

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy and rewarding fortnight, we would like to take a moment to reflect on some of the wonderful things that have been happening across the school.

Community and Citizenship

This fortnight, our focus was on Citizenship, encouraging students to think about what it means to be responsible members of both our school and wider community. Mr Maw led assemblies on Responsibility in the Classroom, asking students to reflect on how their actions affect others.

Our **student guides** also embodied the spirit of citizenship during our open mornings, warmly welcoming visiting families and sharing what makes our school special. Their pride and enthusiasm shone through as they guided guests through lessons and daily life at our school.

Learning and Achievement

Across all year groups, there has been a strong focus on learning, assessment, and academic progress.

Mr Francis-Black hosted an **Understanding Assessment Forum** for parents and carers, offering valuable insight into how assessment supports learning. Following the positive feedback received, additional sessions will be planned ahead of future assessment weeks.

Year 8 have been busy preparing for their upcoming assessments and Mr Ovink supported them this week with practical assemblies on effective revision techniques—simple strategies to help knowledge stick and support students in doing their best.

Year 11 Geographers enjoyed a field trip to **Bristol Harbourside**, exploring the city's regeneration and linking classroom learning to real-world examples of urban change.

Meanwhile, a group of **Year 13 students** completed their Gold Duke of Edinburgh qualifying expedition, showing perseverance and teamwork throughout. The Gold Award has now been launched for students in Years 10–13, and we encourage anyone interested to contact school@skdrive.org your message will then be sent to Mr Hodgson.

Year 9 students enjoyed a memorable trip to **Folly Farm focused on field ecology**, combining outdoor learning and teamwork.

Year 10 students took part in a Work Experience Search and Find Session, where they explored potential placements and learned how to contact employers and identify opportunities that align with their interests and career goals. This marks an exciting step in helping students build confidence and develop workplace awareness ahead of their work experience week. We encourage all parents/carers to be tenacious in their pursuit of reaching out to companies and not to be disheartened when inevitably some companies will be unable to accommodate a young person for work experience.

Today we joined schools nationwide for **Hello Yellow**, wearing something yellow to show our support for mental health awareness. We have encouraged everyone to consider what helps them feel calm, supported, and positive—and how they can help others feel the same.

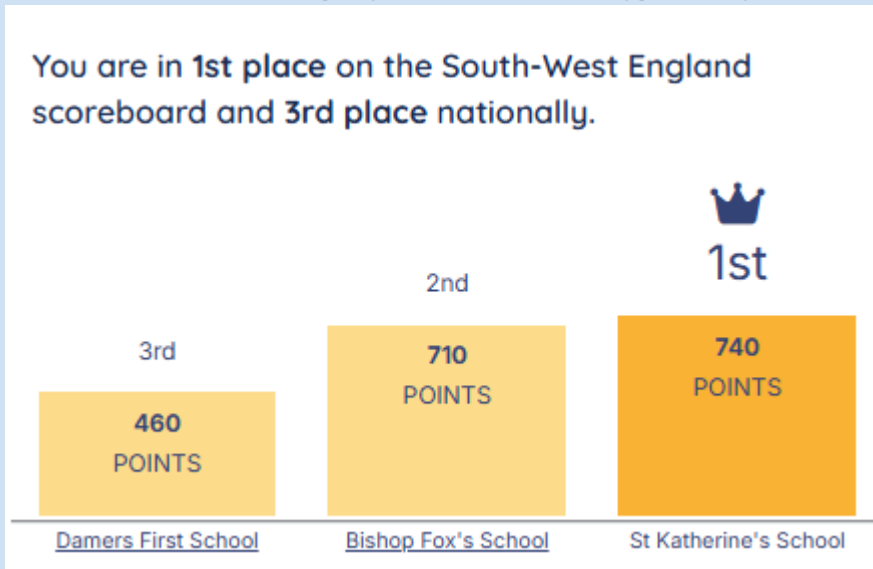
Thank you for your continued support.


Warm regards,

Mr Humphreys

Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 10 October 2025

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

MESSAGES														
School office	Whole school	<p>St Katherine's Sustainability - great news in Energy Saving!</p>  <p>You are in 1st place on the South-West England scoreboard and 3rd place nationally.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Rank</th> <th>School</th> <th>Points</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>3rd</td> <td>Damers First School</td> <td>460 POINTS</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2nd</td> <td>Bishop Fox's School</td> <td>710 POINTS</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1st</td> <td>St Katherine's School</td> <td>740 POINTS</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Rank	School	Points	3rd	Damers First School	460 POINTS	2nd	Bishop Fox's School	710 POINTS	1st	St Katherine's School	740 POINTS
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School office	Whole school	<p>Coffee with the Headteacher</p> <p>Thank you to all parents and carers who attended on Monday. We are pleased to confirm that the issue with ParentPay not accurately reflecting your child(ren)'s dining hall purchases has now been resolved.</p> <p>We are aware that there have been some initial teething problems with Aspens. Please be assured that we are gathering both parent/carers and student feedback, which will be shared and discussed in a meeting next week.</p>												
Mrs Collins Ms Adams	Whole School	<p>Christmas Cabaret Tuesday 16 December 18:30-19:30pm</p> <p>St Katherine's school will be showcasing a variety of skills and talent within the arts at our very first cabaret event.</p> <p>AUDITIONS will be taking place after school Monday 20 October 15:15 - 17:00pm in the lecture theatre.</p> <p>Students can perform as a soloist, duet or group - singing, dancing, acting, spoken word / poetry, musical instrument, band, musical theatre performance.</p> <p>We would love the performances at the audition to be what you want to do in the showcase and if you can add a bit of sparkle, magic and festivities it would be greatly welcomed. Look forward to seeing you at auditions soon.</p>												
School Office	Whole School	<p>Reminder</p> <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 Office	Whole School	Homework <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Online parent information session with Mr Ovink• We will cover:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Feedback from student voice○ Changes to support students○ Q&A• Monday 20th October• 6pm-6.30pm• Letter and link to join will follow next week																														
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Library	Whole School	If you have any copies of the Spy Dogs or Spy Pups series at home, please be aware that the QR code in them has been corrupted and links to a totally inappropriate, adult website.																														
School	Whole School	Pill Food Hub Harvest Collection We are grateful for the support provided to school by the Pill Food Hub. They provide uniform support for students facing financial hardship and we are excited again to support their harvest collection. Staff and students can donate non-perishable food items such as tinned food, rice, pasta etc. along with squash, long life fruit juice and treats. The The Food Hub is also in need of toiletries and dog/puppy food. Please bring donated items to school before Thursday 16 October and deliver them to main reception. Thank you in advance of your support of this important local charity.																														
Face Family	Whole School	<div><div></div><div>November Timetable <small>All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long</small> £24 each or FREE with School Membership <small>Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk</small> <small>Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)</small></div></div> <table><tr><td>Raising Self Esteem</td><td>3 Nov 10am</td></tr><tr><td>Decreasing Depression</td><td>3 Nov 7pm</td></tr><tr><td>Supporting Healthy Sleep</td><td>4 Nov 10am</td></tr><tr><td>Understanding the Teenage Brain</td><td>4 Nov 7pm</td></tr><tr><td>Improving Family Communication</td><td>10 Nov 10am</td></tr><tr><td>Autism - Improving Communication</td><td>10 Nov 7pm</td></tr><tr><td>Understanding Addictive Behaviour</td><td>11 Nov 10am</td></tr><tr><td>Supporting A Child with ADHD</td><td>11 Nov 7pm</td></tr><tr><td>FREE ADHD Kids & Homework</td><td>13 Nov 6-7pm</td></tr><tr><td>Understanding Anger</td><td>17 Nov 10am</td></tr><tr><td>Supporting Healthy Screen Use</td><td>17 Nov 7pm</td></tr><tr><td>Facing Defiance</td><td>18 Nov 10am</td></tr><tr><td>Anxiety Based School Avoidance</td><td>18 Nov 7pm</td></tr><tr><td>Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness</td><td>24 Nov 10am</td></tr><tr><td>Anxiety Explained</td><td>24 Nov 7pm</td></tr></table>	Raising Self Esteem	3 Nov 10am	Decreasing Depression	3 Nov 7pm	Supporting Healthy Sleep	4 Nov 10am	Understanding the Teenage Brain	4 Nov 7pm	Improving Family Communication	10 Nov 10am	Autism - Improving Communication	10 Nov 7pm	Understanding Addictive Behaviour	11 Nov 10am	Supporting A Child with ADHD	11 Nov 7pm	FREE ADHD Kids & Homework	13 Nov 6-7pm	Understanding Anger	17 Nov 10am	Supporting Healthy Screen Use	17 Nov 7pm	Facing Defiance	18 Nov 10am	Anxiety Based School Avoidance	18 Nov 7pm	Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	24 Nov 10am	Anxiety Explained	24 Nov 7pm
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Food Technology	Year 7	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 follow the expectations listed.
Trailblazers	Year 7	Instrument insurance forms have now been sent home. Please complete the form to allow your child to take their instrument home and practice. They can show you what they have been learning in their trailblazers lessons!
Food Technology	Year 8	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 follow the expectations listed.
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 follow the expectations listed.
Art Ms Tallis	Year 10	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Every Tues after school - Mon/Tues/Wed lunchtimes <p>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.</p>
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.
Mr Sugden	Year 11	<p>On 15 October 2025 between 17:00-19:00, we are hosting this year's Year 11 Parents Information Evening and would like you to attend. This evening will be a fantastic opportunity for you to hear about our exciting plans for the year (including Prom!), how we will support your child academically and pastorally, and for us to let you know how you can best support your child at home as we creep ever-closer to their GCSE examinations. We will also be joined by the Heads of English, Mathematics and Science, who will share vital information about supporting your child in their core subject.</p> <p>Finally, there will be opportunities for you to place orders for the revision guides we endorse and equipment required for examinations at school-pricing.</p>

		If you plan to attend, please could you register your intention to attend here , so that we can plan our resourcing and catering to minimise waste.
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.
Sixth Form Open Evening Miss Wilsher	Year 11	Year 11 students have received an assembly this week introducing St Katherine's School Sixth Form. This confirmed the Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday, 6th November The booking link for the evening is now live Sixth Form Open Evening Booking
Health and Social Care Miss Wilsher	Year 11	Students are nearing the end of the first task in their R033 coursework. Students will have lesson time this week (2 hours) to complete this task. I will be running a voluntary coursework clinic after school on Tuesday 14th October until 4.30 to provide more support /time if needed.
GCSE Music Miss Adams	Year 11	GCSE solo performances take place on Tuesday 21st October . These are worth 15% of the final GCSE grade. Please support your son/daughter by listening to them at home and ensuring they are practicing regularly.
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Science	Year 11	Today we have spoken to year 11 science classes about the upcoming year 11 mock examinations. You can find full information here . It is essential that students complete their science Sparx homework fully every week in the run up to these mocks. The results of these mocks will be used to inform our decisions about tiers of entry.

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

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, in person
15 October	1700-1900 Y11 Parent/carers information evening, in person
20 October	1800-1830 Maximising the impact of the homework forum, online
22 October	1505 END OF TERM 1