

13 May 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

### **INSET Days and Start of Year 2024-2025**

I hope that you and your families are well. I am writing to you regarding our Term Dates and INSET Days for the next academic year.

INSET Days allow for training and development, which are vital to ensure our staff remain well trained in the most effective strategies and approaches to help our students make the most of their talents. INSET Days are also used to ensure that all staff are fully up to date with the many areas of compulsory training, such as safeguarding, GDPR (data protection), and health and safety.

We have taken the decision to spread our 5 INSET days more across the year, to support our staff, rather than have two INSET days at the start of the school year in September.

To support the transition of students to SMRT from many different schools, Tuesday 3 September 2024 will be the first day of term for Year 7 and Year 12 students only. All other Year Groups return to school on Wednesday 4 September.

Therefore, the academic year 2024-25 will start as follows:

- Monday 2 September 2024 INSET Day 1 (school closed to students)
- Tuesday 3 September 2024 Year 7 and Year 12 Students only
- Wednesday 4 September 2024 All Year Groups in School

The remaining INSET Days will be on:

- Thursday 26 September 2024 INSET Day 2 (school closed to students)
- Wednesday 20 November 2024 INSET Day 3 (school closed to students)
- Tuesday 11 February 2025 INSET Day 4 (school closed to students)
- Monday 30 June 2025 INSET Day 5 (school closed to students)

This is not a decision we have taken lightly. We believe that spreading the vital training and development time across the school year will support staff, and therefore our students.

Thank you all for your continuing support.

Yours faithfully,



Mr Del Planter  
Headteacher