

## Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 15 November 2024

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

MESSAGES		
School	Whole School	<p><b>Coffee with the Headteacher</b></p> <p>Our next coffee with the Headteacher will be held on <b>Thursday 28 November at 1500 until 1630</b> in Mr Humphreys office. We will be ordering catering, so please do let us know if you intend on coming by emailing <a href="mailto:school@skdrive.org">school@skdrive.org</a> and we will add your name to the list.</p>
Finance	Free School Meal Families	<p><b>Free School Meal Vouchers January 2025</b></p> <p>I have just been informed by North Somerset Council that we are to issue £50 of Wonde vouchers from the Household Support Fund based on the free school meal list as at 16th January 2025.</p> <p>Please note that these are not holiday vouchers and Bristol City Council fund vouchers at different times for Bristol Schools.</p>
Finance	Whole School	<p><b>Parentpay One-Click Payments (Bank Transfer)</b></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-authorized. 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><b>Daily Limit</b></p> <p>If you need to change the daily limit on your child's lunch account please email <a href="mailto:finance@skdrive.org">finance@skdrive.org</a></p> <p><b>Low Balance Alert</b></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>
Mr Davies	Whole School	<p>On Tuesday November 19th, our Sixth Form Leadership Team is putting on a Funfair to spread some joy and raise some funds for Men's Mental Health month. Can students please bring an extra pound or two on this day to join in the fun.</p>
Mr Davies	Whole School	<p>Continuing this theme, we are still raising funds for the Movember campaign. No one has given in and shaved it off yet! Please give generously to this wonderful cause at our <a href="#">Team Page</a>.</p>
Food and Nutrition	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>Friday 22nd November - 7L Fruit salad</p> <p>Please bring an apron and an airtight container to take your food with you.</p>

Ms Wild	Year 7	Our first parent workshop on supporting your child with reading has been rearranged to the 20th of November. Please complete this <a href="#">Google form</a> to let us know if you are interested in attending. Any questions, please email <a href="mailto:wildi@skdrive.org">wildi@skdrive.org</a>
Mrs Ivey Science	Year 7	<p><b>The year 7 winter test will take place w/c 2nd December.</b> This test will be one 40 minute test on 'Working scientifically'. The test will assess what students have been learning in the 'Becoming a scientist' topic they have been studying. Students should use their notes in their exercise books from the 'becoming a scientist topic' to help them revise for the test. To help students prepare <b>revision homework will also be set on educake on the working scientifically</b> topics of scientific attitudes, experiment skills, investigations, analysis and evaluation. Please ensure that your child completes these homework tasks. Test results will be used to check the progress that students are making compared to their KS2 science score and check what attainment we can expect at GCSE.</p> <p><b>Class test dates are as follows:</b>  <b>Monday 2nd December 7Y</b>  <b>Wednesday 3rd December 7S1 &amp; 7T1</b>  <b>Friday 5th December 7P, 7T2 &amp; 7S2</b></p>
English	Year 7	Year 7 class sets are changing on Monday 18th November. Students may have a new teacher and room. Their tutors will be giving this information to them formally on Monday morning. Students are welcome to ask their current English teacher if they want to know their new class teacher and room in advance.
Engineering	Year 10	<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 is invited and encouraged to attend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Before school: Mon, Wed, Thurs and Fri (from 7:30)</li> <li>- After school: Tues, Thursday and Fri (until 4:30)</li> <li>- Breaktimes: Mon - Fri</li> <li>- Lunchtimes: Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri</li> </ul>
Food and Nutrition - Mrs Jenkins	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 19th November - 10A Spinach and Ricotta ravioli  Please bring an apron and an airtight container to take your food with you.</p>
Work Experience	Year 10	<p>St Katherine's Work Experience Programme will take place on 30th June - 4th July. More information can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p><b>Congratulations to the 24 students who have already secured a placement!</b></p> <p><b>Here is this week's <a href="#">WOW!</a> (Wex Opportunity of the Week)</b></p> <p>All past WOW'S, employers database, template email and other useful WEX information can be found in the students Work Experience Google Classroom. All students have been given access to this.</p> <p>If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Duncan (WEX Coordinator) on <a href="mailto:skworkexperience@skdrive.org">skworkexperience@skdrive.org</a></p>

		<b>PLEASE START THE SEARCH EARLY. A LOT OF COMPANIES ARE FULL BY DECEMBER/JANUARY.</b>
Mr Sugden	Year 11	Please find <a href="#">attached</a> details of all revision, coursework and enhancement opportunities for the Year 11s, due to occur outside of their usual lessons.
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"> <li>- Before school: Mon, Wed, Thurs and Fri (from 7:30)</li> <li>- After school: Tues, Thursday and Fri (until 4:30)</li> <li>- Breaktimes: Mon - Fri</li> <li>- Lunchtimes: Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri</li> </ul>
Art	Year 11	<p>Y11 GCSE art students had a very successful day during the mock exam last Mon 11.11.24 with all students making impressive progress with their second final piece. Please celebrate this achievement with your child.</p> <p>The deadline for this final piece, &amp; the whole of the 2nd coursework project, is <b>Wed 28 Nov</b>. This then leaves the remaining three weeks of Term 2 to improve <b>ALL art coursework</b> which makes up 60% of the art GCSE grade.</p> <p>The exam project - 40% of the art GCSE grade - will commence at the start of Term 3 &amp; will culminate with the final 10 hour exam at the start of May. All students will know exactly what to do by this date.</p>
Miss Robinson	Year 11	*Amended dates* Your speaking mock exams will take place on Wednesday 11th December (foundation tier students) and Thursday 12th December (higher tier students). I will share the timetable and venue at the end of November. This exam will not be on your mock timetable so please make a note of it. Make sure you are revising your photo cards, role plays and general conversation questions. The photo card and role play booklet is on our google classroom.
Mrs Ivey	Year 11	Monday 18th November there will be chemistry revision afterschool with Mr Sugden in lab 2.
Mrs Weatherson	Year 11 -GCSE PHOTO	Please note that there is now an extra drop in afterschool on Tuesdays 3pm-4pm
Work Experience	Year 12	<p>St Katherine's Work Experience Programme will take place on 16th - 20th June. More information can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p><b>PLEASE REMIND YOUR CHILD TO CONTACT COMPANIES NOW. A LOT OF PLACEMENTS HAVE GONE BY DECEMBER/JANUARY.</b></p> <p><b>Here is this week's <a href="#">WOW!</a> (Wex Opportunity of the Week)</b></p> <p>All past WOW'S, employers database, template email and other useful WEX information can be found in the students Work Experience Google Classroom. All students have been given access to this.</p>



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# WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK!

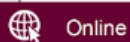
## PE Fixtures, Events, Clubs & Practices



### Week 3 of 7: Monday 18 November – Friday 22 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
<b>Monday</b>	<b>8 Boys House Dodgeball</b> <i>LATE LUNCH Daily60: Indoor Football</i>	<b>7 Boys Rugby v PCSA HOME</b> – finish 1645 apx. <i>Short Mat Bowls [1630]</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<i>ARRIVAL Taught 9, 10 &amp; 11 Strength &amp; Conditioning</i> <b>8 Boys House Dodgeball</b> <b>9 Boys Rugby Tournament AWAY</b> – leave 1220, return 1700 apx. <b>9 Girls Netball Tournament AWAY</b> – leave 1220, return 1700 apx.	<i>7 &amp; 8 Boys Rugby [1700]</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<i>ARRIVAL Open Strength &amp; Conditioning</i> <b>8 Girls House Benchball</b> <b>10 Girls House Benchball</b> <b>6F Boys Football v Clevedon AWAY</b> – leave 1320, return 1700 apx.	<i>9 Boys Rugby [1700]</i> <i>Girls Football [1700]</i> <b>10 &amp; 11 Girls Hockey v Sidcot AWAY</b> – return 1830 apx. <b>7 &amp; 8 Girls Netball v Sidcot HOME</b> – finish 1700 apx.
<b>Thursday</b>	<i>ARRIVAL Taught 7 &amp; 8 Strength &amp; Conditioning</i> <b>8 Girls House Benchball</b> <b>10 Girls House Benchball</b> <b>9 Boys Football v SBL HOME</b> – leave 1400, return 1715 apx.	<b>7 Boys Rugby Block @ Nailsea</b> – return 1730 apx. <i>8 &amp; 9 Girls Netball [1630]</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<i>ARRIVAL Outdoor Running Club</i> <b>8 Girls House Benchball</b> <b>10 Girls House Benchball</b>	<b>Sportshall Athletics Team Trial (invite only)</b> – finish 1700 apx.
<b>Weekend</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>



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### UPCOMING EVENTS

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	0835-1505 Y9 Future Brunels, WECA activity day
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	Christmas lunch
20 Dec	END OF TERM 2 - School closes at 1230