

Dear Parents and Carers,

Time has moved quickly at the start of Term 2 and here are a few of the highlights your children have been involved in, despite recent disruptions. I would like to thank you for your patience and understanding during the last two weeks. Your support is invaluable in helping us maintain a strong and positive school community and I also want to recognise the mature and responsible way in which our students have managed recent disruptions, demonstrating focus, adaptability, and resilience.

This week we have marked **Anti-Bullying Week**, with the national theme *Power for Good*. Students have engaged with this theme through assemblies and tutor activities, reflecting on how they can make a positive difference in their school community by speaking out. On Tuesday, students observed a two minute silence for Remembrance, showing maturity and respect during this important national moment.

Our **Sixth Form Open Evening** provided prospective families with a real insight into life in our post-16 provision. Sixth Form students were fantastic ambassadors, sharing their work and experiences of sixth form life. Feedback from families was extremely positive, reflecting the aspirational and welcoming culture of our sixth form.

Last week Year 10 students learnt effective revision techniques in an assembly delivered by Mr Ovink, a timely session to support them as they settle into the demands of their new GCSE courses. Why not sign up for our online homework forum on Monday, which has been very popular and is helping students engage with learning beyond the classroom

Year 11 students took part in a highly successful Futures Day on Wednesday, featuring motivational talks from Junior Saunders and representatives from the University of Bath. They explored career pathways, apprenticeship opportunities, and interview skills through various workshops and activities, demonstrating focus and engagement throughout.

We were also delighted to welcome author **Alistair Chisholm on Wednesday**, whose sessions inspired Year 8 students with his gripping, puzzle-based adventure stories.

Our **Year 7 students** have begun the term with energy and enthusiasm both in and outside the classroom. 7T climbed Sugar Loaf as part of their outdoor programme, building teamwork, resilience, and group cohesion. Unfortunately, today's scheduled trip for 7P1 was postponed due to Storm Claudia and we will confirm a new date shortly.

Warm regards,

Mr Humphreys

Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 14 November 2025

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

MESSAGES		
School office	Whole School	At St Katherine's school we are deeply motivated to provide great opportunities for all our young people, particularly to those who have shown incredible resilience at a young age, often dealing with circumstances we would not wish on any young person. Our young people are truly inspiring and we want to inspire them as we strive for equity within our community. We have created SKYFund - a fund we want to grow to allow a young person to experience something they might never experience, and create moments and memories with their friends that will stay with them for a lifetime. If you are able to make a donation, please do so via ParentPay.
School office	Whole School	Pill Food Hub Christmas Appeal - Everyone Deserves Christmas Once again this year, we will support the Pill Food Bank's efforts to make sure everyone that gets a gift this Christmas. Each tutor group will select a star gift tag and then work together to buy a gift for the person described on the card. The gift limit is £30 per tutor group. We hope that students can work together with their tutor to support the efforts of this local charity. Gifts should be brought to reception by Monday 24 November.
School office	Whole School	Staff and Sixth Formers are taking part in Movember, and would really appreciate your support raising funds for men's mental health education and support. Please go to this link for information and to donate for this fantastic cause.
Music department	Whole School	On Wednesday 19 November our school choir have been invited to perform at two concerts alongside musicians from Birmingham Conservatoire. It will involve our students spending the day at Trinity Academy for a rehearsal and then two daytime concerts. We did this last year and it was a fantastic experience for our students. If your child regularly attends choir you will receive a letter about this.
School office	Whole School	Wednesday 17 December 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.
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.
School office	Year 7	Mr Ovink will hold a virtual forum on Homeworks on Monday 17 November. Should you wish to attend please see details on this letter.
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.

School office	Year 8	Mr Ovink will hold a virtual forum on Homeworks on Monday 17 November . Should you wish to attend please see details on this letter .
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.
School office	Year 9	Mr Ovink will hold a virtual forum on Homeworks on Monday 17 November . Should you wish to attend please see details on this letter .
English	Year 10	This week's GCSE English literature wider reading is linked here .
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: - 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.
Textiles Miss Everard	Year 10	Y10 GCSE Textiles students will need to spend one hour on homework every week. Your child may work in R13 at the following times: - Week One: Tues/Thurs Lunchtimes. Unfortunately R13 is unavailable during their lunch on week two, however they may also be able to join sessions in R10. Please encourage your child to attend, it is so helpful for them having access to equipment and materials. Thanks.
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.
 Work Experience (WEX) Mrs Fey	Year 10	Hopefully half term provided a valuable opportunity to find a work experience placement for 29th June - 3rd July 2026. The sooner your child secures a placement the more likely they are to find one within their interests. The deadline to add a placement to Unifrog is Monday 23rd February 2026. If your child has secured a placement please encourage them to add this to Unifrog as soon as possible. Once they have added the placement to Unifrog forms will automatically be sent to the employer to complete RE insurance, H&S, risk assessment and some further general information. There's a guide on the WEX Google Classroom regarding adding a placement to Unifrog. If you have any questions or concerns please check the information available on the website here, or do feel free to drop me an email and I'll get back to you as soon as possible - afey@skdrive.org

Food Preparation and Nutrition	Year 10	Y10B/Fd To continue with our Bread theme, on Monday 17th Nov. you will be making Italian Focaccia Bread in your double lesson. Ingredients and methods are on Classchart, please read through the recipe and do not forget to bring a suitable container. Any issues contact Mr Brochot as soon as possible.
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: - 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.
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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.
Drama	Year 11	Drama GCSE students have their upcoming devising exam in 3 weeks time Wednesday 3 December. To be as prepared as they can be, students must arrange rehearsals either at lunchtimes or afterschool Monday - Friday or afterschool on Monday, Weds or Thursday. 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.
Mr Davies	Year 11	A huge thank you to all who attended our Sixth Form Open Evening last Wednesday. It was a really positive event and we appreciated the chance to speak to so many parents, carers and students. Sixth Form applications are now open at this link. Once students apply, they will be invited to a one-on-one meeting with the Sixth Form team to offer advice and feedback about their choices. If you require any further information about our Sixth Form, please email daviesg@skdrive.org.
 Work Experience (WEX) Mrs Fey	Year 12	Hopefully half term provided a valuable opportunity to find a work experience placement for 15th - 19th June 2026. The sooner your child secures a placement the more likely they are to find one within their interests. The deadline to add a placement to Unifrog is Monday 23rd February 2026.

If your child has secured a placement please encourage them to add this to Unifrog as soon as possible. Once they have added the placement to Unifrog forms will automatically be sent to the employer to complete RE insurance, H&S, risk assessment and some further general information. There's a guide on the WEX Google Classroom regarding adding a placement to Unifrog.

If you have any questions or concerns please check the information available on the website [here](#), or do feel free to drop me an email and I'll get back to you as soon as possible - afey@skdrive.org

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 2

17 November	0835-1535 Y12&Y13 MOD Outreach event
17 November	0835-1535 Y8 Future Brunel WECA Activity Day
17 November	18:00-18:30 Homework Forum for Y 7,8,9 parents (virtual)
18 November	0835-0900 Y12&Y13 How to Choose the Right Course - Royal Holloway University
19 November	1400-1500 Y10 WEX search and find session
19 November	1400-1500 Y12&Y13 Weston Uni - Criminology and Public Services lie detection session
21 November	0835-1535 7Y2 Sugar Loaf trip
25 November	0835-0900 Y12&Y13 Gap Year Project Trust - Virtual Assembly
28 November	0835-1535 7P2 Sugar Loaf trip
1 December	0900-1000 Coffee with the Headteacher

3 December	1600-1900 Y8 Virtual Progress Evening
3 December	1400-1500 Y12&Y13 Apprenticeship workshop with Apprenticeship West
4 December	0835-0900 Y12&Y13 Understanding role within Law - Michelmoores
5 December	0835-1535 Y10 Future Brunel WECA Activity Day
w/c 8 Dec	Winter House Sport
8 December	1000-1100 Y10&Y11 Avon and Somerset Police Careers Realising Talent
9 December	0835-0900 Y12&Y13 Ruth Harries TV talk - Deadly 60
10 December	1800-1900 Christmas Carols, Canteen
10 December	1000-1220 Y9&Y11 Providers Event
11 December	1220-1400 Avon & Somerset Police lunchtime pop up
16 December	1830-1930 Christmas Cabaret, LT
16 December	0835-0900 Y12&Y13 Tom Mitchell talk - Fifa
17 December	0835-1505 Whole school vaccinations
17 December	1600-1900 Y9 Virtual Progress Evening
17 December	Y11 Mock certificate day
17 December	1400-1500 Y12 Jobs of the Future - Delivered by UWE
18 December	1220-1400 Christmas lunch, Canteen
19 December	School closes at 1230 - END OF TERM 2