

Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 20 September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

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

MESSAGES		
School	Whole School	<p>We have dedicated email addresses in School to help you reach the correct department as efficiently as possible.</p> <p>Please therefore note the following and redirect your email as appropriate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child absence, medical appointments etc - attendance@skdrive.org • Finance (e.g. ParentPay) - finance@skdrive.org • Student support - sso@skdrive.org • Visitor reception - reception@skdrive.org • Admissions - admissions@skdrive.org • Marketing - marketing@skdrive.org • Exams - exams@skdrive.org <p>Emails sent to the school inbox will be responded to within 48 hours.</p>
School	Whole School	<p>Please see Parent/carer letter from the Trust.</p>
School	Years 7-11	<p>Uniform</p> <p>At St Katherine's School, we uphold very high standards for our school uniform, and we greatly appreciate the support of parents in maintaining these standards. As we continue to focus on these uniform expectations, please ensure your child adheres to the following this term:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blazer and Ties: Must be worn everyday • Facial Piercings: These are not permitted and must be removed • Shirts: Should be tucked in at all times • Footwear: Trainers, including Air Force Ones, are not allowed <p>Your cooperation in helping your child comply with our uniform policy is invaluable. Thank you for your continued support.</p>
School	Whole School	<p>Student Support</p> <p>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>
School	Whole School	<p>Bringing in forgotten PE kits/lunchboxes</p> <p>If you need to bring in an item your child has forgotten (such as a PE kit or lunchbox) please ensure that your child knows to pick this up from our Student Support Office (SSO). Our process is that adults drop items off in our Visitor Reception and children collect from SSO.</p>
School	Whole School	<p>Safer Inside Practise Drill</p>

		<p>On Monday 23 September during tutor time, all staff and students will be taken through what to do if they hear the 'safer inside' alarm that means that everyone must get inside to stay safe.</p> <p>Students will complete the drill with their tutors so they feel safe and supported and are confident they know what to do in the unlikely event that the alarm sounds.</p> <p>As a result of this important drill, reception and the Student Support Office will be closed to visitors and students from 08:35 - 08:45 and the main gates will be closed.</p> <p>Please do all you can to make sure that your child is on time for school as they will not be admitted to the site once the drill is underway.</p> <p>If you think your child may need additional support during the drill, please contact their tutor.</p>
School	Whole School	<p>Instrumental lessons through WEMA: these are now up and running with the exception of drums which are due to start on Weds 25th September. Any questions to: musicadmin@skdrive.org please.</p>
School	Whole School	<p>PE Updates</p> <p>We publish daily updates online for those who are unable to access X / Twitter. The update contains all of the details for PE activities which are due to take place the following day. You can access the update here.</p>
School	Whole School	<p>Off The Record - Shameless</p> <p>Off The Record (OTR) is a mental health social movement by and for young people aged 11-25 living in Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire. They support children in school and have a superb online offer for children wishing to access support with their mental health and wellbeing at home. Shameless is OTR's group for anyone feeling impacted by issues around body image and low self-esteem. "Know your worth, find your power". The sessions will take place online and children can register to become involved here.</p>
Finance	Whole School	<p>Parentpay One-Click Payments (Bank Transfer)</p> <p>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. Where failed payments are for any item other than dinners the school incurs the charge for two Parentpay transactions. 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 skipping the first page asking you to set up a One Click payment then selecting the 'Add To Basket' button and then 'Other Payment Method' button.</p>
Safeguarding	Whole School	<p>Keeping Your Children Safe Online</p> <p>The UK Safer Internet Centre is a valuable resource for parents and carers to help keep their children safe online. Here you can find guides and resources about how to ensure your child is only using age appropriate apps, how to manage security settings and parental controls.</p> <p>We encourage all parents and carers to regularly check their children's phones to help keep them safe online and encourage respectful and responsible online behaviours.</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 Miss Adams	Year 7	<p>Trailblazers scheme: you should now have received an email informing you of your child's instrument allocation. The trailblazers teacher will be emailing you with the lesson day and time. Most trailblazers lessons will begin week beginning 23rd September. Any questions to: musicadmin@skdrive.org please</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 23rd September - 7r Deli Salad</p> <p>Please bring an apron and an airtight container to take your food with you.</p>
Mr Lee - Head of Maths	Year 7	<p>In their first week, all of Year 7 sat a baseline assessment. Using this, we have made some changes to the sets of some children. This is to make sure they are in the correct group, so that they can get the most out of their Maths lessons. If you have any questions, please let me know via leea@skdrive.org</p>
Miss Adams	Year 8	<p>Trailblazers plus scheme: the trailblazers teacher will be emailing you with the lesson day and time. Most trailblazers lessons will begin week beginning 23rd September. Any questions to: musicadmin@skdrive.org please</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>Tuesday 24th September - 8r Scones</p> <p>Please bring an apron and an airtight container to take your food with you.</p>
Miss Adams	Year 9	<p>Trailblazers plus scheme: the trailblazers teacher will be emailing you with the lesson day and time. Most trailblazers lessons will begin week beginning 23rd September. Any questions to: musicadmin@skdrive.org please</p>
Food and Nutrition - Mrs Jenkins	Year 9	<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 23rd September - 9L Chow mein</p> <p>Tuesday 24th September - 9R Chow mein</p> <p>Please bring an apron and an airtight container to take your food with you.</p>
Miss Adams	Year 10	<p>Trailblazers plus scheme: the trailblazers teacher will be emailing you with the lesson day and time. Most trailblazers lessons will begin week beginning 23rd September. Any questions to: musicadmin@skdrive.org please</p>
Mrs Weatherson	Year 10 GCSE PHOTO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please ensure that you have read through the conduct contract with the students and completed the agreement. Students cannot use the equipment without supervision until that is complete.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Catch up sessions are on Thursday 3.05pm - 4pm or students can use https://hwmedia.wixsite.com/stkatherinesmedia/photography to access support at home. For students that wish to use the camera rental system, a purchase of a camera card is now on parentpay - this is one off payment for the course.
Mrs Duncan	Year 10	<p>Work Experience</p> <p>Over the next two weeks, all students will receive information regarding St Katherine's Work Experience Programme, which will take place on 30th June - 4th July. More information can be found here. Congratulations to the 1st student who has already secured a placement!</p>
Miss Adams	Year 11	Trailblazers plus scheme: the trailblazers teacher will be emailing you with the lesson day and time. Most trailblazers lessons will begin week beginning 23rd September. Any questions to: musicadmin@skdrive.org please
Mrs Weatherson	Year 11 GCSE PHOTO	Students should be working on their extended learning projects at home every week and taking photographs on their chosen theme.
Ms Tallis	Year 11 ART GCSE	<p>All lesson time & homework (2 hours every other week minimum) is now focused on FINAL PIECE PLANNING for the second coursework project.. Six sheets will be <u>due at the end of this term</u>.</p> <p>Students who met the deadline of Mon 16 Sept all have personal targets on the inside of their paper folders kept in their plastic portfolios. Please look at these with your child & support them to continue working through them at home. If your child does not have up-to-date targets due to absence, please ask them to leave their current art work on my desk ASAP.</p> <p>GCSE catch up club in the Art Dept - every <u>Tues & Thurs after school & Wed lunchtime</u>.</p> <p>Many thanks for your continued support with your child's art GCSE.</p>
Ms Wyld	Year 12&13	The Economist is now offering access to their digest app, Espresso , free of charge for students over the age of 16
Mrs Duncan	Year 12	<p>Work Experience</p> <p>Last 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. Congratulations to the 1st student who has already secured a placement.</p>

LETTERS - click [here](#) to see all letters

SPORT - click [here](#) to see updates via our X page or [here](#) for the PE @ SK calendar

UPCOMING EVENTS

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	1220-1300 Y7 Roald Dahl quiz, Library
4 Oct	0835-1505 Y7 (7Y) 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 (7S1) 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