

11th February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you to share the 2025-2026 Term Dates and to confirm that following our consultation we will be formalising the two-week October half term moving forward.

Thank you to the parents who responded to our consultation on the two-week October half term. We have read all responses and analysed the results. Stopsley High School's parents and carers, 87% were in favour of making the two-week half term a permanent part of our annual calendar. We have also consulted with staff and reviewed the impact of the calendar change on the delivery of the curriculum.

Apologies that in the first edition of the letter it incorrectly stated that there had been a decline in attendance having introduced the additional week when instead it should have stated there was a decline in absence of both staff and students resulting in therefore improved attendance. This is also reflected in the feedback from staff and also in the comments from parents and carers in the survey.

Therefore, next year's term dates will be as follows:

Autumn Term 2025

1st, 2nd, 3rd September – Inset Days
4th September – Whole School returns
20th to 31st October – Half Term
28th November – Joint MLT Inset Day
19th December – End of Term

Spring Term 2026

5th January – Whole School Returns
16th to 20th February – Half Term
27th March – End of Term

Summer Term 2026

13th April – Inset Day
14th April – Whole School Returns
25th to 29th May – Half Term
20th July – Inset Day /End of Term

We will be sharing our term dates earlier next academic year as requested by many of you, now that the pilot of the two-week half term has been completed in addition to the further consultation resulting in this arrangement being formalised.

Yours sincerely,



Karen Hand
Headteacher