

# THE KING'S SCHOOL, CHESTER

## TERM DATES 2026–2027

MICHAELMAS TERM 2026	
Wednesday 2 September	Induction for new staff, Removes and Lower Sixth Pupils new to the school
Thursday 3 September	Staff INSET – Welcome Back Day
Friday 4 September	Staff INSET – Department INSET
Monday 7 September	Induction for all pupils in Removes and Lower Sixth, and chance entrants
<b>Tuesday 8 September</b>	<b>MICHAELMAS TERM begins for all pupils</b>
Friday <i>(specific date tbc)</i>	Senior School <b>closed</b> to pupils in preparation for Open Morning
Saturday <i>(specific date tbc)</i>	Senior School Open Morning <i>(see footnote for important information)</i>
Friday <i>(specific date tbc)</i>	Junior School & Willow Lodge <b>closed</b> to pupils in preparation for Open Morning
Saturday <i>(specific date tbc)</i>	Junior School & Willow Lodge Open Morning <i>(see footnote for important information)</i>
Monday 19 – Friday 30 October	Half Term Holiday
<b>Thursday 17 December</b>	<b>MICHAELMAS TERM ends:</b> for Junior School and Willow Lodge pupils at 09:45 <i>(after the Cathedral Carol Service starting at 09:00)</i> for Senior School pupils at midday <i>(after the Cathedral Carol Service starting at 10:45)</i>

LENT TERM 2027	
Tuesday 5 January	Staff INSET
<b>Wednesday 6 January</b>	<b>LENT TERM begins for all pupils</b>
Friday <i>(specific date tbc)</i>	Senior School closed for entrance examinations <i>(Removes entry in Sep 27)</i> Willow Lodge closed for admissions assessments <i>(Reception entry in Sep 27)</i>
Monday 15 – Friday 19 February	Half Term Holiday
Friday 26 – Monday 29 March	Easter Weekend <b>(school closed on Friday 26 and Monday 29 March)</b>
<b>Friday 2 April</b>	<b>LENT TERM ends:</b> for Senior and Junior School pupils at 11:30 <i>(after the Cathedral Service starting at 10:30)</i> for Willow Lodge pupils at midday <i>(no Cathedral service for Willow Lodge pupils)</i>

SUMMER TERM 2027	
Monday 19 April	Staff INSET
<b>Tuesday 20 April</b>	<b>SUMMER TERM begins for all pupils</b>
Monday 3 May	School closed for the Bank Holiday
Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June	Half Term Holiday <i>(including Late Spring Bank Holiday)</i>
<b>Thursday 8 July</b>	<b>SUMMER TERM ends:</b> for Senior School pupils at 10:45 <i>(after Cathedral Service starting at 09:30)</i> for Junior School and Willow Lodge pupils by midday <i>(pick up times tba)</i> <i>(no Cathedral service for Junior School or Willow Lodge pupils)</i>
Friday 9 July	Staff INSET

**Open Mornings:** Senior School pupils will be expected in school on **Saturday** morning in lieu of Friday so please ensure their availability. All J4 pupils, and some from J3, will be expected in school on **Saturday** morning in lieu of Friday so please ensure their availability. Willow Lodge, J1 and J2 pupils will not be expected to attend.

**Cathedral Services:** Attendance is compulsory at all Cathedral services for pupils of all/no religions. Parents are responsible for ensuring pupils are at the Cathedral in time for registration and for collecting them afterwards. Services last approximately one hour.