

Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 14 February 2025

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

MESSAGES		
Miss Adams	CST concert	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 have been sent via Parent Pay. If you would like to come and see this wonderful performance please see this flyer and letter from The Trust that has been sent out via Parent Pay.
Cathedral Schools Trust	Smartphone surveys	Please see <u>letter</u> sent on Parent Pay with regards to the Smartphone survey for completion by 3 March 2025.
Mr Francis-Black	Whole School	 Progress Reports We understand that the information that forms part of our Progress Reports can be confusing and inconsistent in terms of reporting and language. With this in mind, Cathedral Schools Trust are completing a review across all secondary schools to align assessment and reporting. We intend on sharing these plans during Terms 5 and 6 and invite your thoughts and views on this as part of a working group. If you would like to be involved nearer the time, please email school@skdrive.org.
Mrs Slater	SEND	<complex-block><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text></text></text></text></text></text></text></text></text></text></complex-block>
School Office	Whole School	Lost property Please encourage your child to look in lost property weekly, located at SSO. Any unlabelled items will be donated at the end of each term to Pill Food Hub at the Community Centre.



Governors	Whole School	New Parent Governor - February 2025 I am pleased to inform you that Cassie Weeks is our new Parent Governor. In accordance with the regulations, as the only nomination received by the closing date, she has been duly elected without a ballot and will now serve for the next four years on our local governing board. We wish her well in her new role. If you are interested in being a school governor, as a parent/carer or indeed another capacity, please contact the Clerk to the Governors (clerk@skdrive.org). William Harding, Chair of Governors
Mrs Slater	SEND	Do you often feel like you miss out on accessing support for your family? Sign up to our newsletter today to find out about free local support and information from across Bristol www.bristolparentcarers.org.uk/join-us/
Miss Martin	SEND	Liz Kelly from Bridging The Gap Together! has kindly shared some support information for LGBT+ students and their family members, which we hope is helpful. Click here for the <u>flyer</u>
Mrs Crocker	Whole School	Safer Internet Day 2025 Students marked this year's safer internet day in school this week with activities in tutor time that supported the theme 'Too Good To be True? Protecting Yourself and Others from Scams Online'. Safer Internet Day is the UK's biggest celebration of online safety. Each year students at St. Katherine's look into an online issue or theme that speaks about the things young people are seeing and experiencing online. Using resources and materials created by the UK Safer Internet Centre and produced in consultation with young people across the UK, this year Safer Internet Day will be focusing on the issue of scams online and for young people, how to protect themselves and others, as well as what support is available to them. It is sad but true that children, as well as adults, can be targeted by online scams and the purpose of this year's Safer Internet Day was to increase students' awareness of the most common types of scam, how to spot the signs and what to do if they are worried. Students examined scenarios that will be familiar to many young people that showed the ways that others may contact them online in order to gain access to information or extort money. Students were also signposted to sources of advice and support that they can access if they are worried about online scams and alongside this, tutors took the opportunity to remind students of their safeguarding responsibilities as

		members of our school community in that they must TELL SOMEONE if they are worried about themselves or others.
		The UK Safer Internet Centre is a superb resource for parents and guardians about a range of online safety topics and their content relating to the theme of this year's Safer Internet Day can be found <u>here</u> .
School	Whole School	Free School Meals If you think you are entitled to claim a free school meal benefit because of your income or circumstances it's essential you apply. For each eligible child, the school receives funding for the next six years, even if their parents go back to full-time paid work. You can apply to North Somerset <u>here</u> . If you have any queries or would like the school to support you with your application please contact reception.
School		 Free School Meals If your child is entitled to a free school meal they can receive breakfast in the canteen before 8.30. They will be able to choose from the following; 2 pieces of toast with jam fresh fruit with a juice drink porridge with honey/syrup with a juice drink cereal with milk 1 crumpet with jam.
Finance	Whole School	Upgrade of Canteen Tills Software Many thanks for your patience whilst our IT department has worked closely with Civica and Parentpay to try to resolve the issues. We were aware that a number of payments made on 15th/16th January were not showing on the tills. We had a list of those transactions and the accounts were corrected by the school on 30th Jan and Civica informed. Frustratingly, Civica has now made the original correction without informing us, so 77 accounts have more money in them than they should. Our IT Department has raised the issue with Civica. Free school meal families please be aware that since the tills upgrade you will only see the amount of canteen spend over and above the FSM allowance of £2.60 on your Parentpay account. Please be assured that your child is still receiving their allowance. We have complained to Civica as we find this
		confusing.
Miss Smith	Year 7 Food preparation	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.
	and nutrition	After half term break
		Year 7L - Deli salad (as per Class Chart) - Thursday 27th February P4b Year 7R - Deli salad (as per Class Chart) - Friday 28th February P2
		Please bring an apron and an airtight container to take your food with you.
Miss Smith	Year 8 Food preparation	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.



	and nutrition	After half term break
		Y8R - Cheese twists (as per Class Chart) - Tuesday 25th February P4b
		Please bring an apron and an airtight container to take your food with you.
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 After half term break Y9L - Chow Mein (as per Class Chart) - Monday 24th February P3 Y9R - Chow Mein (as per Class Chart) - Tuesday 25th February P1 Please bring an apron and an airtight container to take your food with you.
Mr Francis Black	Year 9	It was great to see so many families at the Year 9 options evening this week and I hope that it has initiated many helpful discussions. The presentation that I shared can be seen here: Options Evening 2025.pdf Please remember that students must submit their options via the assignment on their Google Classroom by 7th March.
Art GCSE Mrs Cameron	Year 10	 I have typed up personalised targets for every year 10 Art student to complete over the holidays. These are stuck in their art folders. They are welcome to borrow resources etc to complete the targets. Deadline is Monday 24th February. Also Year 10 Art students have their Art mock exam all day (period 1-5) Monday 24th February. They will be using this time to start their final pieces for their Natural Form project. This will take place in their normal art room with Mrs Cameron.
Miss Smith	Year 10 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. After half term Y10A - Using a portion of your chicken Jerk chicken with rice and peas (as per Class Chart) -Tuesday 4th March Please bring an apron, an airtight container to take your food with you.
Mr Sugden	Year 11	 6 Teaching Weeks Left before GCSE Examinations begin! 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.

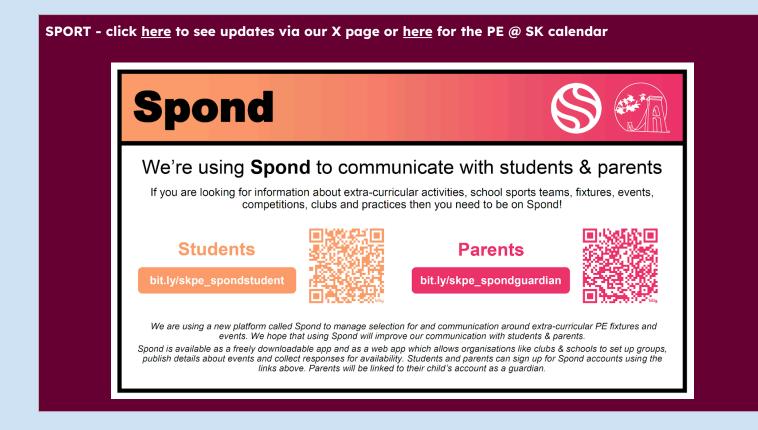


		This week in tutor time, we have been focussed on practicing past paper questions, one of our ACTIVE revision techniques that we can use during our POMS. Please continue to encourage your child to explore a wide range of ACTIVE revision techniques. If your child still feels at a loss as to where to begin, please encourage them to attend the Revision Help: Drop In, during lunchtimes on Tuesday. Please ensure your child has joined our 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 in Tutor Time, please support them joining the classroom using the code: '53zgut3'. 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! 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) sugdena@skdrive.org, or Mr Dawes (Attendance, Punctuality and Behaviour) dawest@skdrive.org.
Mr Sugden	Year 11	Leavers Merchandise We are giving students the opportunity to buy a leaver's hoodie and yearbook to remind students of their time at St Katherine's. A choice of colour and size are available to purchase on ParentPay which will go live today. The costing for the items are shown below:
		 Hoodie £29.95 Yearbook £10.40 Bundle hoodie and yearbook £36.30
		The deadline for ordering is Friday 21 March. This ensures they can be manufactured and delivered to us in time for them to be given out on Leavers' day in June. After this date we won't be able to place additional orders.
Miss Smith	Year 11 Food preparation	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.
	and nutrition	After half term
		Year 11B - GCSE recipe trail 3 - split groups on Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th February respectively P3 each day.
		Please bring an apron and an airtight container to take your food with you.
Miss Robinson	Year 11 - Spanish	Upcoming revision sessions after school:
Reginson	opunish	Tuesday 25th Feb - Writing foundation tier practice 3-4pm in my room Thursday 27th Feb - Writing highter tier practice 3-4pm in my room Monday 3rd March - Reading skills and technique (both tiers) 3-4pm in my room
Mo Tallia	Vog- 11	Thursday 6th March - Speaking practice (both tiers) 3-4pm in my room
Ms Tallis	Year 11 Art GCSE	Students are working on their final exam project for art GCSE. The deadline for the current stage, artist research, is Fri 14 March , although I will next mark your child's work on Mon 3 March .



		Students must spend a minimum of three hours on artist research sheets during the break . Please support your child to complete this essential work. Students are welcome to work on their art exam project Mon-Thurs at lunchtimes or Tues/Thurs after school in the Art Dept.
Mrs	Year 13	We have the creative yearback team working hard this year to create fantactic
Weatherson	Tear 15	We have the creative yearbook team working hard this year to create fantastic memorabilia for you to purchase and the hoodies are currently on parentpay. Final orders for hoodies will be taken 24.2.25 and are £25.

LETTERS - click <u>here</u> to see all letters



UPCOMING EVENTS - TERM 3

15 Feb

Ski trip, Sestriere, Italy departs

UPCOMING EVENTS - TERM 4		
25 Feb 1800-1900 Madrid parent/carer information evening, please refer to letter sent on Parent Pay		



4 Mar	1500-1600 Reading fluency workshop, Library
6 Mar	1500-1630 Coffee with the Headteacher, Mr Humphreys office
6 Mar	World book day
11 Mar	0845-1500 Trust wide music concert, Bristol Beacon - Rehearsals
11 Mar	1830-2030 Trust wide music concert, Bristol Beacon - Performance
12 Mar	0830-1730 Y13 Studland Bay trip, Dorset
12 Mar	1600-1900 Y12 and Y13 Progress Evening
13 Mar	1800-1900 Meet the Leader evening (Morocco), Canteen
14 Mar	0900-1220 Y12 University and apprenticeship search trip
14 Mar	0835-1505 Y8 Caving, Burrington Combe
14 Mar	Morocco training weekend (F, Sat, Sun)
18 Mar	1030-1510 Y8 students Airbus trip, Filton Road
20 Mar	1315-1800 Y11 Romeo and Juliet, Bristol Old Vic
22 Mar	Portishead Swimathon
22 Mar	DofE Silver Practice Walk
26 Mar	0900-1505 Y12 UCAS Higher Education and Apprenticeship Convention
27 Mar	0835-1505 Y8 Future Brunel, WECA activity day
27 Mar	1630-1900 8th Community Iftar Event: 'Ramadan Sharing Festival', Cresswell Theatre, Bristol Cathedral Choir School
4 Apr	Football trip, Madrid