

Weekly communication to Parents/Carers

Friday 5 June 2026



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PE calendar

Message from Mr Humphreys

Dear Parents/Carers

As we begin Term 6, I would like to extend a warm welcome back to all members of our school community. This final term of the academic year is always a significant period, marked by reflection, celebration, and continued commitment to the values that define our school: **Responsibility**, **Resilience**, and **Respect**. These values continue to guide our students and staff as we move through a busy and purposeful few weeks.

One of the most memorable moments as we concluded the previous term was our school visit to the Hay Festival on 22 May. Students, including our newly appointed Yousafzai House Leaders, had the exciting opportunity to hear Malala Yousafzai speak with Anna Foster. Her reflections on education, equality and global citizenship offered a profound and inspiring experience. The trip provided our students with a rare chance to engage with ideas that extend far beyond the classroom, and it was a privilege to witness their thoughtful responses to such an influential figure. This visit truly marked a high point in our school calendar and set a positive tone as we transitioned into Term 6.

I would like to commend our students for the exemplary manner in which they have approached their GCSE and A Level examinations. Their dedication to revision, calmness under pressure, and their mutual support for one another has been outstanding. Staff have consistently commented on the maturity and determination shown across year groups, and it is clear that our students are embodying the very best of our school values. We are immensely proud of their efforts and look forward to celebrating their achievements in August.

June marks the beginning of Pride Month, an important moment in our school year and a celebration that holds deep significance for our community. We are very much looking forward to our annual Pride Parade on 17 June, which has become an anchor in our calendar. It stands as a reminder of our commitment to ensuring that every student feels a strong sense of belonging, acceptance and visibility within our school. This celebration reinforces our belief that diversity strengthens our community and that inclusion is central to who we are at St Katherine's.

As I write, our Year 10 students are undertaking their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Assessed Expedition this weekend. The Duke of Edinburgh Award continues to be an essential part of our wider curriculum, offering students the opportunity to develop confidence, leadership and a deeper sense of responsibility. We look forward to welcoming them back and celebrating their achievements. I strongly encourage you to ensure your child/ren take part in the Bronze, Silver and Gold Award.


Finally, we shared our Ofsted report earlier in the week which reflects the collective hard work, dedication and ambition of our students, staff and wider community. We remain committed to continuous improvement and to providing the highest standard of education and care for every young person in our school and are excited as a staff body about the next phase of our school development plan which will be available in September.

As we move further into Term 6, I would like to thank you for your continued support. The strength of our school lies in the partnership between students, staff, families and the wider community, and it is this shared commitment that enables our young people to thrive.

Best wishes,

Justin Humphreys

Whole School messages

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| Mr Maw | Whole school | <p>Coach service</p> <p>We would like to remind parents and carers that students may only travel on the coach service for which they have purchased a pass and must be able to present a valid boarding pass when requested. Following concerns raised by parents regarding students travelling without the appropriate pass, we will be increasing our checks from next week. Students found attempting to travel on a coach for which they do not hold a valid pass are likely to be refused travel by the operator. We would be grateful if parents could remind their children to carry their boarding pass with them each day and to use only their allocated coach service.</p> |
| School | Whole school | <p>Road Closure Sylvan Way/ Portway</p> <p>From Monday 8 June, Sylvan Way will be one-way only between Shirehampton Road and the Portway. Traffic will not be permitted to exit Sylvan Way onto the Portway. Drivers travelling in this direction will need to follow the signed diversion route. Please allow extra time for your journey and expect delays in the area.</p> |
| School | Catering Vacancy | <p>We have a vacancy for a General Catering Assistant, hours are Monday to Friday from 10am to 2pm please email sarah.burns@aspens-services.com for further information.</p> |
| Face Family Advice | Whole school | <p>FREE one hour online session for parents</p> <p>Thursday 25th June 7pm - 8pm</p> <p>Join us online to get some advice on how to help your ADHD child start and complete their homework.</p> <p>Book on the PARENTS - Live Talks page facefamilyadvice.co.uk</p> |
| Amplify Trust | Whole School | <p>Parent and Carer survey</p> <p>Please see parent/carer survey from the Trust for completion by 29 June 2026.</p> |
| School | Whole School | <p>Many congratulations to Darya who achieved 3rd place in her group of 24 contestants in the Bristol Planet ice skating Robin Hood Trophy competition.</p>  |

Year 7

Food and Nutrition
Mrs Jenkins

Year 7

Please ensure all ingredients are weighed before the lesson.
Friday 12th June - 7L Pizza toast

Year 10

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| Mr Sugden | Year 10 | <p>Key Stage 4 Mock Examination Series 1: 19 June 2026-26 June 2026</p> <p>Please find letter here sent to parents/carers yesterday</p> |
| Art Ms Tallis | Year 10 | <p>Y10 GCSE art students are working hard on their artist research for 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 artist research for the Personal Project = Fri 3 July</p> |
| Textiles Miss Everard | Year 10 | <p>Y10 GCSE Textiles students are now in their final week on their 'Organics' coursework project.</p> <p>Year 10 Mock Exam date is Monday June 8th. Students will have the whole day in rm 13 working on their exam piece, they will have usual break and lunchtimes. They should arrive to Room 13 first thing, as soon as they have been registered. They will, of course, be in exam conditions for the whole day, and will have break and lunchtime as usual.</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 <p>Please support your child to attend one of these sessions regularly; those who did so last year had the most success with their GCSE results.</p> |
| Photography Mr Frullo | Year 10 | <p>Y10 GCSE Photography 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 Room 18 or 36 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> |
| English | Year 10 | <p>This week's wider reading is here.</p> |
| HSC Miss Wilsher | Year 10 | <p>Year 10 HSC UWE trip 10th June 2026</p> <p>Reminder</p> <p>Students are visiting UWE Glenside Campus for the Health and Social care taster day on Wednesday 10th June..</p> <p>Students need to be in school uniform and have a packed lunch and water bottle for the visit.</p> <p>We will be back for the end of the school day in time for the coaches.</p> |
| Year 12 and 13 | | |
| RG | Year 13 | <p>Please note leavers hoodies, year books and prom tickets are on parentpay. Hoodies need to be paid for by 8th June please. Year books and prom tickets by 12th June please. Thank you</p> |

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| <p>Work Experience 15th - 19th June</p> | <p>Year 12</p> | <p>WEX Yr 12: A few quick key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Before WEX week - Please encourage your child to get in touch with their employer to confirm the plans for the first day e.g. where to go, who to ask for, what to wear etc (a lot of this information can be found on the employer form on Unifrog). - If your child is eligible for free school meals (FSM) a voucher will be sent out to you to cover the duration of work experience. It is your responsibility to use these vouchers to ensure your child has lunch for the week. - Please see here for the parent/guardian information letter - Please see here for a document detailing what's expected of students before, during and after work experience. - If you have any questions or concerns around work experience please get in touch with me - afey@skdrive.org <p>Work experience is becoming increasingly more important for CV's and future applications with 71% of employers/recruiters advising work experience is critical during the selection process.</p> <p>If you have any queries: afey@skdrive.org</p> |
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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 6

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| 4-7 Jun | 1600 Silver DofE, Porlock (Assessed) (Thurs - Sun) (50 students) |
| 8-12 Jun | Y8 Barcelona 2026 (8-12 Jun) (40 students) |
| 9 Jun | 0835-0900 Y12 NCS assembly (50 students) |
| 10 Jun | 0835-1505 Y7 Future Brunels, WECA activity day (3 students) |
| 10 Jun | 0835-1505 Y10 H&S Glenside Campus Trip (24 students) |
| 15 Jun | 0835-0900 Y8 Easy Jet Pilot Talk, (180 students) |
| 15 Jun | Y12 WEX week |
| 17 Jun | 1400-1505 Whole school - Pride |

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| 17 Jun | Y7 Rising Mathematicians Festival (10 students) |
| 17 Jun | 0835-1505 Y8 Future Brunel WECA Activity Day (3 students) |
| 21 Jun | Y9 Bronze DofE Exp 1 (Sun-Mon 22) |
| 22 Jun | 0835-0900 Y8 Green Jobs Assembly from UWE Dining Hall (180 students) |
| 20-24 Jun | Y8 Paris Trip 2026 (20-24 Jun) (41 students) |
| 23 Jun | 0835-0900 Y12 RAF Assembly (100 students) |
| 23 Jun | Alan Turing Birthday - 23 June 1912 |
| 23 Jun | 0835-1505 Y6 Induction extra day |
| 25 Jun | 0835-1505 Y10 Future Brunel WECA Activity Day (3 students) |
| 25 Jun | 0835-1120 Y11 Leavers day |
| 25 Jun | Y13 Leavers day |
| 25 Jun | 1830-2230 Y11 Prom |
| 26 Jun | Y13 Prom |
| 26 Jun | 0900-1505 Y7 Race The Line, DAT block P1-P4, Bottom Courts P5 (all students) |
| 26 Jun | Bronze DofE Exp 2 (Fri/Sat) |
| 26 Jun | 0835-0900 Y12 RSE Day |
| 29 Jun | INSET DAY |
| 29 Jun | Y10 WEX week |
| 30 Jun | 0835-01505 Y7 Chepstow Castle (all students) |
| 30 Jun | 0835-0900 Y12 Wex Celebration Assembly (50 students) |
| 30-3 Jul | Y13 Gold Practice/Exped (15 students) |
| 1-2 Jul | Y6 induction day and evening |
| 1 Jul | 1400-1505 Y12 Laing O'Rourke to explore the opportunities in Apprenticeship and Career Insights (50 students) |
| 2 Jul | 1220-1300 Accelerated Reader annual Pizza Celebration |
| 2 Jul | 0835-1505 Y12 & Y13 Step into Sixth Form |
| 4-5 Jul | Bronze DofE Exp 3 (Sun/Mon 29) |
| 6 Jul | 0835-0900 Y8 SGS College talk LT (180 students) |
| 6 Jul | 0835-1505 Y10 Future Brunel WECA Activity Day (3 students) |
| 6 Jul | Sports week |
| 6-9 Jul | House Celebration Evenings |
| 7 Jul | 0835-0900 Y12 Bowerman and Kirkland construction talk (50 students) |
| 8 Jul | 0835-1505 Y12 & Y13 Bristol Crown Court Trip (7 students) |

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| 8 Jul | 1400-1505 Y12 Biological Sciences talk from Bristol Uni, Disease defence strategies in social insects - Dr Nathalie Stroeymeyt (50 students) |
| 12 Jul | Malala Yousafzai Birthday - 12 July 1997 |
| 14 Jul | 0835-1505 Y10 Geography Trip (half year group) |
| 14 Jul | 0835-0900 Y12 KPMG Assembly (50 students) |
| 15 Jul | Emmeline Pankhurst Birthday (W) - 15 July 1858 |
| 15 Jul | 0835-1505 Y8 Airbus Trip (32 students) |
| 15 Jul | 1400-1505 Y10 WEX Celebration Assembly (180 students) |
| 17 Jul | 0835-1505 Geography Trip (half year group) |
| 21 Jul | 0835-0900 Y12 Bristol Robins Post 18 Assembly (50 students) |
| 22 Jul | END OF TERM 6 at 1230 |