

**Proposed Decision to be taken by the  
Portfolio Holder for Children and Schools  
on or after 24 June 2013**

**School Term and Holiday Dates 2014/15**

**Recommendation:**

That the Portfolio Holder for Children and Schools approves the proposed School Term and Holiday Dates for the 2014/15 academic year as set out below.

**1.0 Key Issues**

1.1 The Local Authority is responsible for setting school term and holiday dates for all Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools. Academies, Foundation and Aided Schools are responsible for setting their own term dates. No information has yet been received from such schools regarding likely calendars for the 2014/15 academic year.

1.2 Between 18 February 2013 and 19 April 2013 a consultation exercise was carried out by Warwickshire County Council into possible calendars for the 2014/15 academic year. A copy of the consultation document is attached.

1.3 Two possible calendars were put forward for consideration:

**Appendix A** shows Option A which adheres to the principles traditionally used to devise calendars in Warwickshire.

**Appendix B** shows Option B which is based around the calendar suggested by the Local Government Association (LGA).

1.4 Discussions with neighbouring authorities suggest that only a few are considering adopting a calendar similar to that put forward by the LGA.

1.5 The traditional Warwickshire calendar has an Easter Break where the Easter festival is held at the midpoint of the holiday, which is a week earlier than the one suggested by the LGA. It does, however, allow for an earlier end to the academic year, while the half-term and Christmas breaks align with those suggested by the LGA.

1.6 As a result of the consultation exercise, twenty two comments were received in response. Three of these were in favour of a calendar based around the LGA model, whilst nineteen were in favour of a calendar which adhered to the principles traditionally used to devise calendars in Warwickshire.

- 1.7 Whist a traditional Warwickshire calendar will lead to an Easter break which may differ to some of our neighbours, there are a number of other advantages including:
- (a) Term dates are set for complete weeks – in the main no split-start and end weeks.
  - (b) Two Teacher Days set by the Local Authority (Friday 29 August 2014 and Monday 5 January 2015). Schools would be free to disaggregate the first of these dates.
  - (c) Half-terms in line with those suggested by the LGA and which have been adopted by our neighbours.
  - (d) A ten-day Easter Break, but one week earlier than that set by the LGA, and which may therefore be likely to differ from our neighbours.
  - (e) The academic year ends on a Friday and allows for a six-week summer break.
- 1.8 It is therefore recommended that the traditional Warwickshire calendar shown as **Option A** of the attached document be adopted for the 2014/15 academic year.

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Contact Information</b>
Report Author	Timothy Howram	<a href="mailto:timothyhowram@warwickshire.gov.uk">timothyhowram@warwickshire.gov.uk</a> 01926 742256
Head of Service	Sarah Callaghan	<a href="mailto:sarahcallaghan@warwickshire.gov.uk">sarahcallaghan@warwickshire.gov.uk</a> 01926 742588
Strategic Director	Wendy Fabbro, People Group	<a href="mailto:wendyfabbro@warwickshire.gov.uk">wendyfabbro@warwickshire.gov.uk</a>
Portfolio Holder	Cllr Heather Timms	<a href="mailto:cllrtimms@warwickshire.gov.uk">cllrtimms@warwickshire.gov.uk</a>

# Warwickshire School Term and Holiday Dates - 2014/15 (OPTION A)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
<b>August 2014</b>						
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
<b>September 2014</b>						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
<b>October 2014</b>						
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
<b>November 2014</b>						
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
<b>December 2014</b>						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
<b>January 2015</b>						
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
<b>February 2015</b>						
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
<b>March 2015</b>						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
<b>April 2015</b>						
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
<b>May 2015</b>						
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
<b>June 2015</b>						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
<b>July 2015</b>						
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
<b>August 2015</b>						1
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
<b>September 2015</b>						
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

HalfTerm	Days
1	41
2	35
3	30
4	25
5	29
6	35
<b>Total</b>	<b>195</b>

- School Holiday
- Public Holiday
- Teacher Day

# Warwickshire School Term and Holiday Dates - 2014/15 (OPTION B)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
<b>August 2014</b>						
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
<b>September 2014</b>						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
<b>October 2014</b>						
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
<b>November 2014</b>						
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
<b>December 2014</b>						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
<b>January 2015</b>						
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
<b>February 2015</b>						
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
<b>March 2015</b>						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
<b>April 2015</b>						
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
<b>May 2015</b>						
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
<b>June 2015</b>						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
<b>July 2015</b>						
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
<b>August 2015</b>						1
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
<b>September 2015</b>						
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

HalfTerm	Days
1	40
2	35
3	30
4	29
5	24
6	37
<b>Total</b>	<b>195</b>

- School Holiday
- Public Holiday
- Teacher Day