

6 October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Changes to term dates next academic year 2026/27

I wanted to write to you in advance of some changes to term arrangements for next academic year. In making these changes, we have carefully considered the balance of learning across the academic year, how our term dates fit with others locally and how to maximise the teaching and learning that our students are able to access.

Therefore, from October 2026, the Autumn half term break will be reduced from two weeks to one. This adjustment has been made to allow students to retain consistency in their learning during this extremely important time of the year. Doing this will bring Montsaye Academy in line with most secondary schools locally, who have similar schedules in place. We have also ensured that these dates align with those of local primary schools so that there is one week where these holidays coincide.

As a result of this additional week of learning in the autumn, the Summer Term will be shorter, meaning that students and staff will break up for the summer earlier than in previous years and bring us in line with other schools locally and nationally. The Spring Term will remain unchanged.

These changes will not come into effect until next academic year and there are no changes to this year's previously announced dates.

Therefore, the term dates for the **2026/27 academic year** will be as follows:

Autumn Term 2026 – Tuesday 1st September to Friday 18th December

October half term – Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October

Christmas holiday – Monday 21st December to Thursday 31st December

Spring Term 2027 – Monday 4th January to Thursday 25th March

February half term – Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February

Easter holiday – Tuesday 30th March to Friday 9th April

(Bank holidays – Friday 26th March and Monday 29th March)

Summer Term 2027 – Monday 12th April to Wednesday 21st July

(Bank holidays – Monday 3rd May and Monday 31st May)

Half Term – Tuesday 1st June to Friday 4th June

Summer holiday – Thursday 22nd July to Tuesday 31st August

I hope that in providing you with this advanced notice, you are able to plan accordingly. If you have any questions about these arrangements, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,



Mr B Baines

Principal