

Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 23 May 2025

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

MESSAGES		
CST	Whole School	May 2025 Newsletter Please see newsletter from Cathedral Schools Trust.
CST	Whole School	Update on the proposed merger Please see newsletter from Cathedral Schools Trust.
School	Attendance	Is my child too ill for school? We know that regular school attendance is the single most important way to ensure academic success and we place a great deal of importance on excellent attendance. It is difficult sometimes to know whether it is appropriate for children to be in school if they are a little under the weather or if it is appropriate for them to return to school after a period of more significant illness. This guidance from the NHS and shared by the department of education is a useful guide.
Mr Francis-Black	Whole School	Online Parent/Carer forum - Progress reports We have arranged the above online forum with Mr Francis-Black for 16 June 2025 at 1600 . For those that have expressed an interest, please confirm your attendance by email to bonoraf@skdrive.org This is an open forum, for all parents/carers across all year groups who would like to attend and feedback on our Progress reports e.g. content and clarity.
School	Whole School	SKYFund 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".
School	Whole School	Menstrual Hygiene Awareness Day There will be a bake sale on Wednesday 4 June to raise money for The Gift Wellness Foundation, a charity which helps girls all over afford menstrual products and receive full access to their rights . 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. We will also be collecting hygiene products to donate to The Hygiene Bank , a charity supporting people in hygiene poverty. This will be in the first week back after half term, 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, or to SSO.
School	Whole School	Uniform Please be reminded that pupils must wear tailored trousers or shorts to school. Trousers should not be skinny in style or fit. Leggings are not

		permitted. Please ensure your child has the correct style trousers for after the half term if they do not already. Any queries regarding the style of trouser that is appropriate, please connect your young person's Head of House.
School	Current Bus Users	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.
SG	Year 7	We have launched Unifrog to year 7. Please read this letter that tells you all about it and how you can be involved.
Ms Smith/Ms Slater	Year 7L/TK3	Food preparation and nutrition On Friday 6th June P3 you will be making 'Pizza toast' 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.
School	Year 7R/TK3	Food preparation and nutrition On Tuesday 3rd June P3 you will be making 'Pizza toast' 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.
School	Year 7	Some of our Yr7 students are invited to take part in a Term 6 reading competition. They are challenged to read as many books as they possibly can from dyslexia friendly/accessible publisher Barrington Stoke, with various prizes on offer. These are titles by well-known authors, writing short, punchy stories to appeal to young people. Look out for your invitation which will be delivered directly to you next term!
Ms Smith	Year 8R/TK3	Food preparation and nutrition On Tuesday 3rd June P1 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.
Ms Smith	Year 8L/TK3	Food preparation and nutrition On Monday 2nd June P4b you will be making 'Cheese twists' 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.
School	Year 8	Some of our Yr8 students are invited to take part in a Term 6 reading competition. They are challenged to read as many books as they possibly can from dyslexia friendly/accessible publisher Barrington Stoke, with various prizes on offer. These are titles by well-known authors, writing short, punchy stories to appeal to young people. Look out for your invitation which will be delivered directly to you next term!
Mrs A Fey	Year 10	Hello, I'd like to introduce myself as the new Work Experience Coordinator for Cathedral Schools Trust. I'm really excited to be here and I'm looking forward to working with all the amazing students we have here at St Katherine's.



		<p>Work experience for year 10 takes place 30th June - 4th July 2025. Congratulations to those who have already secured a placement, that's amazing, and to those who haven't secured one there is still time.</p> <p>Please encourage your child to secure a placement over the next few weeks. Work experience is such a brilliant learning opportunity and allows the students to gain invaluable skills and knowledge.</p> <p>Once students have secured a placement the details need to be added to their Unifrog account (all past WOW's, employers database, template emails and Unifrog process can be found in the students Work Experience Google Classroom).</p> <p>If you have any questions, please contact Mrs A Fey at skworkexperience@skdrive.org</p>																					
Mrs Cameron	Year 10 Art	<p>SECOND COURSEWORK PROJECT Deadline due Monday 2nd June. Students to complete either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5+ A3 pages of observation drawings (pencil, pen and colour) <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4+ A3 pages of artist research (2-3 artists) 																					
Ms Smith/Ms Cameron	Year 10	<p>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.</p>																					
Mrs Ivey	Year 10	<p>Year 10 mocks This week we have spoken to all year 10 science classes about their mock examinations taking place in term 6. We have discussed revision strategies and techniques with classes. You can find a copy of the presentation given to students here.</p>																					
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Mr Sugden	Year 11	<p>GCSE Written Exams have begun! <i>but...</i> Only 35 Days until Leavers Day and Prom!</p>																					

		<p>Please find attached the Year 11 Booster, Revision, and Exam Calendar. Year 11s will receive a weekly handout version of this.</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 ‘53zgut3’.</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>
Finance	Year 11	Payment deadline for Y11 Prom is 30th May.
Mr Davies	Year 13	<p>After half term, attendance to tutor times and study periods becomes optional for Year 13 students. Lessons will continue for all subjects until the final exam in that subject, when they will stop. There will be exam boosters and breakfasts running on the day of or before exams wherever possible. We strongly suggest that students attend all lessons and boosters up until their final exam. Students are of course welcome to use the Sixth Form centre whenever they like.</p>
Mr Davies	Year 13	Tickets for the Year 13 Leavers’ Party on 27th June are available on ParentPay now. Deadline for payment is 4th June.
Mrs A Fey	Year 12	<p>Hello, I’d like to introduce myself as the new Work Experience Coordinator for Cathedral Schools Trust. I’m really excited to be here and I’m looking forward to working with all the amazing students we have here at St Katherine’s.</p> <p>Work experience for year 12 takes place 16th-20th June 2025. Congratulations to those who have already secured a placement, that’s amazing, and to those who haven’t secured one there is still time.</p> <p>Please encourage your child to secure a placement over the next few weeks. Work experience is such a brilliant learning opportunity and allows the students to gain invaluable skills and knowledge.</p> <p>Once students have secured a placement the details need to be added to their Unifrog account (all past WOW’s, employers database, template emails and Unifrog process can be found in the students Work Experience Google Classroom).</p> <p>If you have any questions, please contact Mrs A Fey at skworkexperience@skdrive.org</p>

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 6

2 Jun	START OF 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
17 Jun	Y6 1530-1630 Enhanced Transition
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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