

## Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 5 December 2025

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

MESSAGES		
School	Whole School	As per the dates at the bottom of the communication, the end of term is Friday 19 December at 1230.
School	Whole School	Please take a moment to read through our <a href="#">communication guidelines with school</a> .
School office	Whole School	<p>Thank you to everyone who attended coffee with the Headteacher on Monday. Mr Humphreys opened the meeting by sharing slides from the previous session, highlighting what is working well and “even better if”. Please find the slides linked <a href="#">here</a> for your review.</p> <p>We look forward to sharing the key reflections from the meeting on Monday with you at the next coffee with the Headteacher in Term 3.</p>
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 <b>SKYFund</b> - 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 <b>via ParentPay</b>.</p>
School office	Whole School	Please see the <a href="#">school trip calendar</a> 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.
School office	Whole School	<b>Wednesday 17 December</b> Sirona Immunisation team will come into school to administer <b>Flu vaccination</b> to students Y7 to Y11 whose parents consented for their child to have the vaccine. Please complete the <a href="#">online consent form</a> if you would like your child to receive the vaccine.
PE	Whole school	<p><b>Parent spectators for PE fixtures or events</b></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 <a href="#">read our spectator guide</a> 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 <a href="#">spectator conduct agreement</a>.</p>
Mr Davies	Whole School	A huge thank you to everyone who gave generously to our Movember appeal. We raised over £1200 for an excellent cause, placing us in the top 100 schools in the country for the second year running. Thank you to Head Student Theeban for making this happen.
Mrs Ivey	Science KS3	Many parents have been asking what else students can do outside of lessons in addition to homework, to develop their scientific knowledge. <a href="#">Here</a> you can find a list of suggested optional activities.



Mrs Holmes	Whole School	<p><b>St Katherine's Carol Service - Wednesday 10th December - 6-7pm</b></p> <p>The event is open to all St Katherine's students, including their immediate families and staff. We will gather in the lecture theatre to reflect on the Christmas story and why it is important to the Christian faith and join in carol singing accompanied by a brass group. There will be a performance from the school choir. There will be refreshments for a donation. All monies raised will be donated to the Pill Food Bank.</p> <p>Please use this <a href="#">google form</a> to sign up.</p>
Food Technology	Year 7	Please look through the following <a href="#">document</a> 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 8	Please look through the following <a href="#">document</a> 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 <a href="#">document</a> 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.
Textiles Miss. Everard	Year 10	<p>Y10 GCSE Textiles students will need to spend one hour on homework every week. Your child may work in R13 at the following times:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Week One: Tues/Thurs Lunchtimes.</li> </ul> <p><b>NEW SESSION - After school on Thursdays 15:05 - 16:05 Room 13</b></p> <p>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.</p>
Art Ms Tallis	Year 10	<p>Y10 GCSE art students 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"> <li>- Every Tues after school</li> <li>- Mon/Tues/Wed lunchtimes</li> </ul> <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>
Photography Mr Frullo	Year 10	Y10 GCSE Photography students are expected to work on their coursework at home or in their own time for at least one hour per week. I am available for students to work in R36 or R18 at the following times with my support

		<p>(students are welcome to find a computer in school outside these times as well):</p> <p><b>After School every Tuesday</b></p> <p><b>Every Thursday Lunchtime</b></p> <p><b>Every Thursday Breaktime (Week 2 only, in between our double lesson)</b></p> <p>Please encourage students to attend, it is really helpful for them having access to equipment and software. Students who put in the extra hour have the most success with their Photography GCSE results. Many thanks.</p>
English	Year 10	Please find the GCSE Wider Reading for this week <a href="#">here</a> .
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.
Textiles Miss. Everard	Year 11	<p>Y11 GCSE Textiles students will need to spend one hour on homework every week. Your child may work in R13 at the following times:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Week One: Mon/Wed/ Lunchtimes.</li> <li>- Week Two: Mon/Tues/Weds/Thurs Lunchtimes</li> </ul> <p><b>NEW SESSION - After school on Thursdays 15:05 - 16:05 Room 13</b></p> <p>They may also be able to work in R10 after school on Tuesdays, providing the room is staffed for that session. Please encourage your child to attend, it is so helpful for them having access to equipment and materials. Thanks.</p>
Photography Ms Tallis	Year 11	<p>Y11 GCSE photography students 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"> <li>- Every Tues after school, R10</li> <li>- Mon/Tues/Wed lunchtimes.</li> </ul> <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>
Food Preparation and Nutrition	Year 11	Yr 11 will be making festival brioche on Monday 8th December and Tuesday 9th December. The ingredients are on Classcharts. Any problems, please let Mr Brochot know.
English	Year 11	Please find the GCSE Wider Reading for this week <a href="#">here</a> .
Mr Davies	Year 13	Year 13 Winter Exam season begins on January 12th with external exams from Health and Social Care and Business Studies, followed by mock exams continuing until January 23rd. Students will be given their individual timetables this week, but have already been made aware of the content of these important exams.
Mr Davies	Year 13	The UCAS deadline has been moved forward by 2 weeks to January 14th, which means it now falls in the mock window. Students have known about this for several months, and we have set an internal deadline of the end of Term 2 to get these applications sent away so that they don't interfere with exams. If students are planning to apply to start at University in September 2026, they must meet this deadline.

**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

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, Lecture Theatre
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