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

School Breaks up for Easter – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

### **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

INSET Day – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June

School Breaks up for Summer – Thursday 23<sup>rd</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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