

Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 25 October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

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

MESSAGES		
School	Whole School	<p>Poppy Appeal and Remembrance Commemoration</p> <p>Student Leaders will visit tutor groups after the holidays to collect donations for the Poppy Appeal this year. Students can bring cash to school. Additional poppy themed items are available in the library. There will be a whole school Remembrance Service on 11 November as part of our commemorations.</p>
School	Whole School	<p>Whole School Careers Fair - Thursday 14 November 4.30-7.00pm</p> <p>We will be hosting employers from a range of industries (Deloitte, First Bus, Brandon Trust, Navy, House of Basketball, McDonalds, Michelmores, Police, NHS, HMRC) as well as post 16 and 18 education providers. (SGS College, City of Bristol College, Weston College, Boomsatsuma, Bimm, Digitech, St Brendan's Sixth Form College) This will be particularly important for any Year 11 students making post 16 choices as all local providers will be here in one place.</p> <p>This is a great opportunity to speak in person with potential employers and representatives from Higher Education institutions to find out about career pathways</p> <p>In addition, there will be information sessions from Ask Apprenticeships at 17.00 and 18.00 and University of Bath will be running Understanding Student Finance sessions 17.30 and 18.30.</p> <p>The St Katherine's School Careers Fair is free to attend. Please sign up using this link</p>
School	Whole school	<p>Keeping Children Safe Over the Holidays</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The police have produced some guidance around keeping safe in your community this Halloween - Keep your community safe this Halloween Avon and Somerset Police • The Keeping Bristol Safe Partnership have shared their young person checklist to be more generalised for checking in with each other and planning for keeping safe in the community. • Additionally, there have been some upsetting and serious issues in our communities relating to knife crime. Some of the children at our school have been affected by what has happened and in response the KBSP have produced a video for parents and carers to have conversations with their child about knife crime - Video: How to have conversations with your child about knife crime (bristolsafeguardingineducation.org)
Ms Wyld	Year 7	<p>In our Library lessons we are introducing students to Accelerated Reader, first with an explanation, followed by a session testing individual reading ability. After this our Yr7 students should begin to quiz each of the books they finish that is in their reading range. Please find more detail here</p>

		Please do ask your child what they are reading and encourage them to quiz in school as soon after finishing as possible - earning 3 praise points for every quiz pass!
Food and Nutrition - Mrs Jenkins	Year 7	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. Thursday 7th November - 7L and 7R Bread rolls Please bring an apron and an airtight container to take your food with you.
Ms I Wild	Year 7	Please see details of our first parent workshop on 6th November at 3.30 on supporting young people with reading . Please sign up here to meet Lucy Wyld and myself over a cup of tea in the library.
Food and Nutrition - Mrs Jenkins	Year 8	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 5th November - 8R Swiss roll Please bring an apron and an airtight container to take your food with you.
Science - Mr Hake	Year 8	'We the curious' trip - We have sent out a letter to all about the year 8 trip to 'We the curious' on Wednesday 20th November and Thursday 21st November. Please make sure to fill out the consent form and pay for the trip and this is currently on parent pay. If you have any questions about this trip please let me know hakej@skdrive.org and if there are any concerns about payment please let Mrs Crocker know crockerk@skdrive.org
Ms Wild	Year 8	Half term is a great time to try audio books -freely available from the public library system. If your child is not yet a member, they can join for free - link here .
Ms Wild	Year 9	Half term is a great time to try audio books -freely available from the public library system. If your child is not yet a member, they can join for free - link here . Remind students to review each book they read or listen to on the Bucket List classroom (details on their Classcharts reading homework for English).
School	Year 9	Progress evening - 13 November 2024 Please see letter here sent via ParentPay regarding Parents/Carers will have the opportunity to discuss computer science at our options evening on Wednesday 5 February, rather than during this evening.
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

French	Year 10	There will be an after school French club starting after half term. This will run after school on Thursdays, from 3.10pm-3.45pm in room 32, open to all French Y10 students.
Food Preparation 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 5th November - Fruit muffins and Quiche Please bring an apron and an airtight container to take your food with you.
Photography	Year 10	Please note that the shutter speed project is now complete and we will be moving on to the second project: pattern and texture when we return for term 2. If students still have incomplete projects they can use half term and my support site: https://hwmedia.wixsite.com/stkatherinesmedia/photography to catch up.
Mr Sugden and Mr Dawes	Year 11	Whole School Careers Fair - Thursday 14 November 4.30-7.00pm Please really encourage your child's attendance to the Careers Fair. This is the students' only opportunity to have all Bristol and North Somerset Post-16 Providers in one place where they can discuss their plans after GCSEs. This is a free event, please sign up with the link .
Engineering	Year 11	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: <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
Sixth Form Open Evening	Year 11	A reminder that Sixth Form Open Evening takes place on November 7th, and it is essential that you register in advance to secure your place. Please do so using this form . We'll see you there.
French	Year 11	Your speaking mock exams will take place on Monday 9th December. I will share the timetable and venue over half term. Please make sure you are revising your photo cards, role plays and general conversation questions.
Spanish	Year 11	Your speaking mock exams will take place on Tuesday 10th December (foundation tier students) and Wednesday 11th December (Higher tier students).. I will share the timetable and venue over half term. Please make sure you are revising your photo cards, role plays and general conversation questions.
Art	Year 11	The Year 11 mock art exam is all day on Mon 11 Nov. I have emailed all parents/carers with more details. Your child needs to be fully prepared for the mock exam with six completed A3 sheets of final piece planning. All students have personal targets written in their paper folders for all of you at home to refer to.

		Please support your child to complete a minimum of four hours of artwork over the break . Many thanks.
Science Mrs Ivey	Year 11	There will be physics revision with Mrs Mathai on Tuesday 5th November afterschool in lab 3.
Photography	Year 11	<p>Please ensure that you plan accordingly to take lots of photographs for your ELP over half term - there is an early submission for this work 5th November. The mock dates are 4th/ 5th December and the final submission will follow on from this as the first date back in January.</p> <p>There is still the opportunity to submit a photograph for the WONDERFUL WATER competition - also due 5th Nov.</p>
Mr Davies	Year 12&13	<p>Progress checks were sent home with all Sixth Form students on Wednesday October 23rd. For Year 13 students, this was the first progress check of Year 13 with predictions for final grades; for Year 12, this was a 'settling in check' based on the first term and performance in their initial Early Hurdle assessment. If students do not return home with reports, please email garretr@skdrive.org and an electronic version can be sent home.</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

WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK!

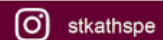
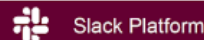
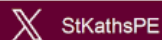
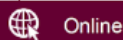
PE Fixtures, Events, Clubs & Practices



Week 1 of 7: Monday 4 November – Friday 8 November (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	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO STUDENTS	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO STUDENTS
Tuesday	<i>ARRIVAL Taught 9, 10 & 11 Strength & Conditioning</i> <i>LUNCH Daily60: Basketball</i> 11 Boys Rugby Tournament AWAY – leave 1220, return 1715 apx.	10 & 11 Girls Hockey v PCSA AWAY – return 1745 apx. <i>8 Boys Rugby [1700]</i> <i>7 Girls Netball [1630]</i>
Wednesday	<i>ARRIVAL Open Strength & Conditioning</i> <i>LUNCH Daily60: Indoor Rowing</i> 6F Boys Football v Clevedon AWAY – return 1600 apx.	<i>9 Boys Rugby [1700]</i> <i>Girls Football [1630]</i> <i>10 & 11 Girls Hockey [1630]</i>
Thursday	<i>ARRIVAL Taught 7 & 8 Strength & Conditioning</i> <i>LUNCH Daily60: Dodgeball</i>	7 Boys Rugby v PCSA AWAY – return 1745 apx. 7, 8 & 9 Girls Netball v PCSA HOME – finish 1700 apx. 6F Open Evening – start 1800, finish 1930 apx.
Friday	<i>ARRIVAL Outdoor Running Club</i> <i>LUNCH Daily60: Indoor Cricket</i> 9 Boys Football v SBL HOME – finish 1700 apx.	<i>Badminton & Table Tennis [1700]</i>
Weekend	<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>



UPCOMING EVENTS

25 Oct	END OF TERM 1
4 Nov	INSET DAY
5 Nov	TERM 2 COMMENCES
5 Nov	Y11 Futures Day
6 Nov	1530-1630 Reading at St Katherine's: How to support your child
7 Nov	1800-1930 Sixth Form Open Evening
8 Nov	0835-1505 7P Sugar Loaf trip
8 Nov	Lunchtime - Oxford University Press visit (Kerboodle), Library
11 Nov	Remembrance Day
13 Nov	0835-1505 Y9 Future Brunels, WECA activity day
13 Nov	1600-1900 Y9 Progress Evening
14 Nov	1630-1900 Careers Fair, Sixth form and Canteen

15 Nov	0835-1505 7S2 Sugar Loaf trip
20 Nov	0835-1505 8Y1, 8P1, 8T - We the Curious trip
21 Nov	0835-1505 8Y2, 8P2, 8S - We the Curious trip
22 Nov	0835-1505 7T1 Sugar Loaf trip
27 Nov	0835-1505 Y8 Future Brunels, WECA activity day
27 Nov	0915-1315 RWA and Bristol Museum GCSE and A Level Art trip & Royal West of England Academy/Bristol Museum and Art Gallery
27 Nov	1600-1900 Y8 Progress Evening
28 Nov	1500-1630 Coffee with the Headteacher
3 Dec	0900-1600 Y13 We the curious visit
5 Dec	0700-2100 Y13 Tate Britain & National Gallery, London
10 Dec	0835-1505 Y10 Warner Brother studio tour
11 Dec	1800-1900 Christmas Carols, Canteen
19 Dec	New this week Christmas lunch
20 Dec	END OF TERM 2 - School closes at 1230