



# KINGSWOOD SECONDARY ACADEMY

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Dear Parent / Carer

## **Re: Change to a two-week October Half Term from Academic Year 2024/25**

Having now consulted with families, staff, the local authority and our feeder primary schools regarding a move to a two-week October half Term from 2024/25 we have had near universal support for this change and so will move to this new model. Thank you to those families who contacted me directly, your feedback was invaluable in making this decision.

You'll find attached to the end of this letter the new term dates for next academic year including the two-week October half term.

As previously communicated, we are moving to this new model for the following reasons:

- To provide a more substantial break during our longest term to enable more time for rest and recuperation – for both staff and students – and thus reduce illness and absence rates.
- To provide teachers with more time to provide targeted preparation for students during the break for our November mock exams (PPEs).
- Within our local context, many other secondaries already have a two week half term and the dates proposed align as far as possible with the other schools who have two weeks.
- By having a two-week October half term, families can take advantage of cheaper holiday prices should they wish and avoid missing school.
- Over a six-week summer holiday, many families find it difficult to provide sufficient childcare. This proposed model, would mean a five-week summer holiday, meaning less need for childcare cover during this time.
- Some children take time to settle back into a routine for learning after a six-week break. By having a five-week summer holiday, it will be easier for our students to re-establish their routines.

Students in Years 7, and 12 *only* will return on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024 with students in Years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13 joining them on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024. The last day of the academic year will be Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2025.

For those families who have already booked their summer holiday for next year, should the dates of your holiday coincide with our new term start dates, then we will of course honour this. If this affects you, please do send proof to our Attendance Officer, Miss Symons ([msymons@kingswoodsecondaryacademy.org](mailto:msymons@kingswoodsecondaryacademy.org)) as soon as possible, so this can be recorded in advance and won't impact on your child's attendance record.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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**Deputy Principal**



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## Term Dates 2024/2025


	August 2024					September 2024					October 2024					
<b>M</b>		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28
<b>T</b>		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29
<b>W</b>		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30
<b>T</b>	1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31
<b>F</b>	2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25	
<b>S</b>	3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26	
<b>S</b>	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27	

	November 2024					December 2024					January 2025					
<b>M</b>		4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27
<b>T</b>		5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28
<b>W</b>		6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29
<b>T</b>		7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30
<b>F</b>	1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24	31
<b>S</b>	2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25	
<b>S</b>	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26	

	February 2025					March 2025					April 2025					
<b>M</b>		3	10	17	24		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28
<b>T</b>		4	11	18	25		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29
<b>W</b>		5	12	19	26		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30
<b>T</b>		6	13	20	27		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24	
<b>F</b>		7	14	21	28		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25	
<b>S</b>	1	8	15	22		1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26	
<b>S</b>	2	9	16	23		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27	

	May 2025					June 2025					July 2025					
<b>M</b>		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28
<b>T</b>		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29
<b>W</b>		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30
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 2 training days to be disaggregated

 School Holiday

 Bank Holiday