

Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 24 January 2025

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

MESSAGES		
Chair of Governors	Whole School	<p>PARENT/CARER GOVERNOR VACANCY - Deadline 31 January at 3pm</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>There has been a change to 2025-2026 term dates. Please find here these are also available on our website.</p>
School	Whole School	<p>Punctuality Drive</p> <p>We continue to push our drive of punctuality around the school site. Please continue to support the drive by ensuring your young person is in school by 8:30 at the latest. Please have the conversations at home related to punctuality and its importance, the more we work together, the better it will become.</p>
Finance	Free School Meal Families	<p>Free School Meal Vouchers January 2025</p> <p>Please be informed that £50 of E-Vouchers (Wonde) have been issued from the Household Support Fund based on the North Somerset Council's free school meal list as at 16th January 2025.</p> <p>Please note that these are not holiday vouchers. At present we do not know if there will be any further vouchers this academic year. Please note that students joining St Katherine's School from Bristol need to apply for free school meals via North Somerset Council even if their application has been successful with Bristol City Council.</p>
Finance	Whole School	<p>Upgrade of Canteen Tills Software</p> <p>Many thanks for your patience whilst our IT department has worked closely with Civica and Parentpay to try to resolve the issues. We are aware that a number of payments made on 15th/16th January are not showing on the tills. We have a list of those transactions and will ensure that the accounts are corrected.</p>
Miss Smith	Year 7 Food Preparation	<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>

	and Nutrition	<p>Year 7L - Bread (as per Classchart) - Thursday 30th January P2 Year 7R - Bread (as per Classchart) - Thursday 30th January P3</p> <p>Please bring an apron and an airtight container to take your food with you.</p>
Miss Smith	Year 8 Food Preparation and Nutrition	<p>Here are the practical lessons taking place next week for the following class. All ingredients are set on Classcharts. Any problems, please let Miss H Smith / Mr Brochot know.</p> <p>Year 8L - Dutch apple cake (as per Classchart) - Monday 27th January P4b</p> <p>Please bring an apron and an airtight container to take your food with you.</p>
Mrs Holmes	Year 9	<p>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.</p>
Engineering	Year 10	<p>Please follow this link to see the weekly catch up timetable being offered by the department. You can also see the upcoming deadlines for coursework.</p>
Miss Smith	Year 10 Food Preparation and Nutrition	<p>Here are the practical lessons taking place next week for the following class. All ingredients are set on Classcharts. Any problems, please let Miss H Smith / Mr Brochot know.</p> <p>Year 10 - Cottage Pie and side of vegetables (as per Classchart) - Tuesday 28th January P2 & 3</p> <p>Please bring an apron and an airtight container/ovenproof dish to take your food with you.</p>
Ms Wyld	Year 10 English	<p>All Yr10 students will shortly be offered the opportunity to buy a Pride & Prejudice set as students begin to study this text. The set contains a copy of the text itself, as well as a supporting guide. Please look out for this offer on ParentPay. Once the order arrives, they will be distributed through regular English lessons. If preferred, students can also borrow a copy on a long loan basis from the school Library.</p>
Mr Sugden and Mr Dawes	Year 11	<p>9 Teaching Weeks Left... before GCSE Examinations begin!</p> <p>Please find attached the Year 11 Revision Calendar. This document outlines when different faculties are offering revision and coursework sessions. Please encourage your child to attend as many revision sessions as possible, perhaps targeting any that they did not perform as well as hoped in, in their recent mocks.</p> <p>Also, this week, all of Year 11 have been added to our new, central Google Classroom: Let's Get It Done, Together! This hub will have revision resources, help, prom fundraising opportunities and examination information. If they failed to sign up on Tuesday Tutor Time, please support them joining the classroom using the code: '53zgt3'.</p>

		<p>On this hub, there is a Google Form named 'Revision Excellence Tracker'. Year 11s are being asked to complete this form weekly to track how much revision they are completing each week. Each week, the tutor group that completes the most independent revision will win a tasty prize!</p> <p>Finally, if following the Mock Results Day last week, if you or your child feel as though they would benefit from a Year 11 Support Meeting, please get in touch with Mr Sugden (Outcomes, Futures and Wellbeing) sugderna@skdrive.org, or Mr Dawes (Attendance, Punctuality and Behaviour) dawest@skdrive.org.</p>
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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 two weeks time: Fri 7 Feb.</p> <p>Students must spend a minimum of two hours on observational drawing/taking linking photos 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 12&13	HE+ launch conference Tuesday 28th 9.00am-12.30pm. Details on ParentPay for the students involved.

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

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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

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	1700-1900 Y9 Options Evening
15 Feb	Ski trip, Sestriere, Italy departs