



Date	Who	Detail, Timing and Venue
4 May	All	Bank Holiday
5 May	Year 11	GCSEs Start
14 May	Years 9 and 13	Ascension Day
19 May to 21 May	Year 10	Geography Trips – Lyme Regis
20 May and 21 May	Year 9	Meningitis Vaccinations

London Marathon

Congratulations to Carys in Year 13 who completed the London Marathon on Sunday 🏃🏻‍♀️ 🎉 She raised over £18000 for South Western Ambulance Charity. Well done Carys, we are extremely proud of you.



Gabblers 2026

Well done to Daisy in Year 12, who represented Kings Sixth at the Gabblers evening in Bristol on Thursday. Gabblers is an after-dinner speaking event, and Daisy did a fantastic job showcasing the school.



Parent Information Evening

We would like to invite all Year 12 Parents/Carers to a UCAS Parent Information Evening on Monday 18 May at 6.00pm in the Academy Hall. If you would like to attend, please complete the form [here](#).

Staff Absence

We would like to acknowledge the additional challenges the Academy has recently been managing regarding staff absence and lesson cover. We recognise the impact that staff illness has had for some groups. In addition, at this time of year, cover requirements are naturally higher than usual across all schools due to examinations and important moderation processes taking place. Inevitably, this can add pressure on staffing and daily routines, and we are very grateful for the flexibility and commitment shown by our staff and the understanding of our wider school community. Please rest assured that we are working hard to minimise disruption and ensure that pupils continue to receive a high-quality learning experience during this busy and important time. We will communicate more specific details to students, parents and carers where necessary.

University September 2026

For Year 13 students going to university – a reminder about the deadlines for accepting UCAS offers. If a student received their last decision on or before **31 March 2026**, their reply date is **6 May 2026 – next week**. If they received their last decision on or before **13 May 2026**, their reply date is **3 June 2026**. For more information, please visit the UCAS website: [How To Accept Or Decline University Offers & Deadlines For Your Replies](#)

Year 11 Prom 2026 - Tickets Now on Sale

We are delighted to invite Year 11 students to the Prom on Thursday 2 July 2026 at The Batch Country House, for a Hog Roast, Chocolate Fountain, Disco and a Photobooth. Always a night to remember, tickets are available to purchase via My Child at School App.

Somerset Saints

Somerset Saints will be attending the Academy on Wednesday 20 May and Thursday 21 May 2026 to administer the Meningitis Vaccination to Year 9 students. To complete the consent form please use the link [here](#). If you have previously completed the form, this will not need to be completed again.



Where our values give us pride to believe and succeed

Theme of the Week

Sustainability

Word of the Week

Stewardship

Current Vacancies

Teacher of English (Maternity Cover)
FTE - 0.8

Teacher of English and Drama

Exam Invigilator

For more information, please click [here](#)

Term Dates for 2025/2026 can be found by clicking [here](#)

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Our Parent Calendar can be found by clicking [here](#)



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Work Experience Support Needed

We are seeking support from Parents/Carers who may be able to offer work experience placements for our students.

- **Year 12:** Week commencing **29 June 2026**
- **Year 10:** Week commencing **6 July 2026**

If you or your organisation can provide a placement, or if you know someone who might be able to help, please email SDevlin@kowessex.co.uk. Any sector or role is welcome, as every opportunity helps our students gain valuable insight into the world of work. Thank you for supporting our school community.

Years 9 and 10 French Students – Paris Trip

We have a couple of spaces available on the Paris Trip which takes place from Sunday 12 July to Thursday 16 July 2026. If your child would like to attend, please email Mrs Perch by Friday 1 May 2026. For more information, please click [here](#).

Dates for your diary

Monday 4 May - Bank Holiday
Tuesday 5 May - GCSE Exams start
Monday 11 May – A Level Exams start
Thursday 14 May - Years 9 and 13 Ascension Day
Tuesday 19 May to Thursday 21 May - Year 10 Geography Field Trips
Wednesday 20 May and Thursday 21 May - Year 9 Meningitis Vaccinations



Summer 2026 Exams

Please be advised any student sitting an examination in Summer 2026 will need to remain available up to and including Wednesday 24 June 2026 should an awarding body need to invoke its contingency plan. The designation of a 'contingency day' within the common examination timetable is in the event of national or significant local disruption to examinations in the United Kingdom. It is part of the awarding bodies' standard contingency planning for examinations. The timetable for Summer 2026 is now available on the website [here](#).

The Space

The Space Project supports local young people aged between 4-17 living or being educated in the Cheddar Valley area who are experiencing low mental health and emotional resilience and are often in crisis e.g. depression, anxiety etc. Please get in touch if you think your child or young person may need some help, or indeed, if you are self-referring, by clicking [here](#).



Cheddar Foodbank

The Cheddar Valley Foodbank is available to help families who may need extra support. Please click here for more information. If you would like foodbank vouchers, please contact Ruth Motion at RMotion@kowessex.co.uk or by phone on 01934 742608.

