

28<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Dear Parent Carers,

### **Weekly Update: 28/02/25**

I hope this update finds you well. It has been great to welcome the students and staff back to school after their well-deserved week off. Now that I am now happily back at St Martins full time, returning to my role as Headteacher, I am keen to get back up to speed on the developments of the school since my time as Executive Head, and get to know students and staff who I have not yet had a chance to spend time with. The school has moved forwards brilliantly under Toni's leadership and I am both proud and thankful for the support of the team, and look forward to how we will continue to move onwards together.

### **Visit from our MP**

Shortly before half term we were visited by the new MP for our constituency, Derbyshire South, Baggly Shanker. During Baggly's visit, he got the opportunity to meet with students and have a tour of the school. We are sure that he will visit again soon! After his visit, Baggly sent a letter with lots of praise for the school – I hope you enjoy reading it.

### **Ramadan**

The Holy Month of Ramadan starts today, Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February. We would like to support and celebrate with our school community who observe this festival. If students are fasting, we are able to provide a space for them to rest during lunchtime. Please get in touch with your child's pastoral teacher to let them know of individualised options and plans you would like us to consider.



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### World Book Day

World Book Day takes place on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March. We have arranged for some fun book-themed activities to take place during the day. Students are welcome to dress up as their favourite character from a book, or wear a book themed outfit if they wish. Alternatively, Students can continue to wear their school uniform as normal.

### Children's Mental Health Week

This year, we celebrated **Children's Mental Health Week** with a range of activities focused on the theme "Know Yourself, Grow Yourself." All students took part in dedicated PSHE lessons led by our learning mentors, encouraging self-awareness and personal growth. Heather delivered an inspiring assembly, setting the tone for a week filled with activities designed to support well-being. Students enjoyed yoga sessions, time in the sensory room, music, and mindful colouring, which provided opportunities to relax and express themselves. At St Martins, we prioritise our students' mental health, and it was wonderful to see everyone so engaged in fostering their well-being and practising strategies to support self regulation.

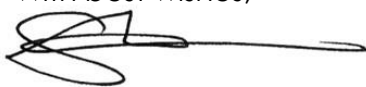
### Dates for your diaries this half term:

Date	Event	Information
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> -Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	KS3JG and KS3SPS residential to Mount Cook	
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day	Details above
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Comic Relief	Details to be shared
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	KS3BV and KS3TM residential to Mount Cook	
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	KS3EH and KS3KT residential to Mount Cook	
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Culture and Diversity Day	Parent Carers will be invited to join for a session. Details will be shared.

### Derby City Council Event – Let's Talk SEND

Derby City Council are hosting an event on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March for an open conversation around SEND in Derby City. A leaflet with more information is at the end of the update. This is a great opportunity for you to share your experiences of the wider SEND system to support further developments and improve wider aspects of your child's needs in their education, health and social care, and how Derby City Local Authority enables this partnership to work.

With best wishes,



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

### **Spring Term 2025**

School Starts Back – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025

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

INSET Day – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

School Starts Back – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February

School Breaks up for Easter – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April

### **Summer Term 2025**

Bank Holiday – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April

INSET Day – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

School Starts Back – Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

Bank Holiday – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May

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

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

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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## Let's Talk SEND

Join us Monday 3rd March  
5pm - 7pm  
At the Museum of Making



For an open conversation around  
SEND in Derby City

With representatives from Derby City Council  
Health, Education & Social Care



For FREE tickets follow this link  
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