

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week's assemblies have focused on one of our ingredients of success - the importance of good attendance and the positive impact it has on students' progress, wellbeing and confidence. We continue to remind students and families that being in school every day gives them the best chance to succeed, and we appreciate your support at home in reinforcing this message.

Thank you to those who joined us at our recent Homework Forum, another one of our ingredients for success. We hope the session was helpful in giving an insight into how we encourage and support students with organisation, study habits and effective home learning and how families can support successful completion of homework with regular homework routines. Take a moment to [view the slides](#) and should you have any questions regarding your child(ren)'s homework.

Over the past two weeks, Year 11 have demonstrated maturity, resilience and real purpose as they completed their mock examinations. The atmosphere across the school was calm and focused, with students supporting one another and engaging positively with the routines we have carefully established. Thanks to excellent preparation from both staff and students, the exam period ran smoothly and provided a meaningful experience that mirrors the expectations of the summer series.

Now that the papers are in the process of being marked, the most valuable part of the process begins. Teachers and students are engaging in high-quality conversations about what has gone well, where mistakes have been made, and where gaps in knowledge or skills have been identified. These honest and constructive reflections are essential in helping each student understand their next steps.

The focus for the coming weeks will be on using this information to move forward with confidence—celebrating strengths, addressing areas for improvement, and ensuring every student feels equipped and supported as they continue their journey towards the final exams.

We are incredibly proud of Year 11 and the fantastic start they have made. Their attitude and effort set a strong foundation for success in the months ahead.

The Careers team has been working closely with Year 10 students on their work experience to search and find placements. This is an exciting stage as students begin exploring the world of work and identifying placements that match their interests. A useful guide for students/parents/carers is available on the [UNIFROG website](#) to help families navigate the process. If you have any queries, please email afey@skdrive.org. We recognise placements can sometimes require a degree of tenacity - keep searching and contacting until you get the offer you are really interested in.

Next week, we are delighted to be hosting the first English Hub Showcase where Miss Wild will be sharing best practice to secondary school leaders across Bristol and North Somerset on how we have developed a strong culture of reading and developing reading for all abilities.

We would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has donated to the Pill Food Hub Christmas Appeal. Your generosity makes a real difference and is greatly appreciated.

Finally, we are delighted to confirm that parents/carers are now welcome on site to spectate at after-school PE fixtures and events. We look forward to seeing a growing number of supporters on our sidelines. Please see the PE message within this communication for further details and expectations.


Warm regards,


Mr Humphreys

Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 28 November 2025

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

MESSAGES		
School office	Whole School	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>If you are able to make a donation, please do so via ParentPay.</p>
School office	Whole School	<p>Please see the school trip calendar for the 2025-26 academic year. This is a working document and will be updated as new trips are arranged. An updated version will be shared with parents each term to provide a clear overview of activities throughout the year.</p>
School office	Whole School	<p>Christmas Dinner - 18 December 2025</p> <p>Please find letter shared this week with all the details for this year's Christmas dinner service. The deadline to order the Christmas meal is Friday 5 December at 12pm.</p>
PE	Whole school	<p>Parent spectators for PE fixtures or events</p> <p>Moving forward, we are pleased to be able to welcome families of students to spectate at after school PE fixtures or events. Spectators should read our spectator guide before arriving. All spectators need to arrive between 1515 and 1530 and must report to the main reception to sign in. Unfortunately, late arrivals will not be able to spectate. By signing in on arrival you are agreeing to abide by our spectator conduct agreement.</p>
Mrs Crocker	Whole School	<p>Silver Cloud Digital Mental Health and Wellbeing Platform</p> <p>A new resource has been shared with us at school that everyone can access to support those with anxiety or low mood.</p> <p>Silver Cloud is an online cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT) programme. It is accessible through your phone or laptop, and enables you to access flexible therapy discreetly, from the comfort of your own home. Therapy can be accessed at any time of the day or night.</p> <p>Support for parents and carers is also available.</p>
School Office	Whole School	<p>Pill Food Hub Christmas Appeal - Everyone Deserves Christmas</p> <p>Thank you to everyone who was able to support the Pill Food Hub this year.</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 follow 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</p>

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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.
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.
Food Preparation and Nutrition	Year 10	Monday 1st December - Festive sausage rolls Please check Classcharts for the ingredients list for the practical. Any problems, please let Mr Brochot know.
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.
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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Week One: Tues/Thurs Lunchtimes. NEW SESSION - After school on Thursdays 13:05 - 14:05 Room 13 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.
 Work Experience (WEX) Mrs Fey	Year 10	Year 10 work experience week - 29th June - 3rd July 2026. Please encourage your child to apply for placements this side of Christmas to ensure they get a placement within their interests. The deadline to add a placement to Unifrog is Monday 23rd February 2026. A guide on how to add a placement to Unifrog can be found on the WEX Google Classroom , along with other key resources such as the Employer database and template email to the employer . 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
MFL Speaking Mocks	Year 11	Y11 taking Spanish and French for GCSE will have their Speaking Mocks during the coming week. Please check the dates and time slots bellow <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spanish, Tuesday 2nd - timetable here

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Photography Ms Tallis	Year 11	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Every Tues after school, R10 - 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 photography GCSE results. Many thanks.</p>
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 Work Experience (WEX) Mrs Fey	Year 12	<p>Year 12 work experience week - 15th - 19th June 2026</p> <p>Please encourage your child to apply for placements this side of Christmas to ensure they get a placement within their interests.</p> <p>The deadline to add a placement to Unifrog is Monday 23rd February 2026.</p> <p>A guide on how to add a placement to Unifrog can be found on the WEX Google Classroom, along with other key resources such as the Employer database and template email to the employer.</p> <p>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</p>

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

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