

31st March 2023

Dear Parent Carers,

Weekly Update – 31/03/23

I hope this update finds you well. As the Spring Term draws to an end, and the lighter evenings arrive, it is great to reflect on the year so far; much has been achieved and it has been fantastic to see our young people engaged with more and more externally facing activities within the community. Our students are becoming brilliant advocates for themselves and for other young people with additional needs through their work in SEND Ambassadors and National Supported Internship Day last Monday.

Thank you and Goodbye

We are saying goodbye to three members of our team – Sam, Catherine and Sakera, and one of our Academy Councillors – Paul.

Sam Wood has been at St Martins since 2017, working in Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4, teaching Computing, and most recently in post as Key Stage 4 Lead. Sam is leaving us to become an Assistant Headteacher at a specialist secondary school in the region. We will miss Sam and his dry sense of humour, and we wish him every success in this new role. Good luck, Sam!

Catherine Cheung has also been at St Martins since 2017. Catherine has worked as Behaviour and Attendance Lead and has made a positive difference, implementing Positive Behaviour Support Plans to support our students. Catherine is becoming a SENCO at a Primary School in Nottinghamshire. We will miss Catherine and her positive personality, and wish her every success in her new role. Good luck, Catherine!

Sakera Spence has been part of the St Martins team since 2022. Sakera initially worked on supply before obtaining a full time role as a Teaching Assistant. Sakera is moving to a mainstream Secondary School in Derbyshire to become a Cover Supervisor. We will miss Sakera and her baking skills! We wish Sakera every success in her new role. Good luck, Sakera!

Paul Jeffery has served as part of the Academy Council at St Martins since 2017. Paul has worked hard to make a positive contribution to our school community and we are grateful for the time that he has committed to us. We wish Paul well, and hope that he is able to commit more time to his hobby of Ceroc dancing.

Welcome

Following on from Sam's departure, we are welcoming a new member of the St Martins team. Dave Burrows is joining us after Easter to become Assistant

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Headteacher, leasing on Pastoral Support, Behaviour Management and Key Stage 4 Lead. Dave is moving from Kingsmead School, and we are looking forward to having him on our team. He is keen to meet as many of you as possible and continue to strengthen our relationships with students, families and the local community.

Please find a copy of our Easter Holiday Support leaflet at the end of the update. I trust that you will find this useful.

Please remember that Monday 17th April is an INSET Day, and that students will return to school on Tuesday 18th April.

Wishing you a lovely Easter Holiday,

Best wishes,

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

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Term Dates for Academic Year 2022/2023

Spring Term

School Starts Back – Monday 9th January 2023

School Breaks up for Half Term – Thursday 16th February

INSET Day – Friday 17th February

School Starts Back – Monday 27th February

School Breaks up for Easter – Friday 31st March

Summer Term

INSET Day – Monday 17th April

School Starts Back – Tuesday 18th April

Bank Holiday – Monday 1st May

Bank Holiday – Monday 8th May

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

INSET Day Dates for 2023-2024

Monday 4th September

Tuesday 5th September

Friday 16th February

Monday 15th April

Monday 1st July

Term Dates for the next academic year can be found on our website:

<https://www.stmartinsschoolderby.co.uk/termdates>

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Easter Holiday Support



It is nearly impossible to avoid technology in today's world, and during the Easter break some young people will be spending more time online. There are many positives to being online, however there can be some negatives and for some it can be overwhelming, trying to keep up with friends and the pressure this can put on wellbeing.

Words are powerful, when derogatory language is used online or through music it further normalises it in our world and makes it seem ok to use regularly. Its important that online use is regularly monitored and if any concerns are picked up on please report this to school.

Apps that allow you to set the digital ground rules:

- FamiSafe
- Google Family Link

Checklist to help keep children safe online All parents and carers need to be aware of the risks of online child sexual abuse and the scale of the issue affecting children today. Information and resources to support parents and carers.

TALK Checklist <https://talk.iwf.org.uk/>

Useful online apps

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| BBC Own It—Advice as you chat | • Calm Harm |
| • Headspace—Mindful meditation | • Catch It |
| • Be Mindful | • Chill Panda |
| • Beat Panic | • Cove |
| • Big White Wall | • distract |
| • BlueIce | • eQuoo |
| | • Feeling Good |

Online mental health support



Online free counselling app, online until 10pm



Specific support pages. Free phone 1:1 online counselling.



Online support for mental health for young people and parents.



Mental Health support from Action for Children.



Easter Holiday support



We all need a helping hand every now and then. Please see the below places offering food support this half term

Where children can eat for less (or free!) this half term

Morrison's

Kids ages under 16 eat for free at any Morrison's café when an adult spends £4.99 or more on a meal.

Dunelm

Kids eat free when an adult spends £4 or more at the Pausa Café.

Dobbies Garden Centre

Kids can enjoy a free meal in the café with each adult meal.

Bella Italia

Kids eat for £1 with every adult main between 4-6pm Mondays – Thursdays.

Hungry Horse

Free kids breakfast at the Hungry Horse Pubs when you buy an adult breakfast for at least £3.49

Food Bank support

Derby City Mission Food Bank

W: www.derbycitymission.org.uk

T: [01332 460346](tel:01332460346)

E: advice@derbycitymission.org.uk

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. 10am to 12 noon. Please attend our community shop and café.
Derby City Mission, 10 Normanton Rd, Derby, DE1 2GW.

Springwater Charity

W: www.springwatercharity.com

E: springwatercommunitygroup@gmail.com

T: [07832653255](tel:07832653255) / [07311465841](tel:07311465841)

Request a collection slot from either website or calling numbers

Mon – Fri – 10:00-16:00

Springwater Charity

Filbert Walk Community Hall

(off Woodlands Lane), Second Avenue

Chellaston, DE73 6UG