

Weekly communication to Parents/Carers

Friday 8 May 2026



St Katherine's Website



Term dates







Termly newsletters



PE calendar

Whole School messages

School	Whole school	<p>Coffee with the Headteacher will be held on 18 May from 9-10. Due to our busy exam period, this will be held in Mr Humphreys office.</p> <p>We will have a limited number of spaces in Mr Humphreys office so please email school@skdrive.org if you would like to attend.</p>
School	Whole school	<h3>Online support courses for Parents</h3> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;">  </div> <div style="width: 50%;"> <p>Building Emotional Resilience Work through six stages of directed exercises to help your child (and yourself) improve emotional resilience.</p> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;">  </div> <div style="width: 50%;"> <p>Facing Defiance A specific strategy aimed at supporting parents of children aged 5 to 12 with ADHD, ODD or just very challenging behaviour.</p> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;">  </div> <div style="width: 50%;"> <p>You & Your Teen A skills building course for one parent and one teen (12 years old and above) to learn how they can both improve their communication with each other.</p> </div> </div> <p style="text-align: center;"> www.facefamilyadvice.co.uk Online Parenting Courses page Email: info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk </p> 
School	SEND	<p>Ahead of the public exams for Years 11 and 13 which are due to start, usual LSA support and/or interventions may have some disruption during the exams. We intend to keep any changes to a minimum but there could be some disruption due to staffing exam access arrangements. Thank you for your understanding and for talking this through with your child.</p>
School	SSO	<p>Reminder</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All students need to come to school with a water bottle. • Paracetamol is only given at break and lunch times, with consent. • Please ensure students with hayfever, take medicines before attending school.

Year 8		
Food and Nutrition Mrs Jenkins	Year 8	<p>Practical lessons: All practical lessons are set on Classcharts, please ensure ingredients are brought to the lesson. Friday 15th May - 8L Cheese straws</p>
Year 9		
Sirona	Year 9	<p>MenACWY and Td/IP vaccination catch-up clinics are available for all Year 9 students who did not receive their vaccination at school. Please book an appointment here</p> <p>If you have any queries please contact the Immunisation Team directly on 0300 124 5515 or email sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net</p>
Food and Nutrition Mrs Jenkins	Year 9	<p>Practical lessons: All practical lessons are set on Classcharts, please ensure ingredients are brought to the lesson. Thursday 14th May - 9R Scones Friday 15th May - 9L - Scones</p>
Year 10		
Food Preparation and Nutrition Mrs Jenkins	Year 10	<p>Practical lessons: All practical lessons are set on Classcharts, please ensure ingredients are brought to the lesson. Monday 11th May - 10B Spinach and Ricotta Ravioli</p>
Art Ms Tallis	Year 10	<p>Y10 GCSE art students are working hard on their Personal Projects (second coursework project). They must spend a minimum of one hour on homework every week.</p> <p>Your child may work in the Art Dept at the following times:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Every Tue after school - Every Thu after school - Mon/Tue/Wed/Thu lunchtimes <p>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.</p> <p>Deadline for the drawing/photos for the Personal Project = Fri 22 May</p>
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 department any break/lunch/day after school. However, I have put aside Tuesday and Thursday after school if students require my support, I will try my best to be there to help outside these times.</p> <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>
Textiles Miss Everard	Year 10	<p>Y10 GCSE Textiles students have now started their second coursework project, on the broad theme of 'Organics'.</p> <p>Year 10 Mock date is Monday June 8th. The mock exam piece will be based on their work over the next few weeks - (Organics).</p> <p>They should be spending at least an hour on homework each week, and they can attend catch-up sessions at lunch times and after school in the Art/Textiles Dept.</p> <p>Your child may work in the Art Dept at the following times:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Every Tue after school

- Every Thu after school
- Mon/Tue/Wed/Thu lunchtimes

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Year 11

Mrs Ivey	Science	Next week we will be running afterschool revision in science for all students as follows: Monday 3:05-4pm Biology with Mrs Brooke in lab 4 Tuesday 3:05-4pm Chemistry with Mr Sugden in lab 2
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PE & SPORT - sign up for Spond (our communication platform)

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 5

9 May	Y9 Bronze DofE Practise 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	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