



4th November 2024

RE: Outcome of Consultation on Extending the Michaelmas October Half-Term Break

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to update you on the recent consultation regarding the proposed extension of the Michaelmas October half-term break, which will take effect from the 2025/2026 academic year for both St. Augustine's CE Primary and High School.

Consultation Outcome

We would like to thank all parents and carers who participated in the consultation process and provided valuable feedback on the proposal. With 95% of parents and carers who took part in the survey supporting the change, and after carefully considering all responses from stakeholders, *I am pleased to inform you that both St. Augustine's CE Primary and High School will move forward with the implementation of the extended two-week Michaelmas half-term break.*

Implementation Details

Starting in the 2025/2026 academic year, students at both the primary and high school will benefit from a two-week October half-term break. This adjustment is designed to enhance student and staff well-being, support teaching and learning, and maintain high levels of attendance and engagement throughout the school year. As previously communicated, the total number of school days will remain unchanged at 190 days, ensuring that your child receives the full educational experience required by the local authority and the Department for Education. Details of the new term dates for 2025/2026 can be found on our website here: <https://www.stahigh.org/school-life/term-dates>

Looking Ahead

Following the 2025/2026 academic year, the exact number of days in the extended break will vary slightly between 3 and 5 days, depending on the timing of Easter and Bank Holidays. We will continue to provide you with clear and timely information regarding the school calendar for each upcoming academic year, giving your family plenty of notice to plan accordingly.

Questions and Further Information

We understand that you may have additional questions about this change. To assist with any queries, we have included a set of frequently asked questions along with this letter. Should you have further concerns or need clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Thank you once again for your continued support and engagement. We are confident that this change will have a positive impact on the overall well-being and academic success of our students.

Best regards,

Mr N. Metcalfe

Deputy Headteacher



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