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School summer holidays to start a little earlier as a result of Platinum Jubilee

States-schools will break up for their summer holidays two days earlier than originally planned this year.

In making this decision, the Committee for Education, Sport & Culture took into consideration Guernsey's decision to adopt the UK's new bank holiday to mark the Platinum Jubilee, which is on 3rd June 2022 and falls within our existing half term break. The UK Government has reduced the academic year by one day to allow for schools to benefit from the additional day of leave and the Bailiwick will now align with this too.

The summer term will now end on Friday 15th July (at the end of the normal school day) instead of lunchtime on Tuesday 19th July.

Students and staff in Guernsey and Alderney will now have Tuesday 19th July off in lieu of the additional bank holiday.

Instead of having a one-day week (Monday 18th July) to end the academic year, the Committee decided to end term on Friday 15th July. Monday 18th will however be a working day for staff. School leaders will use this time flexibly to offer additional training and development and planning to make up for the lost training day in January this year as a result of Covid-19 preparations.

Deputy Andrea Dudley-Owen, President of the Committee *for* Education, Sport & Culture, said:

“Our students and staff have both worked so hard in the last two years to meet the challenges surround the pandemic, so we wanted to ensure they also can enjoy the extra bank holiday which their counterparts in the UK will have this year. The most practical way to achieve this was to bring the start of the summer holidays forward. To avoid having an awkward one-day week, we decided after taking advice from our senior educationalists that it would be most appropriate to end the term on the 15th

July, utilising Monday 18th July as a replacement for the inset day lost at the beginning of January.'

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