

Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 22 November 2024

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, please click on “view”.
School	Whole School	Coffee with the Headteacher Our next coffee with the Headteacher will be held on Thursday 28 November at 1500 until 1630 in Mr Humphreys office. We will be ordering catering, so please do let us know if you intend on coming by emailing school@skdrive.org and we will add your name to the list.
School	Whole School	Please take a moment to read through our communication guidelines with school .
School	Whole School	Punctuality We are committed to maintaining excellent punctuality at St Katherine’s School. Please help us reinforce this by ensuring your child arrives on time 8:30am at the latest and encouraging them to reflect on any late marks they receive during the day.
School	Y7-11	Mobile Phones St Katherine’s School operates a strict “not seen, not heard” mobile phone policy. If a phone is seen or heard, it will be confiscated for 24 hours and securely stored in the school safe. Please discuss this with your child to ensure they understand the importance of having their phone in their bag whilst on school site.
Mrs Ivey Science	Year 10,11,12	The University of Bristol is offering ‘Venture into vets’ day. This is an opportunity for students in year 10, 11 and 12 to learn more about becoming a vet or vet nurse. The event will take place on 29 March 2025 at the Langford campus. There will also be a year 11 webinar. You can place an expression of interest here . More details can be found here .
Mrs Holmes	Whole School	St Katherine’s School Community Carol Event is on Wednesday 11 December from 6pm-7pm in the canteen. We will sing carols with the brass trailblazer accompanying us. The school choir and orchestra will also be performing. Please complete this form if you intend on coming. Space is limited and will be allocated on a first come first serve basis. It will be great to see you there! Letter also on ParentPay.
School	Whole School	 <p>SKYWARD St Katherine’s Youth Award</p> <p>At St Katherine’s School we believe that learning should extend beyond the classroom and that every life experience is an opportunity to grow towards the ambitious goals that students have set for themselves. We want all</p>

		<p>students to track their development of twelve key employability skills using the UniFrog platform. Through enrichment activities, guest visits and external trips students will be able to demonstrate the development of skills such as communication, teamwork and leadership. Students who track their skills to the appropriate level will be eligible for one of three St Katherine's Youth Awards (SKYwards). To find out more about SKYwards please take a look at our website.</p> <p>Every Wk 1 Wednesday, students in KS3 have an enrichment period in which they can take part in a range of clubs and activities. Some clubs will engage students all year in an activity for which they already have a deep commitment. Others will offer a short taste of something new so that students may find a new interest. Student groups will rotate to a new activity at the start of terms 3 and 5. We are always seeking to broaden the range of experiences that we can offer so if you have a particular skill or passion that you could share with students on a Wednesday afternoon please contact francisblacka@skdrive.org.</p>
Ms Jefferson	Whole School	<p>Christmas Book Bonanza - please donate pre-loved books!</p> <p>The cost of living crisis has made it harder for families to spend money on books. 87% of parents say they have less disposable income, and over 50% say books are too expensive. In fact, one in three disadvantaged children have fewer than ten books at home, and one in ten have none at all. The most recent report into poverty in the UK clarifies that more than one in three children in the UK currently live in poverty - meaning it is harder than ever for families to spend money on books.</p> <p>This will be our fifth Book Bonanza. Last Christmas, we gave away over 2,000 books - thanks to your generosity. Let's do it again!</p> <p>Please donate as many books as you can, so that all our children can have lovely new books in their homes for Christmas. We also accept books for younger children and adults, as students often take these home to gift to family members. On the subject of gifting, if you have good quality cuddly toys or games that another family may love, we will also accept these. After all, it is Christmas.</p> <p>Please bring all donations to reception.</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>Monday 25th November - 7R - Fruit salad Please bring an apron and an airtight container to take your food with you.</p>
Food and Nutrition	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 26th November - 8R Scones Please bring an apron and an airtight container to take your food with you.</p>
Mrs Ivey Science	Year 8	<p>Week commencing 6 January all year 8 will sit their winter biology, chemistry and physics tests. This will consist of separate assessments for biology, chemistry and physics each 40 minutes long. The tests will cover all</p>

		topics students have covered from year 7 until now including working scientifically. Year 8 will be set homework on educake each week to help them prepare for these tests. Please ensure that your child completes this homework.
Ms Wild	Year 8	By this point in the year, we expect all students to have quizzed. We're currently at 67%. Please remind your child to drop into the library before school, break time, lunch time or after school to quiz their book as soon as they finish reading it.
Food and Nutrition	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. Wednesday 27th November - 9L and 9R Chow mein Please bring an apron and an airtight container to take your food with you.
Mr Sugden Science	Year 9	In preparation for your child's end of key stage examination in Science, they have been shared a revision booklet (on Class Charts or Google Classroom), which includes a checklist of topics, accompanied by page numbers. The page numbers refer to this revision guide. If your child is in receipt of free school meals, we will be able to lend them a copy, so either contact their science teacher directly, or ask them to speak to their teacher.
Ms Wild	Year 9	In year 9 we encourage all students to read challenging and engaging texts from our Bucket List . If you would like to chat about how to support your child with reading, please let me know - wildi@skdrive.org
Mrs Weatherson	Year 10 GCSE photo	Every year I encourage students to enter the Young Photographer competition set by the local Rotary Club. This year the theme is Wonderful Water. All details are on classcharts but it would be fantastic to see lots of entries and maintain our winning title.
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
Art GCSE	Year 10	Reminder of the year 10/12/13 Art trip to the RWA and Bristol museum on Wednesday 27 November Period 1 - 4. Students register as normal then meet Mrs Cameron in Room 12 at 9am (start of period 1). I will hand out resources then we will head to the coach to leave at 9.15am promptly.
Mrs Ivey Science	Year 10	Year 10 students can apply for STEM work experience placements. More details can be found here .
Mrs Duncan Work Experience	Year 10	St Katherine's Work Experience Programme will take place on 30 June - 4 July. More information can be found here . Congratulations to the 29 students who have already secured a placement!

		<p>Here is this week's WOW's! (Wex Opportunity of the Week)</p> <p>Brunelcare GKN Aerospace</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 skworkexperience@skdrive.org</p> <p>PLEASE START THE SEARCH NOW. MANY COMPANIES ARE FULL BY DECEMBER/JANUARY</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
Mr Davies (Sixth Form)	Year 11	<p>Thank you to all students/parents who have submitted an application to St Katherine's Sixth Form. We have received a high volume of applications and are currently in the process of timetabling Course Consultation meetings. Details about these meetings will be shared with students soon, and the process will begin w/c 2 December.</p>
School	Year 11	<p>The sudden drop in temperatures has coincided with the start of Year 11 mock exams and left some venues, in particular the sports hall, colder than we would like. Under these circumstances, students will be permitted to keep their coats on throughout the exam. They will not however be allowed to keep non-uniform items such as hoodies.</p>
Mrs Ivey Science	Year 12&13	<p>Year 12 students can now apply for the University of Bristol's STEM up programme. More details can be found here. The deadline is Sunday 24/11/24.</p>
Mrs Ivey Science	Year 12&13	<p>Year 12 students can apply for STEM work experience placements. More details can be found here.</p>
Mrs Duncan Work Experience	Year 12	<p>St Katherine's Work Experience Programme will take place on 16th - 20th June. More information can be found here.</p> <p>PLEASE REMIND YOUR CHILD TO CONTACT COMPANIES NOW. A LOT OF PLACEMENTS HAVE GONE BY DECEMBER/JANUARY.</p> <p>Here is this week's WOW'S! (Wex Opportunity of the Week)</p> <p>Brunelcare GKN Aerospace</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.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Duncan (WEX Coordinator) on skworkexperience@skdrive.org

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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 4 of 7: Monday 25 November – Friday 29 November (Week 2)

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	7 Boys House Dodgeball <i>LATE LUNCH Daily60: Indoor Football</i>	7, 8 & 9 Girls Football v Winterstoke AWAY – return 1730 apx. <i>Short Mat Bowls [1630]</i>
Tuesday	<i>ARRIVAL Taught 9, 10 & 11 Strength & Conditioning</i> 7 Boys House Dodgeball 9 Girls House Benchball 8 Boys Rugby Tournament AWAY – leave 1130, return 1630 apx. 10 Girls Hockey Tournament AWAY – leave 1220, return 1630 apx.	<i>7 Boys Rugby [1700]</i> <i>7 Girls Netball [1630]</i>
Wednesday	<i>ARRIVAL Open Strength & Conditioning</i> 7 Boys House Dodgeball 9 Girls House Benchball	11 Boys Basketball v Sidcot AWAY – return 1915 apx.
Thursday	<i>ARRIVAL Taught 7 & 8 Strength & Conditioning</i> 9 Girls House Benchball 8 Boys Football v Churchill AWAY – leave 1220, return 1630 apx. 6F Boys Football v KES HOME – leave 1320, return 1700 apx. 8 Girls Netball Tournament HOME – start 1320, finish 1630 apx.	
Friday	<i>ARRIVAL Outdoor Running Club</i> 7 Girls House Benchball 9 Boys House Dodgeball	<i>Badminton & Table Tennis [1700]</i>
Weekend	<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>



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UPCOMING EVENTS

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
29 Nov	Updated this week 7T1 Sugar Loaf Trip
3 Dec	0900-1600 Y13 We the curious visit
5 Dec	0700-2100 Y13 Tate Britain & National Gallery, London
29 Nov	Updated this week 7P Sugar Loaf Trip
10 Dec	0835-1505 Y10 Warner Brother studio tour
11 Dec	1800-1900 Christmas Carols, Canteen
19 Dec	1220-1400 Christmas lunch, Canteen
20 Dec	END OF TERM 2 - School closes at 1230