



HARTFORD CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

NEW BUILDING: IMPACT ON SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES 2019 – 2020

I am really pleased to update you on the progress of our new building. You will already know that work started on January 2nd 2019 and things have progressed very well since then. Foundations are almost complete and in the next few weeks we will begin to see the outline of the building take shape above ground. From the Humanities rooms on the top floor I am already able to see the footprint of the ground floor spaces: the new canteen, kitchen, drama studio, 2 D&T rooms and the Sports Hall. In spite of the poor weather in the last two weeks or so, things are currently going to plan.

One thing we cannot avoid is the impact of the opening of the new build on our school holiday schedule for 2019 – 2020. Please find below 2 alternative sets of dates for school holidays 2019 – 2020:

- The first set of dates are those that align with the holiday schedule of most other schools in the Local Authority.
- The second set of dates are those that align with the current timeline for the completion of our new building.

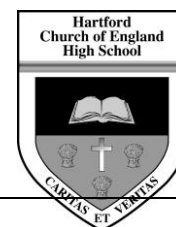
Both of these sets of dates include an extra INSET Day that we are able to claim in exceptional circumstances as well as an indication that Years 7 – 9 will (in effect) have a 2 week half term. We simply cannot have all students in school when the East Building is being decanted (emptied of furniture and fittings) so we have chosen to do this over a half term.

Currently it is likely that the governing body will adopt the second set of dates. However, we want to hold open the possibility that the build can be completed ahead of time which would allow us to set dates which align with the CW&C dates. To this end, the governing body agreed at their meeting on Tuesday 19th March to make a final decision on school holidays for 2019 – 2020 at their meeting on June 24th.

I do hope you can appreciate the difficulties we face in making this decision and our rationale for the delay.

In *Caritas et Veritas*

Mike Holland (Headteacher)



CW&C		ALTERNATIVE	
AUTUMN TERM		AUTUMN TERM	
Monday 2 September	INSET Day	Monday 2 September	INSET Day
Tuesday 3 September	INSET Day	Tuesday 3 September	INSET Day
Wednesday 4 September	Return to School	Wednesday 4 September	Return to School
Friday 25 October	Break for Half Term	Friday 25 October	Break for Half Term
Monday 4 November	Return to School	Monday 4 November	Return to School
Friday 20 December	Break for Christmas	Friday 20 December	Break for Christmas
SPRING TERM		SPRING TERM	
Monday 6 January	Return to School	Monday 6 January	Return to School
Friday 14 February	INSET Day/half-term	Friday 21 February	INSET Day/half term
Monday 24 February	INSET Day	Monday 2 March	INSET Day
Tuesday 25 February	INSET Day	Tuesday 3 March	INSET Day
Wednesday 26 February	Return to School (Years 10 and 11)	Wednesday 4 March	Return to School (Years 10 and 11)
Monday 2 March	Return to School (Years 7, 8 and 9)	Monday 9 March	Return to School (Years 7, 8 and 9)
Friday 3 April	Break for Easter	Friday 3 April	Break for Easter
SUMMER TERM		SUMMER TERM	
Monday 20 April	Return to School	Monday 20 April	Return to School
Monday 4 May	Bank Holiday	Monday 4 May	Bank Holiday
Friday 22 May	Break for half-term	Friday 22 May	Break for half-term
Monday 1 June	Return to School	Monday 1 June	Return to School
Friday 17 July	Break for Summer	Friday 17 July	Break for Summer
Monday 20 July	INSET Day	Monday 20 July	INSET Day