

Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 14 March 2025

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

MESSAGES		
School Office	Whole School	<p>We would like to apologise for the recent absence of our termly newsletters which capture in full the life and experience at St Katherine's in great detail. This is due to staff absence.</p> <p>Having listened to feedback from parents/cares over recent months we will continue to update our Facebook page more regularly to capture a more timely account of life at St Katherine's. Whilst we appreciate not all families use Facebook, we would encourage you to follow our page should you wish to keep up with school life throughout the year.</p>
School Office	Whole School	<p>Our co-curricular provision and parent/carer feedback Please see letter from Mr Humphreys with regards to the above.</p>
Library	Whole School	<p>In the finale to our World Book Day celebrations, we will be welcoming the Waterstones Bookfair into the school Library next week! On Monday 17th & Tuesday 18th students will be able to browse through a wide range of some of the very best writing for young people. All titles are slightly discounted at this cash only event.</p> <p>We will also have a great range of the specially produced World Book Day titles, which students visiting the fair will be able to claim their copy of completely free of charge!</p>
Mrs Brooke	Years 7,8,9 and 10	<p>Information regarding next year's Ski Trip to Italy planned for the February holidays 2026, has been emailed to parents/carers this week. The deadline for deposits is 23 March. If you have any questions about the trip please contact Mrs Brooke brookej@skdrive.org</p>
School Office	Year 7	<p>Please see letter with regards to Bikeability. If you would like your child to take part in this fantastic opportunity please complete the consent online by Tuesday 18 March.</p>
Ms Smith	Year 7	<p>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.</p> <p>Year 7L - Tomato Ragu (as per Class Chart) - Monday 17th March P1</p> <p>Please bring an apron and an airtight container to take your food with you.</p>
Ms Smith	Year 8	<p>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.</p> <p>Year 8L - Dutch Apple cake (as per Class Chart) - Monday 17th March P4b</p>

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Mrs Ivey Science	Year 9	<p>We're excited to let you know that we've partnered with Sparx to start using their new science homework platform, Sparx Science. We have already started using Sparx with Y10, and will now be introducing Sparx for Y9. After 24/03 your child will be using Sparx Science to complete weekly science homework.</p> <p>Your child's homework will be set on Monday and due on Monday every week. The homework will take 1 hour a week and will cover biology, chemistry and physics. Sparx Science helps every student to achieve success in science. Students log in at sparxscience.com. They will need to find their school and log in using their Sparx Maths details. Your child can access Sparx Science on any device that connects to the internet with a web browser.</p> <p>Sparx Science adapts to each student's ability level, so it's important that you don't help too much. This can lead to Sparx giving homework that is too long or hard in future. We recommend letting students answer each question themselves and you can give help if they are stuck with the support and follow-up questions.</p> <p>You are able to keep track of the homework your child is doing by clicking through the link to the Parent Portal in your Sparx Maths weekly homework email.</p>
English	Year 9	<p>Y9 students have been learning about their first GCSE English Language Paper 1 style mock and will be assessed on this next week. They have been set reading and writing tasks as part of their homework, and resources to support their preparation include slideshows and their bookwork.</p> <p>You are able to access these resources on their Google classroom if you want to see what students have been learning and support them as they undertake GCSE style work.</p>
School	Year 9	<p>All Y9 children whose parents consented will be offered the Meningococcal ACWY vaccination and Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio vaccination in school on Thursday 8 May 2025. Please complete the consent form.</p> <p>It is important that you complete the consent form even if you do not want your child to receive the vaccinations; you are able to consent for none, either or both vaccinations. If you can't access the internet, please call Sirona on 0300 1245515. If your child has received the Men ACWY vaccine as a travel vaccine since the age of 10 they do not need an additional booster at this time. Please indicate whether they have received MenACWY as a travel vaccine on the consent form and contact your GP surgery who will be able to confirm the date it was given.</p> <p>If you have any questions, please contact the Immunisation Team at sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net or 0300 1245515.</p>
Ms Smith	Year 9	<p>Food preparation and nutrition</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Year 9L - Mac n' Cheese (as per Class Chart) - Tuesday 18 March P4a. Please bring an apron and an airtight container to take your food with you.</p>



Ms Smith	Year 10	<p>Food preparation and nutrition</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Year 10A GCSE - Eggs Benedict/Florentine (as per Class Chart) - Tuesday 18th March P2 P3. Please bring an apron and an airtight container to take your food with you.</p>																			
Mrs Weatherson	Year 11 GCSE photo	<p>There are just a few weeks left now until the GCSE photography exam period begins on the 28th April. Following the 10 hour exam, students are no longer permitted to add to their ESA portfolio so it is really important that students are working on their projects right now and taking lots of photographs in preparation.</p>																			
Mr Sugden	Year 11	<p>5 Teaching Weeks Left before GCSE Examinations begin!</p> <p>And Mock Series 2 has (nearly) finished!</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Please see below the summary timetable for the remainder of Mock Series 2:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="692 1099 1299 1218"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="4">Year 11 Mock Series 2-week beginning: 17/03/2025</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Day</th> <th>Date</th> <th>Time</th> <th>Component Title</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td rowspan="2">Monday</td> <td>17/03/24</td> <td>09:00</td> <td>Mocks Map Up</td> </tr> <tr> <td>17/03/25</td> <td>13:00</td> <td>Mocks Map Up</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thursday</td> <td>20/03/25</td> <td>09:00</td> <td>English Language Paper 2</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>During Mock Series 2, revision is vital, but so is maintaining the wellbeing of the young people. If you would like to discuss your child's wellbeing, please get in touch with their tutor and Mr Sugden. Here are some resources about supporting young people through examinations.</p> <p>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!</p> <p>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.</p>	Year 11 Mock Series 2-week beginning: 17/03/2025				Day	Date	Time	Component Title	Monday	17/03/24	09:00	Mocks Map Up	17/03/25	13:00	Mocks Map Up	Thursday	20/03/25	09:00	English Language Paper 2
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Ms Tallis	Year 11 Art GCSE	<p>Students are now over half way through their final exam project for art GCSE; the final two day exam is on 6 & 7 May. The deadline for the current stage - artist research (six sheets) - is this Mon 17 March.</p> <p>Students must spend a minimum of two hours on art homework every week. Please support your child to complete this essential work.</p>																			

		Students are welcome to work on their art exam project Mon-Thurs at lunchtimes or Tues/Thurs after school in the Art Dept.
School	Y11	Y11 Leavers' Hoodies and Yearbooks are available to be purchased on ParentPay. The deadline for ordering is Friday 21 March, after this date we won't be able to place additional orders.
Mrs Weatherson	Year 12	Wednesday 26th March we will be taking all year 12 students to UWE for the day. We will be leaving at 9am and returning at 3pm. There is a cafe onsite but students may find this busy so we recommend that students bring a packed lunch. Details are on ParentPay. This is the second of two trips supporting students to have greater clarity about their potential post 18 pathways.

LETTERS - click [here](#) to see all letters

SPORT - click [here](#) to see updates via our X page or [here](#) for the PE @ SK calendar

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 4

17 Mar & 18 Mar	All day Waterstones Bookfair, Library
18 Mar	0830-1505 Y7 Future Brunels selection process, 57
18 Mar	0840-0900 Y12 How to get into Physio talk, 6th form common room
18 Mar	1030-1510 Y8 students Airbus trip, Filton Road

19 Mar	1400-1500 Y12 Bristol University - Exploring Cognitive Control, 6th form common room
20 Mar	1315-1800 Y11 Romeo and Juliet, Bristol Old Vic
20 Mar	1600-1900 9th Community Iftar Event: 'Ramadan Sharing Festival', Cresswell Theatre, Bristol Cathedral Choir School
22 Mar	Portishead Swimathon
22 Mar	DofE Silver Practice Walk
25 Mar	Y7 Reading Fluency Programme Parent Workshop #2, Library
26 Mar	0900-1505 Y12 UCAS Higher Education and Apprenticeship Convention
27 Mar	0835-1505 Y8 Future Brunel, WECA activity day
4 Apr	Football trip, Madrid