

# Weekly communication to Parents/Carers

Friday 24 April 2026



St Katherine's Website



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PE calendar

## Whole School messages

<p>Careers Miss Gardiner</p>	<p>Whole School</p>	<p><b>Careers - Parent and Carer questionnaire</b> This parent survey is provided by the Careers and Enterprise Company (CEC), the national body for careers education in England. By careers education, we mean the various activities, lessons, and programmes provided by St Katherine's to help your child understand different career options and get ready for their next steps when they leave. The survey aims to collect information from parents and carers, like you, about your understanding and views on the careers education being provided at your child's school or college. It should take approximately 10 minutes to complete. We would be really grateful to hear your views, please complete the questionnaire <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
<p>Trust concert</p>	<p>Whole school</p>	<p><b>All Together Now!</b> <b>Wednesday 29 April at 1830, Bristol Beacon</b> Please see letter <a href="#">here</a> from the Trust about the above concert. Please remember to purchase your tickets to come and watch them! It will be one for the memory bank! Link to purchase tickets <a href="#">here</a>  Please complete the consent if your child is participating.</p>
<p>School Office</p>	<p>Whole School</p>	<p><b>Safety in our Community - Railway Lines</b> We are grateful to a member of the public that contacted the school to raise a concern that they had noticed some St. Katherine's School students who had climbed onto the railway lines near the 'Hammer and Spanner' sculpture at the foot of the Avonmouth Bridge footpath.  If you live close to school or your children travel through this area, please speak to them about the dangers of accessing the railway lines. There are ongoing works associated with the Portishead railway line as well as goods trains entering and leaving Portbury Docks.</p>
<p>School Office</p>	<p>SK-2 Bus Users</p>	<p>We have been notified by Turners of ongoing roadworks affecting the Portway route. The bus service currently begins at Roman Way, proceeding along the Portway before turning right onto Sylvan Way. However, due to the roadworks, this right turn is presently restricted. As a result, the driver is required to continue to the Avonmouth roundabout and return via an alternative route to access Sylvan Way, which has caused delays to subsequent stops.  Turners have confirmed that they did not receive prior notice of these works and, following enquiries, have been advised that the disruption is expected to continue for the foreseeable future.  In order to mitigate delays and maintain punctuality for the remainder of the route, as you are aware, the collection time at Roman Way was brought forward to 07:40, effective from Wednesday 22 April. This adjustment will allow sufficient time for the diversion.  We will continue to monitor the situation and will notify you as soon as normal access is restored, at which point the timetable will revert accordingly.</p>
<p>Finance Office</p>	<p>FSM Families</p>	<p><b>FSM Vouchers</b></p>

		I have been notified by North Somerset Council that we are to issue a £65 EVoucher (Wonde) supermarket voucher for all children on the FSM report as at Monday 8th June. The vouchers are from the 'Crisis and Resilience Fund'. North Somerset Council ask us to issue vouchers during term time rather than holiday vouchers.
Mr Davies	All parents	After being delayed in the last week of term, the Staff vs Student Netball Match will take place on Wednesday 29 April. All tickets bought on ParentPay remain valid, and students should bring in £1 if they would like to watch this incredibly tense and competitive affair.
<b>Year 7</b>		
Food and Nutrition Mrs Jenkins	Year 7	Practical lessons: All practical lessons are set on Classcharts, please ensure ingredients are brought to the lesson. Thursday 30th April - 7R Quesadillas
<b>Year 8</b>		
Food and Nutrition Mrs Jenkins	Year 8	Practical lessons: All practical lessons are set on Classcharts, please ensure ingredients are brought to the lesson. Tuesday 28th April - 8R Bolognese Friday 1st May - 8L Bolognese
<b>Year 9</b>		
Food and Nutrition Mrs Jenkins	Year 9	Practical lessons: All practical lessons are set on Classcharts, please ensure ingredients are brought to the lesson. Thursday 30th April - 9R Brownies Friday 1st May - 9L Brownies
<b>Year 10</b>		
Food preparation and Nutrition Mrs Jenkins	Year 10	Practical lessons: All practical lessons are set on Classcharts, please ensure ingredients are brought to the lesson. Monday 27th April - Apple Tarte Tatin
Art Ms Tallis	Year 10	Y10 GCSE art students have now started the second coursework Personal Project. They must spend a minimum of one hour on homework every week.  Your child may work in the Art Dept at the following times: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Every Tue after school</li> <li>- Every Thu after school</li> <li>- Mon/Tue/Wed/Thu lunchtimes</li> </ul> Please support your child to attend one of these sessions regularly; those who did this last year had the most success with their art GCSE results.  <b>Deadline for the drawing/photos for the Personal Project = Fri 22 May</b>
Textiles Miss Everard	Year 10	Y10 GCSE Textiles students are starting the second coursework project, on the broad theme of 'Organics'.  Year 10 Mock date is Monday June 8th. The mock exam piece will be based on their work over the next few weeks - (Organics).  Most students do have elements of their first project (Architecture) to complete, either in their sketchbooks or on their garment. They will have time allocated to completing this after their mock exam.

		As usual students should be spending at least an hour on homework each week, and they can attend catch-up sessions in room 13 at lunchtimes, and after school on Thursdays. Please encourage your child to make the most of supported sessions as it really does give them a boost and outcomes can greatly improve when they have access to the classroom equipment.
Photography Mr Frullo	Year 10	<p>Y10 GCSE Photography students have now started their Independent Projects. They must spend a minimum of one hour on their coursework every week.</p> <p>Your child may work in the Art Dept at the following times:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Every Tue after school</li> <li>- Every Thu after school</li> <li>- Mon/Tue/Wed/Thu lunchtimes</li> </ul> <p>Please support your child to attend one of these sessions regularly; those who did this last year had the most success with their GCSE results.</p>
English	Year 10	In Pride and Prejudice, the heroine, Lizzy, has rejected a proposal, and asserts that she is a 'rational creature'. Dive into the history of female empowerment and have a conversation about Mary Wollstonecraft's radical ideas - wider reading for English <a href="#">here</a> .
<b>Year 11</b>		
Art Ms Tallis	Year 11	<p>This is now the FINAL PUSH before the 10 hour exam on <b>Tues 5 &amp; Wed 6 May</b>. We only have three lessons before the exam &amp; the end of the art GCSE course.</p> <p>Many of your children are working towards aspirational personal high GCSE target grades for art - that they can definitely achieve - but they must invest the time NOW.</p> <p>Your child must spend a minimum of <b>four hours on art homework per week for the remaining two weeks</b> &amp; may work in the Art Dept at the following times:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tues &amp; Thurs after school</li> <li>- Mon/Tues/Wed/Thurs lunchtimes.</li> </ul> <p>Many thanks for your support at this very important time for your child on their final chapter of the art GCSE course.</p>
Textiles Miss Everard	Year 11	<p>Year 11 Textiles students are now in the final week before their exam, which is on Thursday 30th April and Friday 1st May. (Next week)</p> <p>In their final lessons next Wednesday, they will be making final preparations and gathering ALL materials needed for their exam days. They are expected to have made a detailed time plan that they will have with them during the exam, so they can refer to it to keep track. Any parts of their final piece that have been pre-made during lessons - for example work involving techniques, or stages of making that require lengthy drying time (e.g dyeing fabric) or construction of parts of a larger project, must be in school on Wednesday 29th, in order to photograph, prior to exam commencing.</p> <p>ALL their display boards must be completed and submitted along with their final piece at the end of their exam on Friday May 1st. This will mark the end of the course.</p> <p>They are showing such dedication and commitment, and their exam project work is looking fantastic!</p> <p>Thank you so much for your continued support.</p>
Chemistry Mrs Ivey	Year 11	There will be chemistry revision after school on Tuesday for all students. This will take place in lab 2 with Mr Sugden from 3:05-4:00pm.

		Isaac Science is offering a free online revision masterclass, this Saturday, on moles and balancing equations. The session will contain revision and practice questions. The masterclass takes place 1-2:30pm Saturday 25th April. Places are allocated on a first come first serve basis, students need to login into Isaac science and apply using this <a href="#">link</a> .
Physics Mrs Ivey	Year 11	Isaac science is offering a free GCSE masterclass, this Saturday, on particles and electromagnetism. The session will contain revision and practice questions. The material will be suitable for students aiming for grade 5 upwards. The masterclass takes place 11am-1pm Saturday 25th April. Places are allocated on a first come first serve basis students need to login into Isaacsience and apply using this <a href="#">link</a> .
<b>Year 12 and 13</b>		
Chemistry Mrs Ivey	Year 12&13	Isaac science is offering a free A-level Chemistry masterclass on moles and balancing equations. The session will contain revision and practice questions. The masterclass takes place 2:30-4:00pm Saturday 25th April. Places are allocated on a first come first serve basis students need to login into Isaac science and apply using this <a href="#">link</a> .
Biology Mrs Ivey	Year 12&13	A-level biology revision will continue to run Thursday's afterschool in lab 6 3:05-4pm. All students should attend.
Mr Davies	Year 12	Year 12 Mocks start on Monday April 27th. Students have all been told where and when their exams will take place. A schedule can be found <a href="#">here</a> .
Mr Davies	Year 13	As Year 13's final exams are near, I would like to emphasise the importance of aiming for 100% attendance between now and the end of this period. Each missed lesson can have a huge impact on final outcomes. Students are expected in school full time until the end of Term 5, and then for lessons and boosters until the final exam in each subject. Boosters are additional lessons on the day before each exam, and we will also welcome students for 'exam breakfasts' on the morning of each exam, where they can receive some last-minute reassurance from teachers. We are so proud of this cohort, and really hope they are able to achieve the outcomes and destinations they have worked so hard for.

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## 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!

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**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 5

24-25 April	Y9 Bronze DofE Overnight Camp (Fri-Sat)
27 April	0835-0900 Y7 Green Jobs Assembly from UWE, LT (whole year group)
27 April	1000-1100 Y8 Successful Me workshop (20 students)
27 April	1800-1830 Teaching and Learning Forum with Mr Ovink, Dining Hall
29 April	1830-2045 Trust Concert, All together now, Bristol Beacon
29 April	0835-1505 Y7 Future Brunel, Selection Process - round 2 (3 students)
29 April	1400-1505 Y10 Army Careers Talk (whole year group)
30 April	0835-1505 Y8 & Y10 Ham Green Outdoor Centre (12 students)
30 April	0835-1505 Y9 MenACWY/DtP immunisations (for students with consent)
4 May	BANK HOLIDAY
7 May	1400-1505 Culture Day (whole school)
7 May	0835-1505 Y8 Future Brunel WECA Activity Day (3 students)
To be rearranged	0835-1505 Y7 Chepstow Castle (whole year group over the two days)
9 May	Y9 Bronze DofE Practice Walk
11 May	Mental Health Awareness week
12 May	0835-1505 Y10 Future Fundamentals Trip to UWE (21 students)
-12 May	0835-0900 Y12 & Y13 Rolls Royce Assembly (whole year group)
13 May	1600-1900 Y7 Virtual Progress Evening (W) ★
13 May	0900-1505 Y7 Race The Line, DAT block P1-P4, Bottom Courts P5 (whole year group)
13 May	1320-1505 Y12 ICE South West - STEM Outreach Roadshow (whole year group)
16 & 17 May	Silver DofE Practice Quantocks (Sat/Sun) (50 students)
18 May	0900-1000 Coffee with the Headteacher
18 May	0835-0900 Y7 Careers Assembly - Careers in the space industry with Equinox LT (whole year group)
18 May	1000-1100 Y7 Successful Me workshop (20 students)
19 May	0835-0900 Y12 STEM food tech talk (50 students)
20 May	0835-1505 Y10 Future Brunel WECA Activity Day (3 students)
20 May	0835-1505 Y12 & Y13 Oxford - Exeter College (30 students)
21 May	0900-1505 Y12 UWE guidance interviews (whole year group)
22 May	1200-2000 Hay Festival - Malala Yousafzai talks to Anna Foster (32 students)
22 May	1505 END OF TERM 5