



**A tribute to Paul Stephenson OBE  
1937 - 2024**

Dr. Paul Stephenson OBE (1937-2024) was a towering figure in British civil rights history, whose relentless pursuit of justice helped pave the way for racial equality and set powerful precedents that reverberate to this day. Known for his unwavering commitment to dismantling racial discrimination, Dr. Stephenson is best remembered for leading the 1963 Bristol Bus Boycott, a pivotal moment in British civil rights inspired by the American movement. His leadership in that campaign led to the Bristol Omnibus Company lifting its "colour bar," changing employment practices and proving that community activism could drive institutional change in the UK.

In 1964, he made headlines again when he refused to leave a pub, challenging the racist policies that limited Black patrons' rights. This act of defiance was one of many that helped bring about the landmark Race Relations Act in 1965, which, for the first time in British history, outlawed racial discrimination in public spaces and employment. Dr. Stephenson's commitment to justice and equality, often achieved at great personal cost, was honoured with an OBE for his lifetime achievements, and his work serves as a lasting testament to courage, integrity, and an uncompromising dedication to the greater good.

Many staff and students at St Katherine's were fortunate enough to meet Paul Stephenson when he visited our school on 25 October 2018, shortly after we established Stephenson House. It was a powerful and moving occasion as Paul talked to students and encouraged them 'to use their brains' in the fight for equality and said he was 'overwhelmed' to have a St Katherine's House named in his honour.

Throughout his life, Dr. Stephenson inspired generations to fight for a society free from discrimination. His legacy remains a beacon of hope and a reminder that change is possible when people stand up against injustice. He will be remembered for his strength, his humility, and his tireless work to secure a fairer, more inclusive society. His legacy will forever remain etched on the minds of all at St Katherine's.

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

MESSAGES		
School	Whole School	<b>Monday 11 November 2024 Whole School Act of Remembrance</b> During lesson 2 on Monday, all members of our school community will take part in our whole school act of remembrance.
Mr Davies	Whole School	St Katherine's is taking part in Movember! Please visit our <a href="#">Team Page</a> to find out more about this fantastic campaign to raise funds and awareness for Men's Mental Health, and if you are able, any donations would be warmly received.
School	Whole School	<b>Whole School Careers Fair - Thursday 14 November 4.30-7.00pm</b>  We will be hosting employers from a range of industries (Deloitte, First Bus, Brandon Trust, Navy, House of Basketball, McDonalds, Michelmores, Police, NHS, HMRC) as well as post 16 and 18 education providers. (SGS College, City of Bristol College, Weston College, Boomsatsuma, Bimm, Digitech, St Brendan's Sixth Form College) This will be particularly important for any Year 11 students making post 16 choices as all local providers will be here in one place.  This is a great opportunity to speak in person with potential employers and representatives from Higher Education institutions to find out about career pathways  In addition, there will be information sessions from Ask Apprenticeships at 17.00 and 18.00 and University of Bath will be running Understanding Student Finance sessions 17.30 and 18.30.  The St Katherine's School Careers Fair is free to attend. Please sign up using this <a href="#">link</a>
School	Whole School	<b>Punctuality</b> To tackle lateness, we're introducing a new punctuality drive. New bell signals will now mark the period after which pupils are late to lesson, and late minutes will continue to be recorded with rigour. Persistent lateness will lead to sanctions. Let's work together to build strong habits and ensure every student starts on time, every time. Thank you for supporting us in making punctuality a priority at St. Katherines School.
School	Whole school	 <b>SKYWARD</b> <b>St Katherine's Youth Award</b>  At St Katherine's School we believe that learning should extend beyond the classroom and that every life experience is an opportunity to grow towards the ambitious goals that students have set for themselves. We want all

		<p>students to track their development of twelve key employability skills using the UniFrog platform. Through enrichment activities, guest visits and external trips students will be able to demonstrate the development of skills such as communication, teamwork and leadership. Students who track their skills to the appropriate level will be eligible for one of three St Katherine's Youth Awards (SKYwards). To find out more about SKYwards please take a look at our <a href="#">website</a>.</p> <p>Every Wk 1 Wednesday, students in KS3 have an enrichment period in which they can take part in a range of clubs and activities. Some clubs will engage students all year in an activity for which they already have a deep commitment. Others will offer a short taste of something new so that students may find a new interest. We are always seeking to broaden the range of experiences that we can offer so if you have a particular skill or passion that you could share with students on a Wednesday afternoon please contact <a href="mailto:francisblacka@skdrive.org">francisblacka@skdrive.org</a>.</p>
Food and Nutrition - Mrs Jenkins	Year 7	<p>Here are the practical lessons taking place next week for the following classes. All ingredients are set on Classcharts. Any problems, please let Mrs Jenkins know.</p> <p>Thursday 14th November - 7L Bread rolls Friday 15th November - 7R Bread rolls Please bring an apron and an airtight container to take your food with you.</p>
Ms Wild	Year 7	<p>Apologies for the postponed parent workshop on supporting your child with reading. This is rearranged to the 20th November. Please complete this <a href="#">Google form</a> to let me know if you are interested in attending, if a different date or a virtual workshop would suit better.</p>
Food and Nutrition - Mrs Jenkins	Year 8	<p>Here are the practical lessons taking place next week for the following classes. All ingredients are set on Classcharts. Any problems, please let Mrs Jenkins know.</p> <p>Tuesday 12th November - 8r Swiss roll Wednesday 13th November - 8L Swiss roll Please bring an apron and an airtight container to take your food with you.</p>
English	Year 9	<p>This term Year 9 is studying Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck. This will involve resources posted on our Google classrooms and in student books to help them explore the story and its themes. Parents are also able to access the classrooms to see reading logs and recent work posted.</p>
Food and Nutrition - Mrs Jenkins	Year 9	<p>Here are the practical lessons taking place next week for the following classes. All ingredients are set on Classcharts. Any problems, please let Mrs Jenkins know.</p> <p>Monday 11th November - 9L Burger challenge Tuesday 12th November - 9R Burger challenge Please bring an apron and an airtight container to take your food with you.</p>
Science	Year 9	<p>Year 9 students are coming to the end of their KS3 science courses. The week commencing 16th December all year 9 students will sit an <b>end of KS3 exam in their science lessons</b>. The examination will help us track student attainment and progress and help us to identify which students are most suitable for</p>

		<p>triple science. There may also be some set changes as a result of students' performance at the end of KS3 exam.</p> <p>This week we have discussed details of the assessment with students. All of the key information including topic lists and revision links can be found in this <a href="#">booklet</a>. Each student has an individual electronic copy of this booklet on their google classroom. Students will be set homework each week to help them revise for the examination. The plan for homework can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
Engineering	Year 10	<p>Coursework is an ongoing piece of work worth 30% of your child's grade this year. To support them in getting the best possible result and meeting all the deadlines in time we are offering extra sessions within the department. Your child is invited and encouraged to attend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Before school: Mon, Wed, Thurs and Fri (from 7:30)</li> <li>- After school: Tues, Thursday and Fri (until 4:30)</li> <li>- Breaktimes: Mon - Fri</li> <li>- Lunchtimes: Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri</li> </ul>
Photography	Year 10	<p>Students that need time to catch up on any work missed are welcome to attend after school drop in - Thursdays 3pm-4pm.</p>
Work Experience	Year 10	<p>St Katherine's Work Experience Programme will take place on 30th June - 4th July. More information can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p><b>Congratulations to the 20 students who have already secured a placement!</b></p> <p><b>Here is this week's WOW'S! (Wex Opportunity of the Week)</b>  <a href="#">NGR Law</a>  <a href="#">KWMC</a> (Knowle West Media Centre)</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 Mrs Duncan (WEX Coordinator) on <a href="mailto:skworkexperience@skdrive.org">skworkexperience@skdrive.org</a></p> <p><b>PLEASE START THE SEARCH EARLY. A LOT OF COMPANIES ARE FULL BY DECEMBER/JANUARY.</b></p>
Engineering	Year 11	<p>Coursework is an ongoing piece of work worth 30% of your child's grade this year. To support them in getting the best possible result and meeting all the deadlines in time we are offering extra sessions within the department. Your child should be attending at least 3 of the below sessions each week to put them in the best position to achieve their desired grade:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Before school: Mon, Wed, Thurs and Fri (from 7:30)</li> <li>- After school: Tues, Thursday and Fri (until 4:30)</li> <li>- Breaktimes: Mon - Fri</li> <li>- Lunchtimes: Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri</li> </ul>
Textiles	Year 11	<p>Y11 Textile students have their 5hr mock exam on Monday 11th November. Please support students by encouraging them to spend the weekend preparing materials, printing resources and ensure they arrive to room 13 by 8:30 am for a 8:40 am prompt start.</p>

		Each student should have spent the last few lessons researching artists, taking photos and preparing a plan for their sustained textile sample.
Art	Year 11	<p>Year 11 art students have a mock exam all day (five hours) in Room 10 on <b>Monday 11.11.24</b>. Students <b>MUST arrive by 8.30am</b> at the latest for an 8.40am start. They will register in the exam room.</p> <p>Students must bring all of their final piece planning work (six A3 sheets), research &amp; drawing to refer to in the exam, when they will be working on final pieces. Any remaining planning should be completed over the weekend.</p>
Photography	Year 11	Students that need time to catch up on any work missed are welcome to attend after school drop in - Thursdays 3pm-4pm.
Mr Sugden and Mr Dawes	Year 11	<p><b>Whole School Careers Fair - Thursday 14 November 4.30-7.00pm</b></p> <p>Please really encourage your child's attendance to the Careers Fair. This is the students' only opportunity to have all Bristol and North Somerset Post-16 Providers in one place where they can discuss their plans after GCSEs.</p> <p>This is a free event, please sign up with the <a href="#">link</a>.</p>
Ms Tallis	Year 12&13	<p><b>UPDATED ART TRIP DETAILS - Thurs 5 Dec.</b></p> <p>MegaBus have cancelled our travel on this day (they have stopped their service Bristol-London) but alternative travel on National Express was secured during the break, after the announcement, at no extra cost to families. This has also been confirmed by letter to you via ParentPay.</p> <p>We will meet at the main entrance of the Bristol Bus &amp; Coach Station on Thurs 5 Dec at 7am for a 7.15am coach. This is public service &amp; will not wait for your child if they are late. We will return on a coach due to arrive at 21.05pm but in case of any delay, your child will communicate with you. Please be on time to collect your child.</p> <p>All other details remain the same when visiting the Tate Britain &amp; National Gallery on 5 Dec - a credit/debit card is required for tube travel &amp; a packed lunch &amp; supper suggested, as food purchased in gallery cafes is expensive. Students must bring a device to take photos, a small sketchbook &amp; dry media.</p>
Work Experience	Year 12	<p>St Katherine's Work Experience Programme will take place on 16th - 20th June. More information can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p><b>PLEASE REMIND YOUR CHILD TO CONTACT COMPANIES NOW. A LOT OF PLACEMENTS HAVE GONE BY DECEMBER/JANUARY.</b></p> <p><b>Here is this week's <a href="#">WOW!</a> (Wex Opportunity of the Week)</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 Mrs Duncan (WEX Coordinator) on <a href="mailto:skworkexperience@skdrive.org">skworkexperience@skdrive.org</a></p>

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# WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK!

## PE Fixtures, Events, Clubs & Practices



### Week 2 of 7: Monday 11 November – Friday 15 November (Week 2)

Dates and times for boys' and girls' fixtures & events (bold) as well as clubs and practices (italics) for this week. Details are always subject to change – please follow @StKathsPE on X for the latest information. Students can also login to Slack using their SK account details.

Day	Before or During School Hours	After School Hours
<b>Monday</b>	<i>LUNCH Daily60: Indoor Football</i> <b>9 Boys Football v Norton Hill AWAY</b> – leave 1300, return 1730 apx.	<b>Cross Country Team Practice [1630]</b> <i>Short Mat Bowls [1630]</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<i>ARRIVAL Taught 9, 10 &amp; 11 Strength &amp; Conditioning</i> <i>LUNCH Daily60: Basketball</i>	<b>SK Challenge Cup Bowls AWAY</b> – return 1830 apx. <b>7 Girls Netball v Gordano AWAY</b> – return 1730 apx.
<b>Wednesday</b>	<i>ARRIVAL Open Strength &amp; Conditioning</i> <i>LUNCH Daily60: Indoor Rowing</i> <b>11 Boys Rugby v Gordano AWAY</b> – leave 1320, return 1700 apx.	<b>9 Boys Rugby v PCSA HOME</b> – finish 1700 apx.
<b>Thursday</b>	<i>ARRIVAL Taught 7 &amp; 8 Strength &amp; Conditioning</i> <b>Primary Multiskills Leadership</b> – start 0835, finish 1245 apx. <b>North Somerset Cross Country AWAY</b> – leave 1120, return 1645 apx. <i>LUNCH Daily60: Dodgeball</i>	<i>Senior (10-13) Boys Rugby [1700]</i> <i>8 &amp; 9 Girls Netball [1630]</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<i>ARRIVAL Outdoor Running Club</i> <i>LUNCH Daily60: Indoor Cricket</i>	<i>Badminton &amp; Table Tennis [1700]</i>
<b>Weekend</b>	<u><b>SATURDAY</b></u>	<u><b>SUNDAY</b></u>



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### UPCOMING EVENTS

11 Nov	1040 Remembrance Day
13 Nov	0835-1505 Y9 Future Brunels, WECA activity day
13 Nov	1600-1900 Y9 Progress Evening
14 Nov	1630-1900 Careers Fair, Sixth form and Canteen
15 Nov	0835-1505 7S2 Sugar Loaf trip
20 Nov	0835-1505 8Y1, 8P1, 8T - We the Curious trip
21 Nov	0835-1505 8Y2, 8P2, 8S - We the Curious trip
22 Nov	0835-1505 7T1 Sugar Loaf trip
27 Nov	0835-1505 Y8 Future Brunels, WECA activity day

27 Nov	0915-1315 RWA and Bristol Museum GCSE and A Level Art trip & Royal West of England Academy/Bristol Museum and Art Gallery
27 Nov	1600-1900 Y8 Progress Evening
28 Nov	1500-1630 Coffee with the Headteacher
3 Dec	0900-1600 Y13 We the curious visit
5 Dec	0700-2100 Y13 Tate Britain & National Gallery, London
10 Dec	0835-1505 Y10 Warner Brother studio tour
11 Dec	1800-1900 Christmas Carols, Canteen
19 Dec	Christmas lunch
20 Dec	END OF TERM 2 - School closes at 1230