

Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 29 November 2024

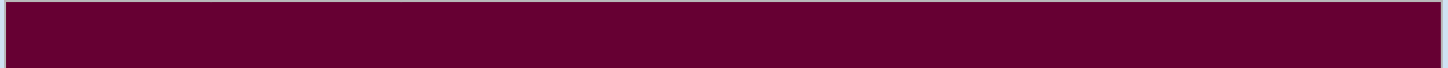
Here are the latest school messages and updates for your information.

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	Please take a moment to read through our communication guidelines with school .
Mr Davies / Theeban Mahesan	Whole School	A huge thank you to everyone who has donated to our Movember campaign this year. We are thrilled to have raised over £1300 for charities associated with Men’s Mental Health. There is a final chance to donate, and to see our appalling facial hair, at the St Katherine’s Team campaign page
Finance	Whole School	<p>Parentpay One-Click Payments (Bank Transfer) 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>Daily Limit If you need to change the daily limit on your child’s lunch account please email finance@skdrive.org</p> <p>Low Balance Alert Please set an alert up on Parentpay so that you get a warning if your child’s lunch account balance is low. Go to Communication, Alert Settings, Balance Alerts, Threshold - input £5 and tick email box. Email notifications are free.</p>
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	Christmas Lunch Please find letter here sent on ParentPay, sign up by midday on Friday 6 December, many thanks
Ms Wyld	Whole School	Pop into the Library to take a look at our new range of magazines - you’ll find them on the table by the red chairs.

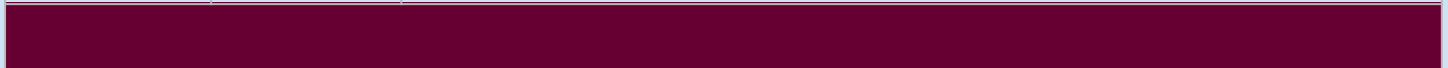
Mr Hodgson	Whole School	<p>Climbing Team - we are looking to put together a climbing team to represent the school in climbing competitions in the local area. We can enter teams from Year 7-9 and Years 10-13.</p> <p>More information will be available in the future but if you are interested please complete this form.</p>
Ms Jefferson	Whole School	<p>Christmas Book Bonanza - please donate pre-loved books!</p> <p><i>Thank you so much for all your kind donations so far! Together we will share the joy of stories! You have no idea how much children appreciate your generosity. All children deserve books and it is not fair that the cost of living crisis makes it hard for some families to buy new books.</i></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>
Ms Wild	Year 7	<p>Following our recent in person parent workshop for supporting your child with reading, we're pleased to offer an online version. Please indicate your interest through this online form.</p>
Ms Wyld	Year 7	<p>From Monday 2 December, students are invited to come and explore the very first reading advent calendar in the Library. Each day one lucky student will have the chance to open the box to reveal a book gift and a treat or two!</p>
Ms Wyld	Year 8	<p>From Monday 2 December students are invited to come and explore the very first reading advent calendar in the Library. Each day one lucky student will have the chance to open the box to reveal a book gift and a treat or two!</p>
Mr Hodgson	Year 8	<p>We are looking at running some introduction to caving trips for students in Year 8. These will be for students who have an interest in adventure and exploration of underground systems. No experience or specialist equipment will be needed.</p> <p>Trips are likely to cost around £26-£30 depending on numbers.</p> <p>We are planning to run them within the school day, but may need to finish the trip outside the normal school day.</p>

		<p>If you are interested in taking part, please complete this form to help us see what interest there is and how many trips we may need to run.</p> <p>Any questions to hodgsont@skdrive.org</p>
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"> - 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
Work Experience	Year 10	<p>St Katherine's Work Experience Programme will take place on 30 June - 4 July. More information can be found here.</p> <p>Congratulations to the 33 students who have already secured a placement!</p> <p>Here is this week's WOW! (Wex Opportunity of the Week) Beard Construction</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>
Mr Davies	Year 11	<p>Sixth Form applications are open now via the online application form, and invitations have been sent out for our first round of course consultations meetings on Monday 2 December, with a second round of interviews on Monday 9 December. While the deadline for applications is not until the new year, we strongly encourage students to apply early in order to have a meeting and secure an offer. Can students who have applied please check inboxes for their interview slot. Thank you.</p>
Ms Tallis	Year 11 Art GCSE	<p>Students met their final coursework deadline with their Personal Project last Wednesday 27 November. They must now complete all targets for this project, & outstanding targets for the Natural Forms Project (first coursework project) before Tues 7 Jan when we start the exam project.</p> <p>This final exam project makes up 40% of the art GCSE grade & can make the difference between one grade & a higher one with hard work & commitment.</p> <p>Please continue to support your child to complete all art coursework targets by 7 January.</p>
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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>Beard Construction Grant Thornton</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>
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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!

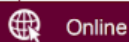
PE Fixtures, Events, Clubs & Practices



Week 5 of 7: Monday 2 December – Friday 6 December (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.

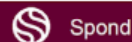
Day	Before or During School Hours	After School Hours
Monday	7 Girls House Benchball 9 Boys House Dodgeball	Sportshall Athletics Team Practice – finish 1730 apx.
Tuesday	<i>ARRIVAL Taught 9, 10 & 11 Strength & Conditioning</i> 7 Girls House Benchball 9 Boys House Dodgeball U16 Girls Football v Broadoak HOME – leave 1300, return 1630 apx. 9 Boys Football v Westfield HOME – leave 1300, return 1645 apx.	10 Boys Rugby v Sidcot HOME – finish 1645 apx. 8 Boys Rugby [1700]
Wednesday	<i>ARRIVAL Open Strength & Conditioning</i> 11 Boys House Dodgeball 10 Boys House Dodgeball 7 Girls Netball Tournament HOME – start 1320, finish 1630 apx. 7 Boys Rugby Tournament AWAY – leave 1220, return 1645 apx.	Avon U18 Singles Schools Short Mat Bowls – return 1900 apx. 10 & 11 Girls Hockey [1630]
Thursday	<i>ARRIVAL Taught 7 & 8 Strength & Conditioning</i> 11 Boys House Dodgeball 10 Boys House Dodgeball	7 & 8 North Somerset Sportshall Athletics – finish 1800 apx.
Friday	<i>ARRIVAL Outdoor Running Club</i> 11 Boys House Dodgeball 10 Boys House Dodgeball	Badminton & Table Tennis [1700]
Weekend	<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>



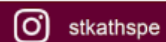
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UPCOMING EVENTS

3 Dec	0900-1600 Y13 We the curious visit
5 Dec	0700-2100 Y13 Tate Britain & National Gallery, London
29 Nov	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