

Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 13 September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Here are the latest school messages and updates for your information.

MESSAGES		
School	Whole School	<p>Student Support Please ask your child(ren) to follow the signs in School to the Student Support Office as this is no longer part of reception.</p> <p>If you have a query regarding medical support, uniform or wellbeing of a child, please call 01275 373737 and choose option 4. This will take you directly to the Student Support office where Mrs Grocock and Miss Hayes will be happy to assist.</p>
Finance	Whole School	<p>Parentpay One-Click Payments (Bank Transfer) Parentpay is encouraging parents to use this payment method rather than card payment. As a school we do not like this as potentially a transaction can fail several days later causing lunch accounts to go overdrawn. The direct debits take 3 working days to set up before a payment should be attempted. The transaction can then take another 4 days to show on your bank statement. We would recommend continuing with card payment as these transactions are pre-authorised. This can be done by selecting the 'Add To Basket' button and then 'Other Payment Method' button.</p>
School	Whole School	<p>WEMA instrumental lessons - these lessons will start in the week beginning 16 September. You should receive an email from your child's instrumental teacher with the lesson timetable by today. If you have not received it by then please email musicadmin@skdrive.org</p>
School	Whole School	<p>Music co-curricular groups are as follows: Choir - Monday morning at 8.35am in room 26 (open to all years). Starts Monday 16 September. Orchestra - Wednesday morning at 8.35am in room 26 (open to all instrumentalists including last years trailblazers). Starts Wednesday 2nd October. Any questions please contact Miss Adams (adamsa@skdrive.org)</p>
School	Whole School	<p>Whilst many of our co-curricular activities occur during the regular Wednesday enrichment slot, we have several clubs and activities that run at lunch or before and after school. Please review this with your child and encourage them to get involved where appropriate.</p> <p>📄 STUDENT ACTIVITIES 2024_25 BOOKLET .pdf</p>
School	Whole School	<p>Homework is an important part of learning at St Katherine's and your help in supporting children in this work is vital. Please check Class Charts regularly to see all homework which should be set in line with the following schedule:</p> <p>📄 HW Timetable 2024_25.pdf</p>

School	Year 7	<p>Photographs</p> <p>School photographs are now available to order online at www.clickfoto.co.uk each student will have been handed a unique and individual access code on Wednesday. If you have any questions please call 02920 448210 or email orders@clickfoto.co.uk</p>
School	Year 7	<p>Biometrics</p> <p>Thank you to families who have given permission for your child(ren) to have their fingerprint taken, this is a quick way for students to pay for lunch in the Dining Hall.</p> <p>There are a small number of students that are pending, of which your tutors have now been informed. Students will be given the opportunity to go during tutor or after lunch next week.</p> <p>Please note, students are still able to get lunch in school by saying their surname to the catering staff, which will link them to ParentPay also.</p>
Food and Nutrition - Mrs Jenkins	Year 7	<p>Here are the practical lessons taking place next week for the following classes. All ingredients are set on Classcharts. Any problems, please let Mrs Jenkins know.</p> <p>Monday 16th September - 7L Fruit Salad Thursday 19th September - 7L Deli salad Thursday 19th September - 7R Fruit salad Please bring an apron and an airtight container to take your food with you.</p>
Miss Adams	Year 7	<p>Trailblazers - if you have signed up we will be in touch soon regarding instrument allocation and lesson times.</p>
Ms Wild	Year 7	<p>Every student is expected to read for at least 20 minutes every day, and log their reading. If you have any questions, or would like to talk about how best to support your young person, please email wildi@skdrive.org</p>
Mr Hodgson	Year 7	<p>Year 7 will be starting the year by taking on a challenge. Every tutor group will be given the opportunity to climb Sugar Loaf, in South Wales.</p> <p>The tutor groups will take on the challenge on the following dates:</p> <p>T2 20/09 Y 4/10 S1 11/10 P 8/11 S2 15/11 T1 22/11</p> <p>Each group will be sent a letter in advance with more information.</p>
Food and Nutrition - Mrs Jenkins	Year 8	<p>Here are the practical lessons taking place next week for the following classes. All ingredients are set on Classcharts. Any problems, please let Mrs Jenkins know.</p> <p>Monday 16th September - 8L scones Please bring an apron and an airtight container to take your food with you.</p>
Ms Wild	Year 8	<p>All students are expected to quiz each book as soon as they finish reading it. Ask your young person if they have quizzed a book yet in year 8.</p>

Ms Wild	Year 9	In year 9, students move up to reading books from our Bucket List . If you would like to discuss how best to support your young person with this next phase of reading, please email wildi@skdrive.org
DofE	Year 9	<p>There will be a parents' information evening on Thursday 19th September, at 19.00. This will contain information about how to get started on your Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. This will be online and recorded if you are unable to make it.</p> <p>The joining invite is here:</p> <p>Topic: Bronze DofE Information Evening Time: Sep 19, 2024 07:00 PM</p> <p>Join Zoom Meeting Link</p> <p>Meeting ID: 823 3865 1392 Passcode: kzS3Q5</p> <p>Please encourage students to join the DofE classroom with the code: 4iiolid</p> <p>Google classroom link</p>
Food and Nutrition	Year 10	<p>Here are the practical lessons taking place next week for the following classes. All ingredients are set on Classcharts. Any problems, please let Mrs Jenkins know.</p> <p>Tuesday 17th September - 10A Vegetable soup and Fruit platter Please bring an apron and an airtight container to take your food with you.</p>
Mrs Cameron	Year 10 Art Students	<p>See attached lunchtime and after school Art GCSE coursework catch up drop in sessions for all year 10 art students:</p> <p>Room 12 Mrs Cameron - Every Tuesday lunchtime (late lunch) and Tuesday after school (3.05-3.45pm) Room 10 Ms Tallis- Every Thursday after school (3.05-3.45pm)</p>
DofE Silver	Year 10	<p>We are looking at starting Silver DofE and need to gauge numbers. If you are interested in starting your Silver DofE this year- please complete this form. There will be more information around this coming soon.</p>
Ms Tallis	Year 11 ART GCSE	<p>Posted on your child's art Classroom today:</p> <p>A few of you are choosing to complete a couple of assessment objectives rather than the whole of the Personal Project, but the majority of you should have finished ALL DRAWING & RESEARCH now. If you need to complete any more, please do so in line with the next h/w deadline of MON 16 SEPT.</p> <p>Otherwise all lesson time & homework (2 hours every other week minimum) should be focused on FINAL PIECE PLANNING. Six sheets will be due at the end of Term 1. I will write new personal targets for all when work is collected on Mon.</p> <p>Many thanks for your continued support with your child's art GCSE.</p>

School	Year 12	Photographs School photographs are now available to order online at www.clickfoto.co.uk each student will have been handed a unique and individual access code on Wednesday. If you have any questions please call 02920 448210 or email orders@clickfoto.co.uk
Mrs Duncan	Year 12	Work Experience This week, all students received information regarding St Katherine's Work Experience Programme, which will take place on 16th - 20th June. More information can be found here
School	Year 13	Photographs A small amount of Y13's had their photographs taken on Wednesday These are now available to order online at www.clickfoto.co.uk each student will have been handed a unique and individual access code. If you have any questions please call 02920 448210 or email orders@clickfoto.co.uk

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UPCOMING EVENTS

18 Sep	1800-1830 Y12&Y13 parent/carer information evening, in person
19 Sep	0835-1505 Y8 Future Brunel, WECA activity day
19 Sep	New this week Y9 Bronze DofE Information Evening
19 Sep	1900-2130 Sports Award evening, Canteen
20 Sep	0835-1505 Y7 (7T2) tutor group, Sugar Loaf trip
26 Sep	1600-2030 Open Evening, school closed at 1230
27 Sep	INSET DAY
1 Oct	0835-1505 Y11 Bristol Harbourside - Human Field work
1 Oct	0900-1100 Open morning
2 Oct	0835-1505 Y11 Middle Hope - Physical field work
3 Oct	0900-1100 Open morning
3 Oct	New this week 1220-1300 Y7 Roald Dahl quiz, Library

4 Oct	0835-1505 Y7 tutor group, Sugar Loaf trip
4 Oct	0830-1000 Coffee with the Headteacher
8 Oct	0900-1100 Open morning
10 Oct	0835-1505 Hello Yellow, Mental Health Day
10 Oct	0835-1505 Y10, Y11 The Knitting and Stitching Show, Alexandra Palace
10 Oct	0900-1100 Open morning
11 Oct	0835-1505 Y7 tutor group, Sugar Loaf trip
15 Oct	0900-1100 Open morning
16 Oct	1700-1800 Y11 Parent/Carer supporting through exams evening
17 Oct	0900-1100 Open morning
23 Oct	1600-1900 Parents/carers - Y7 Pastoral check in with Tutors, Virtual
25 Oct	END OF TERM 1