

## Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 10 January 2025

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

MESSAGES		
Chair of Governors	Whole School	<p><b>PARENT/CARER GOVERNOR VACANCY</b></p> <p>The local governing body is seeking expressions of interest from the St Katherine's parent/carer community in taking on the vital role of parent governor.</p> <p>Parent/carer governors bring a distinct perspective to the strategic management of the school. Through their children, they have first-hand experience of the delivery of the curriculum, and how the school is perceived from a 'consumers' point of view.</p> <p>If you are interested in finding out more about the <a href="#">role</a> and putting your name forward, please see the <a href="#">letter</a> from the chair of governors which gives more details.</p> <p>William Harding Chair of Governors</p>
School	Whole School	Please find <a href="#">here</a> our 2025-2026 term dates, these are also available on our website.
School	KS3	The first rotation in our enrichment program came to an end last term. Some students, such as those involved in DofE or Trailblazers, will remain with this activity for the rest of the year but most students will move next week to a new activity. Students will be encouraged by their tutors to reflect on what they have learned this term and record any skills development of the UniFrog platform.
School	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 Miss H Smith / Mr Brochot know.</p> <p>Year 7L - Thursday 16th January - Rock cakes Year 7R - Thursday 16th January - Rock cakes Please bring an apron and an airtight container to take your food with you.</p>
Ms Wild	Year 7	Term 3 reading logs are available on each students' English Google classroom and there are paper copies available from the library. Make sure your child is reading for 20 minutes each day at home, and logging their reading.
School	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 Miss H Smith / Mr Brochot know.</p> <p>Year 8R - Monday 13th January - Dutch apple cake Please bring an apron and an airtight container to take your food with you.</p>
Sirona	Year 8	HPV vaccinations are for all Year 8 students, please remember to complete the consent form whether you do or do not want the vaccination <a href="#">here</a>

Ms Wild	Year 8	Term 3 reading logs are available on each students' English Google classroom and there are paper copies available from the library. Make sure your child is reading for 20 minutes each day at home, and logging their reading.
School	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 Miss H Smith / Mr Brochot know. Year 9R - Tuesday 14th January - Chow Mein Please bring an apron and an airtight container to take your food with you.
Ms Wild	Year 9	Term 3 reading logs are available on each students' English Google classroom and there are paper copies available from the library. Make sure your child is reading for 20 minutes each day at home, and logging their reading.
School	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 Miss H Smith / Mr Brochot know. Year 10 - Tuesday 7th January - Please bring an apron and an airtight container to take your food with you.
School	Year 10	<b>Work Experience</b> takes place on: <b>30th June - 4th July.</b>  Deadline to secure a placement is: <b>Monday 24th February.</b>  Many companies have already closed their application process or are due to this month. Please encourage your child to secure a placement over the next few weeks.  <b>Congratulations to the 44 students who have already secured a placement!</b>  <b>Here is this week's WOW! (Wex Opportunity of the Week)</b> <a href="#">YTL Group</a> (Engineering, science, environment, business, construction)  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 <a href="mailto:skworkexperience@skdrive.org">skworkexperience@skdrive.org</a>
School Ms Tallis	Year 11 Art GCSE	Students have just commenced working on their <b>final exam project</b> for art GCSE. Only a minority of students completed the required work in the break so there is much to do now!  Students must spend a <b>minimum of two hours</b> on pencil observational drawing for homework; deadline: this <u>Mon 13th Jan</u> . Please support your child to complete this essential work.  Students are welcome to work on homework Mon-Thurs at lunchtimes or Tues/Thurs after school in the Art Dept.

School	Year 13	Year 13 mock exams, as well as external exams for vocational subjects, take place between January 13-24. Find a full schedule at <a href="#">this link</a> .
School	Year 12	All Year 12 students received their progress check on January 8th. If you have not received this, please email <a href="mailto:garrettr@skdrive.org">garrettr@skdrive.org</a> who will send an electronic copy.
School	Year 12	<p><b>Work Experience</b> takes place on: <b>16th June - 20th June.</b></p> <p>Deadline to secure a placement is: <b>Monday 24th February.</b></p> <p>Many companies have already closed their application process or are due to this month. Please encourage your child to secure a placement over the next few weeks.</p> <p><b>Congratulations to the 8 students who have already secured a placement!</b></p> <p><b>Here is this week's WOW! (Wex Opportunity of the Week)</b>  <a href="#">YTL Group</a> (Engineering, science, environment, business, 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 <a href="mailto:skworkexperience@skdrive.org">skworkexperience@skdrive.org</a></p>

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

# Spond



## We're using Spond to communicate with students & parents

If you are looking for information about extra-curricular activities, school sports teams, fixtures, events, competitions, clubs and practices then you need to be on Spond!

### Students

[bit.ly/skpe\\_spondstudent](https://bit.ly/skpe_spondstudent)



### Parents

[bit.ly/skpe\\_spondguardian](https://bit.ly/skpe_spondguardian)



*We are using a new platform called Spond to manage selection for and communication around extra-curricular PE fixtures and events. We hope that using Spond will improve our communication with students & parents.*

*Spond is available as a freely downloadable app and as a web app which allows organisations like clubs & schools to set up groups, publish details about events and collect responses for availability. Students and parents can sign up for Spond accounts using the links above. Parents will be linked to their child's account as a guardian.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS - TERM 3

22 Jan	1600-1900 Y10 Virtual Progress Evening
23 Jan	0835-1505 Y8 HPV vaccinations
27 Jan	0845-1000 Coffee with the Headteacher
27 Jan	0835-1505 Y9 Future Brunel WECA activity day
28 Jan	0835-1505 Y8 Future Brunel WECA activity day
3 Feb	Y10 BSO Concert, St Michael's Centre
3 Feb-6 Feb	0835-1505 Y12 Geography Field trip, Slapton Ley
12 Feb	1800-1930 Y9 Options Evening
15 Feb	Ski trip, Sestriere, Italy departs