


## Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 31 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 - Deadline 31 January at 3pm</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	<p>Pop Up Art Installation for Holocaust Memorial Day happening at Pill library this Friday and Saturday morning.</p> <p>Suitable for all ages. Hopefully especially interesting to any students with an interest in History, PB, Art and reading in general. Mixed media (video and objects if interest) installation and book display. The local artist Lorna (whose parents were Polish Jews in the concentration camps) would love to see some young people popping by after school.</p> <p>The link below takes you to the <a href="#">Eventbrite page</a> for more info. There is no need to book.</p>
Miss Smith	Year 7	<p><b>Food Preparation and Nutrition - No practical lessons this week</b> (starting 3rd February) due to new technology group rotation. Practical will resume next week starting 10th February.</p>
Sirona	Year 8	<p>HPV vaccination catch-up clinics are available for all Year 8 students who did not receive their vaccination at school. Please book an appointment <a href="#">here</a>. If you have any queries please contact the Immunisation Team directly on 0300 124 5515 or email <a href="mailto:sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net">sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net</a></p>
Miss Smith	Year 8	<p><b>Food Preparation and Nutrition - No practical lessons this week</b> (starting 3rd February) due to new technology group rotation. Practical will resume next week starting 10th February.</p>
Mr Hodgson	Year 8	<p>Year 8 have the opportunity to experience the underground adventure of Caving. There are three trips available 7th and 14th Feb and the 14th March.</p> <p>Please find the trip on parent pay and then complete this <a href="#">form</a> to join us!</p>



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	<b>Food Preparation and Nutrition - No practical lessons this week</b> (starting 3rd February) due to new technology group rotation. Practical will resume next week starting 10th February.
School	Year 9	Please see the recent invite to our Year 9 Options evening.  Options Evening Invite 2025.pdf
Work Experience	Year 10	<p><b>Work Experience</b> takes place on: <b>30 June - 4 July.</b></p> <p>Deadline to secure a placement is: <b>Monday 24 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>If your child has secured a placement, they must complete a form on Unifrog. <a href="#">Process here</a></p> <p><b>Congratulations to the 80 students who have already secured a placement!</b></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 <a href="mailto:skworkexperience@skdrive.org">skworkexperience@skdrive.org</a></p>
Miss Adams	Year 10	GCSE music students are going to watch Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra in concert on Monday 3rd February. Please ensure students bring a packed lunch as we will be eating lunch at different times to the rest of the school before leaving for the concert. We should be back at school by 3pm but it is worth having a back up plan for collection should we get delayed.
Mr Sugden and Mr Dawes	Year 11	<p><b>8 Teaching Weeks Left</b>... before GCSE Examinations begin!</p> <p>Please find attached the <a href="#">Year 11 Revision Calendar</a>. 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>This week in tutor time, we have been focussed on practicing brain dumping, one of our ACTIVE revision techniques that we can use during our POMS. Please continue to encourage your child to explore a wide range of ACTIVE revision techniques. If your child still feel at a loss as to where to begin, please encourage them to attend the Revision Help: Drop In, during lunchtimes on Tuesday.</p> <p>Please ensure your child has joined our central Google Classroom: <b>Let's Get It Done, Together!</b> This hub will have revision resources, help, prom fundraising opportunities and examination information. If they failed to sign up in Tutor Time, please support them joining the classroom using the code: '53zgut3'.</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 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) <a href="mailto:sugdema@skdrive.org">sugdema@skdrive.org</a>, or Mr Dawes (Attendance, Punctuality and Behaviour) <a href="mailto:dawest@skdrive.org">dawest@skdrive.org</a>.</p>
Mrs Weatherson	Year 11 Photography GCSE	Please note that GCSE catch up club has moved <b>from Thursday to Tuesday</b> 3pm-4pm
Ms Tallis	Year 11 Art GCSE	<p>Students are working on their <b>final exam project</b> for art GCSE. The deadline for drawing/photos is next <b>Fri 7 Feb</b>.</p> <p>Students must spend a <b>minimum of two hours</b> on observational drawing/taking linking photos for homework <b>over the next week</b>. 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>
Miss Gardiner	Year 11	If you want to know how best to support your child with upcoming GCSE's please sign up to this <a href="#">event</a> . Join Junior Saunders for an empowering evening at Aerospace Bristol on Thursday, 13th March, 2025, from 6pm, designed to support parents, carers, students, and teaching staff in navigating the challenges of GCSEs.
Miss Gardiner	Year 11	If you would like to understand more about what pathways there are available to your child post 16 please watch this webinar from Careerpilot about post 16 choices <a href="#">here</a>
Mr Davies	Year 12&13	While St Katherine's is a mobile phone-free site, we do allow Sixth Formers to use their phones exclusively within the Sixth Form block. However, some students are finding it difficult to adhere to this rule, and have been seen using their phones around the site. <b>Any phones being used outside the Sixth Form block will be confiscated, in line with the school policy.</b> We appreciate your support with this.
Work Experience	Year 12	<p><b>Work Experience</b> takes place on: <b>16th - 20th June</b>. Deadline to secure a placement is: <b>Monday 24 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. If your child has secured a placement, they must complete a form on Unifrog. <a href="#">Process here</a></p> <p><b>Congratulations to the 13 students who have already secured a placement!</b></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 <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

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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

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, Canteen
15 Feb	Ski trip, Sestriere, Italy departs