

Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 17 January 2025

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

MESSAGES		
Chair of Governors	Whole School	<p>PARENT/CARER GOVERNOR VACANCY</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 role and putting your name forward, please see the letter from the chair of governors which gives more details.</p> <p>William Harding Chair of Governors</p>
School	Whole School	<p>Coffee with the Headteacher</p> <p>Our next coffee with the Headteacher will be held on Monday 27 January at 0845 until 1000 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.</p>
School	Whole School	<p>Please find here our 2025-2026 term dates, these are also available on our website.</p>
Ms Wild	Whole School	<p>Listening to audio books is beneficial for all students, as it develops language comprehension, vocabulary and knowledge of the world. You can access free audio books from the public library system via the Borrowbox app. This can form some or all of the daily twenty minutes of reading homework for students in years 7-9. For more information or support, please email wildi@skdrive.org</p>
Mrs Collins	GCSE drama Year 11	<p>Polite reminder that any outstanding payments for students going to see Romeo and Juliet at the Bristol Old Vic on the 20 March need to be made via parent pay. The deposit due date was Wednesday 8 January with the remainder required by Monday 3 February. Any concerns regarding this please contact Mr Francis-Black. Thank you.</p>
Miss Adams	CST concert	<p>Save the date: the CST concert is on Tuesday 11 March 2025 at the Bristol Beacon. Start time is 6.30pm. Students involved will be those in choir and some students from orchestra. Further details and letter home to follow but please mark the date in your diaries now!</p>
Miss Adams	Year 7	<p>Trailblazers: fees for term 3/4 are now available to pay on parentpay. Thank you.</p>
Miss Adams	Year 7	<p>Trailblazers: please ensure your young musician knows which day their lesson is and ensure they have their instrument in school. Any questions on lesson days/times please direct to the individual trailblazers teacher or to musicadmin@skdrive.org. Trailblazers students also need their instruments on a Wednesday Week 1 for enrichment.</p>

Mrs Ivey	Year 7	Over the next few weeks year 7 students will be completing science tests for biology, chemistry and physics. Students will be set revision activities as homework to help them prepare for the tests. The biology test will assess working scientifically and cells. The physics test will assess space and working scientifically. The chemistry test will assess particles and working scientifically.
Miss Smith	Year 7 Food preparation and Nutrition	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 7L - Thursday 23rd January - Fruit Muffins (set on class charts)
Miss Smith	Year 7 Food preparation and Nutrition	Year 7R - Friday 24th January - Fruit Muffins (set on class charts) Please bring an apron and an airtight container to take your food with you.
Miss Robinson	Year 8	Spaces for the Y8 Paris trip are now open. Please see the letter which has been shared to all Y8 parents and carers with details on how to pay a deposit if your child is interested in attending. This is for all students in Year 8, regardless of whether they study French or Spanish. The deadline for the deposit is Monday 20 January. Please direct any questions via email to Alice Robinson . Students will not require a Schengen Visa if they have a British passport.
Miss Smith	Year 8 Food preparation and Nutrition	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 8R - Tuesday 21st January - Dutch Apple Cake (set on class charts) Please bring an apron and an airtight container to take your food with you.
Mrs Holmes	Year 9	We are taking year 9 to Folly Farm so they can complete one of their required practicals for their biology GCSE. We will take 9T1, 9S1 and 9Y on Wednesday 23 April 2025 and 9T2, 9S2 and 9P on Thursday 24 April 2025. If you would like your child to go please pay on Parent Pay by 3 March.
Miss Smith	Year 9 Food preparation and Nutrition	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 9L - Monday 20th January - Chow Mein (set on class charts)
Miss Smith	Year 9 Food preparation and Nutrition	Year 9R - Tuesday 21st January - Macaroni Cheese (set on class charts) Bring an ovenproof dish. Please bring an apron and an airtight container to take your food with you.
Mrs Duncan	Year 10 Work Experience	Work Experience takes place on: 30 June - 4 July. Deadline to secure a placement is: Monday 24 February.

		<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>If your child has secured a placement, they must complete a form on Unifrog. Process here</p> <p>Congratulations to the 59 students who have already secured a placement!</p> <p>Here is this week's WOW! (Wex Opportunity of the Week) Alliance Homes (Different programmes in Development, Tenancy laws, Communication & advertising, real estate, repairs Inc plumbing, electrician)</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>
Miss Adams	Year 10 GCSE music students	<p>Y10 GCSE music students have the opportunity to attend a live performance of some of their set works by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra on Monday 3rd February. The trip will take place in the afternoon and students will be back at school in time to catch buses home. Letter and payment details will be sent home next week.</p>
School Ms Tallis	Year 11 Art GCSE	<p>Students are working on their final exam project for art GCSE. The deadline for drawing/photos is fast approaching in three weeks time: Fri 7 Feb.</p> <p>Students must spend a minimum of two hours on pencil observational drawing for homework every week until the deadline. Please support your child to complete this essential work.</p> <p>Students are welcome to work on homework Mon-Thurs at lunchtimes or Tues/Thurs after school in the Art Dept.</p>
Mrs Weatherson	Year 11 GCSE PHOTO	<p>Please note that GCSE catch up will be on Tuesdays 3pm-4pm for the remainder of the term.</p>
Miss Smith	Year 11 Food preparation and Nutrition GCSE	<p>The Y11 GCSE group will be doing a Taste test on various Takeaway sauces and do a product evaluation on Monday 20th January. All ingredients will be provided.</p>
Mrs Duncan	Year 12 Work Experience	<p>Work Experience takes place on: 16th June - 20th June.</p> <p>Deadline to secure a placement is: Monday 24th February.</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>

If your child has secured a placement, they must complete a form on Unifrog. [Process here](#)

Congratulations to the 10 students who have already secured a placement



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

LETTERS - click [here](#) to see all letters

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



Parents

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
5 Feb	1600-1900 Y11 Virtual Progress Evening



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