

Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 11 October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

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

MESSAGES		
School	Whole School	Please find the letter from Mr Humphreys with regards to SKYFund. Thank you to those who have made contributions, this is gratefully received. We have been able to set up this on ParentPay if you would like to also donate that way.
School	Whole School	Please continue to raise the issue of punctuality with your young person, both to school and to lessons. We are working hard at St Katherine's to reduce the number of minutes late logged across all year groups. We will be contacting parents should we be concerned about their young person's lateness to school and/or lessons.
School	Whole School	Please continue to support the school in raising our expectations of uniform . The list of full expectations are outlined on our school website. This term we have been particularly focusing on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blazers and Ties - worn to school and to lessons • No facial piercings - these must be removed • No trainers - shoes must be polishable • Shirts - must be tucked in
School	Whole school	Free School Meals If you think you are entitled to claim a free school meal benefit because of your income or circumstances it's essential you apply. For each eligible child, the school receives funding for the next six years, even if their parents go back to full-time paid work. You can apply to North Somerset here . If you have any queries or would like the school to support you with your application please contact reception.
School	Whole school	Free School Meals If your child is entitled to a free school meal they can receive breakfast in the canteen before 8.30. They will be able to choose from the following; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 pieces of toast with jam • fresh fruit with a juice drink • porridge with honey/syrup with a juice drink • cereal with milk • 1 crumpet with jam.
School	Whole School	Harvest Collection for Pill Foodbank We are supporting the work of the Pill Food Hub again this autumn and are asking families to donate canned food and household cleaning products to support the appeal. Items should be brought to school by Monday 14 October and taken to Student Support. We are grateful to the support the Pill Food Hub provides for students and their families. More information about which items are needed can be found here .
School	Whole School	Advice for Parents about Mobile Phones and Social Media We encourage all parents to regularly check their children's phones for inappropriate content and age appropriate apps. Instagram, Facebook,

		<p>SnapChat, TikTok and YouTube all have age restrictions of 13 years and therefore should not be installed on childrens' phones in Year 7</p> <p>WhatsApp has an age restriction of 16 and therefore should not be on childrens' phones in Year 7-10.</p> <p>Parents should regularly check their children's messages and images and we have found that the UK Safer Internet Centre is a useful place to find advice and tips about keeping your children safe online. Their website can be found 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. 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> <p>Daily Limit</p> <p>If you need to change the daily limit on your child's lunch account please email finance@skdrive.org</p> <p>Low Balance Alert</p> <p>Please set an alert up on Parentpay so that you get a warning if your child's lunch account balance is low.</p> <p>Go to Communication, Alert Settings, Balance Alerts, Threshold - input £5 and tick email box. Email notifications are free.</p>
School	Whole school	<p>Choir</p> <p>We have an exciting opportunity to perform in two concerts alongside professional musicians from Birmingham Conservatoire at Trinity Academy. These concerts are on Wednesday 16th October. A letter has been sent home about this trip, please complete the consent form. Please note students will need a packed lunch on the day.</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 14th October - 7L Rock cakes</p> <p>Thursday 17th October - 7L Fruity muffins 7r Fruity muffins</p> <p>Please bring an apron and an airtight container to take your food with you.</p>
Netball club - Miss Ball	Year 7	<p>There will be no afterschool netball practice on Tuesday 15th and 22nd October due to matches taking place. If your child has been selected to play, they will (and parents) receive an email to confirm their selection.</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 14th October - 8L Dutch apple cake</p>

		Please bring an apron and an airtight container to take your food with you.
Food and Nutrition - Mrs Jenkins	Year 9	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. Tuesday 15th October - 9r Pizza Please bring an apron and an airtight container to take your food with you.
Music	Year 9	A group of Year 9 students have been invited to watch our school choir perform in a concert at Trinity Academy alongside professional musicians from Royal Birmingham Conservatoire on Wednesday 16th October. A letter has been sent home with full details: please complete the consent form.
Engineering	Year 10	Coursework is an ongoing piece of work worth 30% of your child's grade this year. To support them in getting the best possible result and meeting all the deadlines in time we are offering extra sessions within the department. Your child is invited and encouraged to attend: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Before school: Mon, Wed, Thurs and Fri (from 7:30) - After school: Tues, Thursday and Fri (until 4:30) - Breaktimes: Mon - Fri - Lunchtimes: Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri
Food and Nutrition - Mrs Jenkins	Year 10	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. Tuesday 15th October - 10A Cottage pie Please bring an apron and an airtight container to take your food with you.
Photography	Year 10	Thank you for reading through the school photography contract and code of conduct with your child. Students are only given permission to use the cameras unsupervised on this basis. You can continue to purchase camera cards if your child wishes to use the school equipment rental system. The first homework project is due before the end of term.
Silver DofE	Year 10	If you want to start the Silver DofE - please complete the enrolment form found on the google classroom. The meeting and enrolment form for Silver DofE can be found on the google classroom: wqkf67z
Mrs Duncan	Year 10	Work Experience All students have now received 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 9 students who have already secured a placement! Here is this week's WOW! (Wex Opportunity of the Week) PLEASE START THE SEARCH EARLY. A LOT OF COMPANIES ARE FULL BY DECEMBER/JANUARY.

Ms Tallis	Year 11 Art GCSE	<p>Coursework forms 40% of your child's art GCSE grade. All lesson time & homework is now focused on FINAL PIECE PLANNING for the second coursework project. Six sheets will be <u>due at the end of Term 1</u>.</p> <p>Students 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.</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>
Engineering	Year 11	<p>Coursework is an ongoing piece of work worth 30% of your child's grade this year. To support them in getting the best possible result and meeting all the deadlines in time we are offering extra sessions within the department. Your child should be attending at least 3 of the below sessions each week to put them in the best position to achieve their desired grade:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Before school: Mon, Wed, Thurs and Fri (from 7:30) - After school: Tues, Thursday and Fri (until 4:30) - Breaktimes: Mon - Fri - Lunchtimes: Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri
Food Preparation and Nutrition - Mrs Jenkins	Year 11	<p>The NEA 1 scientific investigation is taking place on 16th October P1-4. This will form part of their final GCSE grade.</p>
Photography	Year 11	<p>The coursework unit is 60% of the students' grade and this is due for initial submission November 4th. Students should be taking photographs - they can use their mobile phones but these images should be uploaded to their google drive prior to lessons. Alternatively, students can use the school rental system for cameras.</p> <p>All students have personal targets in their digital portfolios and your ongoing support to ensure they are working to meet these targets is highly valued.</p>
Science Mrs Ivey	Year 11	<p>It was great to see so many year 11s at biology revision this week. Next week on Thursday there will be chemistry revision with Mr Sugden in lab 2 3-4pm.</p> <p>A list of what students need to revise for the mocks can be found on the links below: Triple Combined</p>
Mock Exams	Year 11	<p>The first set of year 11 mocks takes place between 11 Nov and 5 Dec.</p>

Date	Start Time	Component Title	Length
18/11/2024	09:00	English Lit: Paper 1	120 Mins
18/11/2024	13:00	Geog Paper 1	90 mins
19/11/2024	09:00	History - Paper 2: American West & Henry	1 hour 50 Mins
19/11/2024	13:00	Maths Non Cal	1 hour 30 min
20/11/2024	09:00	Triple Physics Paper 1	1 hour 45 min
20/11/2024	09:00	Combined Physics Paper 1	1 hour 15 min
20/11/2024	13:00	Maths Paper 2	1 hour 30 min
21/11/2024	09:00	Triple Chemistry Paper 1	1 hour 45 min
21/11/2024	09:00	Combined Chemistry Paper 1	1 hour 15 min
21/11/2024	13:00	Spanish Listening	45 min
21/11/2024	13:00	French Listening	35 min
22/11/2024	09:00	English Language Paper 1	120 min
22/11/2024	13:00	Psychology	1 hour 45 min
Date	Start Time	Component Title	Length
25/11/2024	09:00	Computer Science - Paper 1	90 Mins
25/11/2024	13:00	Food Prep and Nutrition	105 min
25/11/2024	13:00	Further Maths Paper 1	105 min
26/11/2024	09:00	Geog Paper 2	60 minutes
26/11/2024	13:00	French Reading	60 minutes
26/11/2024	13:00	Spanish Reading	45 minutes
27/11/2024	09:00	Maths Paper 3	1 hour 30 min
27/11/2024	13:00	Business Paper 1 + 2 mix	90
28/11/2024	09:00	Further Maths Paper 2	105 mins
28/11/2024	13:00	French Writing	1 hour 20 min
28/11/2024	13:00	Spanish Writing	1 hour 5 min
29/11/2024	09:00	Triple Biology Paper 1	1 hour 15 min
29/11/2024	09:00	Combined Biology Paper 1	1 hour 15 min
29/11/2024	13:00	Engineering	75 minutes
11/11/2024	All Day	Art Mock	
11/11/2024	All Day	Textiles Mock	
4/12/2024	All Day	Photography Mock	
5/12/2024	All Day	Photography Mock	

Gold DofE

Year 12

If you want to start the Gold DofE - please complete the enrolment form found on the google classroom.

The meeting and enrolment form for Gold DofE can be found on the google classroom:

Mrs Duncan

Year 12

Work Experience

All students have received information regarding St Katherine's Work Experience Programme, which will take place on 16th - 20th June. More information can be found [here](#).

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PLEASE REMIND YOUR CHILD TO CONTACT COMPANIES NOW. A LOT OF THE PLACEMENTS HAVE GONE BY DECEMBER/JANUARY.

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

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

WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK!

PE Fixtures, Events, Clubs & Practices



Week 7 of 8: Monday 14 October – Friday 18 October (Week 1)

Dates and times for boys' and girls' fixtures & events (**bold**) as well as clubs and practices (*italics*) for this week. Details are always subject to change – please follow @StKathsPE on X for the latest information. Students can also login to Slack using their SK account details.

Day	Before or During School Hours	After School Hours
Monday	Primary Disc Sports Festival – start 0835, finish 1245 apx. <i>LUNCH Daily60: Indoor Football</i> Y7 Disc Sports Festival – start 1300, finish 1505 apx.	7 Boys Rugby v PCSA HOME – finish 1715 apx. <i>Short Mat Bowls [1630]</i>
Tuesday	<i>ARRIVAL Taught 9, 10 & 11 Strength & Conditioning</i> <i>LUNCH Daily60: Basketball</i> 11 Boys Rugby v Robert Blake AWAY – leave 1400, return 1830 apx.	9 Boys Rugby v Gordano AWAY – return 1730 apx. 8 & 9 Girls Netball v Sidcot AWAY – return 1745 apx. <i>8 Boys Rugby [1700]</i>
Wednesday	<i>ARRIVAL Open Strength & Conditioning</i> <i>LUNCH Daily60: Indoor Rowing</i> 6F Boys Football v Wellsway AWAY – leave 1400, return 1730 apx.	7 Boys Rugby Block AWAY @ Nailsea – return 1800 apx. <i>9 Boys Rugby [1700]</i> <i>10 & 11 Girls Hockey [1630]</i>
Thursday	<i>ARRIVAL Taught 7 & 8 Strength & Conditioning</i> <i>LUNCH Daily60: Dodgeball</i>	11 Boys Rugby v PCSA HOME – finish 1715 apx. 8 & 9 Boys Rugby v Backwell HOME – finish 1715 apx. 8 & 9 Girls Netball v Nailsea HOME – finish 1715 apx.
Friday	<i>ARRIVAL Outdoor Running Club</i> <i>LUNCH Daily60: Indoor Cricket</i>	<i>Badminton & Table Tennis [1700]</i>
Weekend	<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>



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UPCOMING EVENTS

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