

Academic Year 2026/2027		
EMA Payment Schedule Dumfries and Galloway Council		
This payment schedule is relevant to School Students and Home Educated Students. Payments may differ slightly if you are a Cross Border Student travelling daily to attend a school or college due to different term dates/holidays. YGA students will generally follow this schedule however school holidays and EMA start/end date may not be applicable.		
If you do not receive a payment on the expected date this may mean, there is not yet a Learning Agreement in place with the school or the school have not approved your attendance. <u>You should contact the school in the first instance if you have not received payment.</u> This is because we will not know the reason for non-approval, the school will be able to explain to you the reason you are missing a payment and amend if appropriate. Your EMA start date (this can be found on your award letter) depends on your date of application as deadlines apply, please read the EMA guidelines found at www.dumgal.gov.uk/ema		
TERM 1		
Week Ending	Week Ending	Date £ Expected in Student Account
21/08/2026	28/08/2026	04/09/2026
04/09/2026	11/09/2026	18/09/2026
18/09/2026	25/09/2026	02/10/2026
02/10/2026	09/10/2026	16/10/2026
16/10/2026	23/10/2026	No Payment Due October Holiday
TERM 2		
Week Ending	Week Ending	Date £ Expected in Student Account
30/10/2026	06/11/2026	13/11/2026
13/11/2026	20/11/2026	27/11/2026
27/11/2026	04/12/2026	11/12/2026
11/12/2026	*See Term 3	18/12/2026
25/12/2026	01/01/2027	No Payment Due Christmas Holiday
TERM 3		
Week Ending	Week Ending	Date £ Expected in Student Account
18/12/2026 *	-	08/01/2027
08/01/2027 **	15/01/2027	22/01/2027
22/01/2027	29/01/2027	05/02/2027
05/02/2027	12/02/2027	19/02/2027
19/02/2027	26/02/2027	05/03/2027
05/03/2027	12/03/2027	19/03/2027
19/03/2027	26/03/2027	02/04/2027
02/04/2027	09/04/2027	No Payment Due Easter Break
TERM 4		
Week Ending	Week Ending	Date £ Expected in Student Account
16/04/2027	23/04/2027	30/04/2027
30/04/2027	07/05/2027	14/05/2027
14/05/2027	21/05/2027	28/05/2027
28/05/2027	***	04/06/2027
04/06/2027	11/06/2027	18/06/2027
18/06/2027	25/06/2027	02/07/2027
02/07/2027	****	09/07/2027

*	Payment Section close over Christmas period payment will be processed in January
**	Winter Intake Students payments start (students born between 1 October 2009-end of February 2010)
***	Students not returning to complete S6 and School Leavers Final EMA payment
****	End of Term for Academic Year 2026/2027

(All of the above may be subject to change in unforeseen circumstances)