


Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 3 October 2025

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

MESSAGES		
Mrs Crompton	Whole School	Coffee with the Headteacher Our next coffee with the Headteacher will be held on Monday 6 October 2025 from 0900-1000am in Mr Humphreys office. We will be ordering catering, so please do let us know if you intend on coming by emailing school@skdrive.org and we will add your name to the list.
School	Whole School	Friday 10 October - Hello Yellow World Mental Health Day To show support for our friends and colleagues to struggle with mental health and to reflect that at St. Katherine's School takes mental health and wellbeing seriously, staff and students are encouraged to wear yellow to school on Friday. Students can swap an item of uniform for something yellow or wear a yellow accessory alongside their school uniform. If students are able to donate £1 or whatever they can afford to support the work of Young Minds.
School Office	Whole School	Reminder <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paracetamol is only given at break and lunch times, with consent. All students need to come to school with a water bottle. All students need to come into school wearing full correct uniform, including blazers.
School	Whole School	Thursday 13 November Sirona Immunisation team will come into school to administer Flu vaccination to students Y7 to Y11 whose parents consented for their child to have the vaccine. Please complete the online consent form if you would like your child to receive the vaccine.
School	Whole School	Please find attached a copy of this week's careers bulletin . Everything you need to know for post 16/18 opportunities and work experience.
School	Years 7, 8 & 9	<p>We are making some changes to how students at Key Stage 3 are assessed, and I'd like to share the thinking behind this approach.</p> <p>Our aim is simple: to help every student feel successful, motivated, and confident in their learning. Assessments will play an important part in this by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Celebrating success – Evidence shows that feeling successful drives motivation. By supporting students carefully in the lead-up to assessments and sharing results clearly with families, we hope to give them that sense of achievement. Consolidating learning – Assessments give students the chance to revisit and strengthen their understanding of what they've learned. They'll know in advance what topics to focus on and have resources to help them practise. Measuring progress – Finally, assessments provide a useful snapshot of how students are doing overall, helping us to identify where they are thriving and where extra support might be needed. <p>Each year group will have 2 assessment weeks during the year, the dates of which are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Assessment Week 1 → 5th - 9th January ○ Assessment Week 2 → 1st - 5th June ● Year 8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Assessment Week 1 → 13th - 17th October ○ Assessment Week 2 → 23rd - 27th March ● Year 9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Assessment Week 1 → 17th - 21st November ○ Assessment Week 2 → 27th April - 1st May <p>This week we held an assembly and an online forum to discuss assessments, using the upcoming year 8 assessment week as a template. The slides from this forum can be seen here:  Year 8 Assessment Assembly .</p> <p>We will hold further assemblies and meetings before the year 7 and year 9 assessment weeks to support students and families in these year groups.</p>
School	Whole School	<p>Prevent Week of Action</p> <p>Unrelated to the shocking events in Manchester, next week marks a national week of action surrounding the Prevent agenda. As part of this there is a session for parents and carers that everyone is free to attend and focuses on keeping children safe online. You can register to attend via the link below.</p> <p>Guidance for parents/carers on keeping children safe online</p>
School	Whole School	<p>Please remember to bring the necessary equipment into school every day, as a reminder see below</p> <div> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bag <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> pencil case <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> water bottle <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> reading book <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> stationery - black/blue and green pens, pencils, ruler, rubber, pencil sharpener, highlighters, coloured pens, glue stick </div> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PE kit (on PE days) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> scientific calculator <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> cheap headphones <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> packed lunch/ParentPay </div> </div>
School	Year 7	<p>Meet the Tutor - 15 October from 4pm to 7pm. Please see the letter with all the details.</p>
Food Technology	Year 7	<p>Please look through the following document to see your child's upcoming practical lessons for this rotation. Students will be expected to come prepared to these lessons with the ingredients outlined in the document and following the expectations listed.</p>
Food Technology	Year 8	<p>Please look through the following document to see your child's upcoming practical lessons for this rotation. Students will be expected to come prepared to these lessons with the ingredients outlined in the document and following the expectations listed.</p>

Food Technology	Year 9	Please look through the following document to see your child's upcoming practical lessons for this rotation. Students will be expected to come prepared to these lessons with the ingredients outlined in the document and following the expectations listed.
Engineering	Year 10	Students are expected to work on their coursework at home or in their own time for at least one hour per week. In order to help with this we offer before school (everyday from 8:00-8:30), breaktime (everyday) and lunchtime (everyday depending on classroom availability). We will also release some afterschool sessions in due course.
Art Ms Tallis	Year 10	Y10 GCSE art students will need to spend one hour on homework every week. Your child may work in the Art Dept at the following times: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Every Tues after school - Mon/Tues/Wed lunchtimes 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. Many thanks.
English	Year 10	Please find this week's wider reading text here , which introduces students to capitalism: a key concept for our upcoming study of Priestley's An Inspector Calls.
Engineering	Year 11	Students are expected to work on their coursework at home or in their own time for at least one hour per week. In order to help with this we offer before school (everyday from 8:00-8:30), breaktime (everyday) and lunchtime (everyday depending on classroom availability). We will also release some afterschool sessions in due course.
Photography Ms Tallis	Year 11	Y11 GCSE photography students will need to spend one hour on homework every week. Your child may work in the Art Dept at the following times: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Every Tues after school, R10 - Mon/Tues/Wed lunchtimes. Please support your child to attend one of these sessions regularly; those who did this last year had the most success with their photography GCSE results. Many thanks.
Mrs Collins	Year 11	Y11 GCSE drama students will need to spend two hours rehearsing every week. Your child may work in the drama Dept at the following times: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Every Mon, Weds,Thurs after school - Every Mon/Wed / Thurs lunchtimes. This could be 2 lunchtimes and an afterschool. Please support your child to attend one of these sessions regularly; those who did this last year had the most success with their drama GCSE results. Many thanks.
English	Year 11	Please see this week's wider reading here , which explores eminent science fiction author Ray Bradbury. This will prepare students for their next English language lesson.

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

PE & SPORT - sign up for Spond (our communication platform) and click [here](#) to see the PE 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 1

6 October	0900-1000 Coffee with the Headteacher
7 October	0835-0900 Y11 & Y12 Boomsatsuma Talk
7 October	0835-1505 Y11 Bristol Harbourside - Human field work
8 October	1400-1500 Y10 WEX search and find session
9 October	Y10 Future Brunel WECA Activity Day
9 October	1900-2000 Y11, Y12 & Y13 Gold DofE Launch, online
10 October	1400-1500 Y13 Unifrog - Discovery MOOCS
14 October	0835-0900 Y12 Wex search and find session
15 October	1400-1500 Y12 Lewis Silkin Careers - Virtual session - Introduction to Law
15 October	1400-1500 Y13 Unifrog discovery MOOCS
15 October	1600-1900 Y7 Meet the Tutor
15 October	1600-1900 Y11 Parent/carers information evening
20 October	1800-1900 Maximising the impact of homework forum, further details to follow
22 October	1505 END OF TERM 1