Academic term dates 2025-26



There are three terms per academic year:

Michaelmas Term (September-December), Hilary Term (January-March) and Trinity Term (April-June)

Michaelmas Term 2025	
Wednesday 3 September	Returning students to arrive at school between 08:00 & 18:00
Thursday 4 September	New students to arrive at school between 08:00 & 18:00
Friday 5 September - Sunday 7 September	Induction and orientation for students
Saturday 18 October - Half Term starts	Travel Day - students may leave school between 07:00 & 18:00
Sunday 26 October - Half Term ends	All students to return to school between 08:00 & 18:00
Friday 12 December	Travel day - students may leave school between 07:00 & 16:00

Hilary Term 2026	
Sunday 4 January 2026	All students to return to school between 08:00 & 18:00
Saturday 14 February - Half Term starts	Travel day - students may leave school between 07:00 & 18:00
Sunday 22 February - Half Term ends	All students to return to school between 08:00 & 18:00
Monday 23 February - Friday 27 February	'Mock' examinations week - obligatory attendance
Friday 27 March	Travel day - students may leave school between 07:00 & 18:00

Trinity Term 2026	
Sunday 19 April	All students to return to school between 08:00 & 18:00
Friday 1 May	Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) deadline
Monday 4 May	UK public holiday: no lessons
Mid-May	Summer public examinations session begins - Y11 and Y13
Saturday 23 May - Half Term starts	Travel day - students may leave school between 07:00 & 18:00
Sunday 31 May - Half Term ends	All students to return to school between 08:00 & 18:00
Monday 1 June - Thursday 25 June	Students from Y11 and Y13 who have completed exams should make arrangements to leave within 24 hours of their last exam. Departures may take place between 07:00 and 18:00 only
Wednesday 24 June	Last day of school. Lessons finish at lunchtime
Thursday 25 June	Travel day - students should leave school between 07:00 & 18:00
Friday 26 June	School open to those taking exams only.
13 & 20 August (TBC)	A-Level & GCSE exam results published

We respectfully request that flights are booked in accordance to the dates and times above. Updates on compulsory attendance for internal exams and events will be shared in September 2025.

The arrival dates and times outlined above are for the consideration of all resident students and staff. Students arriving/departing outside of these times will need to be collected and accommodated by a parent or guardian. All travel information for holidays and weekend leave must be supplied on the forms provided. This is for our records and for UKVI immigration compliance. Please refer to our website for more information.

Earlscliffe operates holiday courses: Easter: Sat 28 March - Sat 11 April 2026 Summer: Sun 27 June - Sat. 15 August 2026

All students must vacate their rooms for the Easter/summer holiday periods and take their belongings with them or use the student storage system offered through the school for which a fee is payable.

Earlscliffe academic year students may be asked to vacate their rooms during half-terms to accommodate fellow Earlscliffe students staying on campus. Accommodation is available for students at Half term for an additional cost. Please ask for more details.

Staff Inset Days: 1,2 September 2025, 12 December 2025 and 25/26 June 2026