

Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 16 May 2025

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

MESSAGES		
Mr Humphreys	Whole School	<p>Dear Parents/Carers</p> <p>We fully recognise that the recent period of turbulence to curriculum delivery has continued for longer than we would have liked, and we sincerely regret the ongoing challenges this has presented for our students, families and colleagues during Term 5.</p> <p>Throughout this time, the leadership team has taken decisive action to minimise the impact on learning. Measures have included adjusting timetables, rotating classes to ensure fair access to specialist teaching, utilising experienced colleagues from across our trust where possible, middle leaders and senior leaders delivering additional lessons and supply teachers covering for specific colleagues. All our efforts have played an important role in maintaining as much continuity to our curriculum for our students.</p> <p>Throughout this year, the Cover Hub has provided a calm, structured environment for students when their usual teacher has been unavailable. While we fully recognise that nothing replaces expert teacher-led lessons, the Cover Hub has played an important role in supporting continuity of learning during both planned and unplanned absences and we have worked with students and listened to all feedback to ensure work is as engaging and useful as possible to help students build their key knowledge and understanding. We know the experience is less effective when students have multiple sessions in the Cover Hub in a week or single day, and we have worked closely with staff to reduce this wherever possible.</p> <p>The most challenging period is now behind us, and our focus is on checking and revisiting understanding of key concepts and knowledge in classes affected. We look forward to new colleagues joining us from Term 6 and September.</p> <p>Thank you for your continued support</p>
School	Whole School	<p>Thank you to parents/carers who came to coffee with the Headteacher. You said: You would like to know more about the student activities available at St Katherines.</p> <p>Our response: Please find here our booklet (featuring a new Chess class) for parents/carers and students. We will be updating and sending this out at the end of every term.</p>
Mr Francis-Black	Whole School	<p>Online Parent/Carer forum - Progress reports</p> <p>We have arranged the above online forum with Mr Francis-Black for 16 June 2025 at 1600.</p> <p>For those that have expressed an interest, please confirm your attendance by email to bonoraf@skdrive.org This is an open forum, for anyone else who would like to attend, please let Miss Bonora know by email.</p>

School	Whole School	<p>SKYFund</p> <p>Please find the letter from Mr Humphreys with regards to SKYFund. Thank you to those who have made contributions, this is gratefully received. We have been able to set up this on ParentPay if you would like to also donate that way, please click on “view”.</p>
School	Whole School	<p>Due to the warmer weather, please note the following school expectations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Students are still required to wear full school uniform, though blazers are not necessary. 2) PE kit is not permitted, even in warmer conditions. 3) Please ensure your child comes to school with a full water bottle each day. 4) Water bottles cannot be refilled during lessons – only at break and lunchtime. 5) Any student in incorrect uniform will be placed in RTL (Ready to Learn) until the issue is resolved. 6) Hayfever medication needs to be taken before school or forms to be completed for us to keep medication in school. <p>Thank you for your continued support in maintaining high standards.</p>
School	Whole school	<p>Unscripted May Half Term</p> <p>Unscripted is a holiday creative music course for young people aged 8 to 13 (Years 4-8) who have low level additional needs. It provides a fun, safe and creative space for young people to explore, discover and create music, guided by professional musicians. There will be opportunities to try out a range of musical instruments, and work together to write music over each two-day course. No previous musical experience is needed!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When: Tuesday May 27th & Wednesday 28th May, 10.30am to 3.00pm • Where: Milton Park Primary School, Milton Park Road, Weston-Super-Mare, BS22 8DY • Cost: Free places are available for people who face financial barriers to attending e.g. who receive pupil premium. Standard cost: £30 per child, then £15 for additional children from the same household. <p>For full information and to book a place, visit our website. Unscripted - WEMA or contact jenni.parkinson@wema.org.uk with any questions!</p>
School	Whole school	<p>Sounds Unlimited</p> <p>Sounds Unlimited is a brand new music group for young people age 9 to 14 (school years 5 to 9) who face barriers to learning, such as anxiety or neurodivergence. It offers a fun and relaxed way to learn and write music. You don't need any previous musical experience, and you will not be expected to learn to read music (unless you want to!)</p> <p>Each session involves:</p> <p>30 minutes of group learning on a chosen instrument/voice or technology. 45 minutes of creative band – write and explore music as a group. Choose from violin, keyboard, voice or electronic instruments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When: Tuesdays June 10th, 17th, 24th, July 1st, 8th, 4.30-6.00pm at the • Where: For All Healthy Living Centre, Lonsdale Avenue, Weston-super-Mare, BS23 3SJ • Cost: Free places available if cost would stop you taking part. £20 per child for the 5-week course.



		<p>If you choose to learn violin or keyboard, we can arrange an instrument loan for an extra £5 for the 5 weeks.</p> <p>Booking will open soon! Please contact jenni.parkinson@wema.org.uk to register your interest.</p>
School	Current Bus Users	<p>An email was sent last week to all current bus users asking you to confirm your requirements for 2025/26 using this form. If you are not currently using the Turner's buses but would like to do so next year then please look out for the new customer booking that will be issued at the start of term 6.</p>
School	Whole School	<p>Menstrual Hygiene Awareness Day</p> <p>There will be a bake sale on Wednesday 4 June to raise money for Menstrual Hygiene Awareness Day. Please bring in your cakes and bakes to the MFL office before registration, there will be praise points awarded for all homemade goods! Please bring in cash to spend on cakes at breaktime.</p> <p>We will also be collecting hygiene products on the first week back after half term to donate, w/c 2nd June. This includes toothbrushes/toothpaste, pads, tampons, toilet roll, nappies, shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, soap etc. Please bring these in to give to your tutor, who will pass them on for the collection.</p>
School	Whole School	<p>Road safety</p> <p>Maintaining an open dialogue about road safety is essential. Please discuss the potential consequences of unsafe behaviour, the importance of making safe choices and being aware of surroundings.</p>
Ms Smith/Ms Slater	Year 7L/TK3	<p>Food preparation and nutrition</p> <p>On Thursday 22 May you will be making 'Deli salad' in food. Please see class charts for a list of ingredients. Any issues with this please contact Ms Smith smithh@skdrive.org in advance of the lesson.</p>
School	Year 7R/TK3	<p>Food preparation and nutrition</p> <p>On Friday 23 May you will be making 'Deli salad' in food. Please see class charts for a list of ingredients. Any issues with this please contact Ms Smith smithh@skdrive.org in advance of the lesson.</p>
Ms Smith	Year 8R/TK3	<p>Food preparation and nutrition</p> <p>On Tuesday 20 May you will be making 'Scones' in food. Please see class charts for a list of ingredients. Any issues with this please contact Ms Smith smithh@skdrive.org in advance of the lesson.</p>
Mrs Ivey	Year 9	<p>Please be aware that we will soon be moving year 9 students into combined science and triple science classes. Some students will therefore be moving classes.</p>
Ms Smith/Ms Collins	Year 9L/TK3	<p>Food preparation and nutrition</p> <p>On Wednesday 21 May you will be making 'Chow Mein' in food. Please see class charts for a list of ingredients. Any issues with this please contact Ms Smith smithh@skdrive.org in advance of the lesson.</p>
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Ms Smith/Ms Cameron	Year 10	Food preparation and nutrition On Wednesday 4th June , you will practice your bread making skills. Please see Class Charts for details. Any issues with this please contact Mr Brochot brochots@skdrive.org in advance of the lesson.
Mr Sugden	Year 11	<p>GCSE Practical Exams have concluded.</p> <p>GCSE Written Exams have begun!</p> <p>41 Days until Leavers Day and Prom!</p> <p>Please find attached the Year 11 Booster and Exam Calendar. Year 11s will receive a weekly handout version of this.</p> <p>Please find attached the Year 11 Revision Calendar.</p> <p>For all details about exams, revision and leavers celebrations, please ensure your child has joined the "Let's Get it Done, Together!". The joining code is '53zgt3'.</p> <p>As we move into this - at times - stressful period, please do get in touch if your child needs any additional support regarding exams and the end of their time in our care. Attached is a useful and interesting article by BBC News about proactively managing exam stress.</p>
Mr Davies	Year 11	A reminder to prospective Sixth Form students that Step into Sixth Form day will be on July 3 2025 this year. A formal letter will be sent out shortly.
Mrs Weatherson	Year 13	We are thrilled to announce that we have the yearbooks available now to buy on ParentPay at £2.50. We made the decision to create these in house this year and I am so excited that this has been made by Year 13 for Year 13 at this price! We really hope you will take this memento with you.
Mr Davies	Year 13	Leavers' Party tickets are available now on ParentPay for £20. This will take place at The Lost and Found on Clifton Triangle on June 27th. Please buy your tickets as soon as possible. Leavers' Day will take place at school the day before - Thursday June 26th.
Mr Davies	Year 12	30 year 12 students will be going to Oxford University for the full day next Wednesday. They will leave school after tutor time and arrive back at school at approximately 6pm, dependent on traffic. We would like to assure parents that all students were given repeated opportunities to book their place on this trip, but we are sorry for any students who were disappointed. Next Wednesday remains a compulsory school day for students not attending the trip.

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

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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

16 May	DofE Silver Practice Quantocks (Sat-Sun)
21 May	0900-1100 Y8 (30) STEAM opportunity, Equinox
21 May	0900-1830 Y12&Y13 Exeter College Oxford Visit
21 May	1600-1900 Y7 Virtual Progress Evening

UPCOMING EVENTS - TERM 6

4 Jun	1400-1500 Y12/13 (& any students from the English Dept), Ben Taylor, Editor of the The Sunday Times talk, 6th form common room
5 Jun	0835-1505 Future Brunel, WECA activity day
12 Jun	Silver DofE (assessed - Thu-Sun)
16 Jun	0835-1505 Y8 Future Brunel, WECA activity day
16 Jun	Y6 1530-1630 Enhanced Transition
16 Jun	1600-1700 Online Parent/Carer forum - Progress reports
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19 Jun	1500-1630 Coffee with the Headteacher
20 Jun	Bronze 1 DofE (assessed - Fri/Sat)

23 Jun	0835-1505 Y9 Future Brunel, WECA activity day
23 Jun	Alan Turing Birthday (23 Jun 1912)
24 Jun	0830-1445 Y6 induction day
24 Jun	1800-1930 Y6 induction evening and BBQ
25 Jun	0830-1400 Y6 induction day
26 Jun	0835-1220 Y11 Leavers day and Prom
26 Jun	1100-1345 Y13 Leavers day
27 Jun	Y13 Leavers evening, The Lost and Found on Clifton Triangle
27 Jun	Bronze 2 DofE (assessed - Sun/Mon)
30 Jun-4 Jun	Y8 Paris Trip departs
30 Jun	INSET DAY
3 Jul	Step into Sixth Form
4 Jul	Bronze 3 DofE (assessed - Sun/Mon)
7 Jul-11 Jul	Sports week
7 Jul	Gold / Expedition DofE
7 Jul	0835-1505 Y7 Future Brunel, WECA activity day
7 Jul	1800-1930 House Celebration Evenings - Yousafzai
8 Jul	1800-1930 House Celebration Evenings - Turing
9 Jul	1800-1930 House Celebration Evenings - Pankhurst
10 Jul	0930-1200 Y9 HPV (catch up clinic)
10 Jul	1800-1930 House Celebration Evenings - Stephenson
12 Jul	Malala Yousafzai Birthday (12/07/1997)
12 Jul	Nepal trip departs (16 days)
13 Jul	Morocco trip departs (14 days)
15 Jul	Emmeline Pankhurst Birthday 15/07/1858
18 Jul	END OF TERM at 1230