



Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 23 January 2026

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

MESSAGES		
Sirona	Y7-Y11	Children's Flu vaccination catch-up clinics are still available for the students who didn't receive their vaccination at school. To book please click here . If you have any queries please contact the Immunisation Team directly on 0300 124 5515 or email sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net
School	Whole school	<p>Holocaust Memorial Day 2026</p> <p>On 27 January 2026, we will mark Holocaust Memorial Day in school. Students will examine the theme of this year's Holocaust Memorial Day - Bridging the Generations in tutor time and assembly. In addition, our fantastic library has a range of titles available on display that students may find interesting to read. This year's theme serves as a reminder that the responsibility of remembrance doesn't end with the survivors - it lives on through their children, their grandchildren and through all of us. This theme encourages us all to engage actively with the past. We are mindful that world events make marking this year's Holocaust Memorial Day more important than ever and if any of our students need additional space and time to talk, they should speak to their tutor or trusted adult.</p>
School	Whole school	Please see newsletter here from the Trust.
School	Whole school	<p>Support for parents about safe use of social media and mobile phones</p> <p>The news this week included an item on how the government is looking to Australia for the early impact of their social media ban for under 16s. Whatever the government decides to do next, it is important that parents and carers routinely refresh their knowledge and understanding of how their children interact online so that they can keep them safe. We ask that parents regularly check their children's phones, ensure their children are not part of large group chats, that they are not using Apps that are not suitable for their age group and that their messages to other children are appropriate and respectful. The UK Safer Internet Centre is a fantastic place to find advice and can be found here. If you have any concerns about your child's online safety, please contact your child's tutor.</p>
Mr Dawes	Whole School	<p>Red January Competition.</p> <p>Red January is a nationwide scheme during January to encourage people to complete some form of activity every single day in January! Historically, it has focused around running every day but this year, the theme is 'Move Your Way'.</p> <p>Red January at St Katherines</p> <p>Mr Dawes is going to run a competition for staff and students. This will be students against students, staff against staff and staff vs students. All you need to do is complete some form of physical activity every day, or as often as you can, in January and fill in the Google Form.</p> <p>Red January Results. - See updated results here. Note: updated results will be for the current week, once a week has passed then entries are no longer accepted or updated.</p>
Ms Wyld	Whole school	For our first event to mark the UK-wide National Year of Reading, students are invited to create a poster promoting the joy of reading. This should

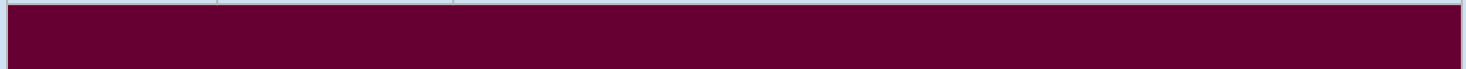
		represent what reading means to the individual & winners will see their posters used around school. Final poster designs to Ms Wyld please by 13th Feb.
MFL	Y7-Y11	<p>We are launching the Linguist of the Term competition!</p> <p>Each term, one student per year group in both French and Spanish will be awarded Linguist of the Term for their efforts and achievements in language lessons. There will be 3 nominees per year group and language in the categories of Excellence, Responsibility and Resilience.</p> <p>Each nominee will get a P5 and the overall winners will get a P5 and a Croissant / Pain au Chocolat too.</p>
Music	Whole school	<p>Advance notice: date for your diaries.</p> <p> CST Concert 2026 'All Together Now' save the date.pdf</p>
Food Technology	Year 7	<p>Here are the practical lessons that are taking place for Year 7: 7R - 29th January Fruit muffins</p> <p>Students will be expected to come prepared to these lessons with the ingredients outlined in the document and follow the expectations listed.</p>
Music	Year 7	Trailblazers bandcamp day is on Tuesday 10th February at Trinity Academy. All trailblazers students will be taking part in the event which will involve a series of workshops and rehearsals with a concert in the evening. A letter will be coming out about this soon but please make a note in your diaries now as parents are invited to the evening concert.
Music	Year 7	Term 3/4 trailblazers fees are now available to pay on parentpay. Please make payment by 26th January.
Sirona Immunisation team	Year 8	Thursday 26 February Sirona Immunisation team will come into school to administer HPV vaccination for Y8 students whose parents consented to have the vaccine. Please complete the online consent form if you would like your child to receive the vaccine. Here is more information about HPV.
Food Technology	Year 8	<p>Here are the practical lessons that are taking place for Year 8: 8R - 27th January Swiss roll 8L - 30th January Swiss roll</p> <p>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 9	<p>Here are the practical lessons that are taking place for Year 9: 9R - 29th January Pizza 9L - 30th January Pizza</p> <p>Students will be expected to come prepared to these lessons with the ingredients outlined in the document and follow the expectations listed.</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.
Food preparation and nutrition	Year 10	Next practical lesson: Monday 26th January - breakfast
Art Ms Tallis	Year 10	<p>Y10 GCSE art students need to spend a minimum of one hour on homework every week.</p> <p>Your child may work in the Art Dept at the following times:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Every Tues after school - Every Thurs after school - Mon/Tues/Wed/Thurs 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> <p>Deadline for final piece planning for Natural Forms Project = Thurs 12 Feb.</p>
Photography Mr Frullo	Year 10	<p>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 (students are welcome to find a computer in school outside these times as well):</p> <p>After School every Tuesday and Thursday Please ask my availability Monday and Wednesday after school Every Thursday Break & Lunchtime (week 1) Every Monday Break & Lunchtime (week 2) 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>
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"> - Week One: Tues/Thurs Lunchtimes. - After school on Thursdays 15:05 - 16:05 Room 13 <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>
Design, Art and Technology Faculty	Year 10	<p>Attached are the coursework support sessions that are currently on offer. If you are able to push these with them and ask them to attend as many as possible, we would appreciate it.</p> <p>Also at the bottom of each of the sheets are important deadlines.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art • Engineering Design • Photography • Textiles
Health and Social Care Miss Wilsher	Year 10	In order to support students with completion of R033 coursework, Health and Social Care Coursework Sessions will run on Tuesday after school in Computer Room 3.

 Work Experience (WEX) Mrs Fey	Year 10	<p>Year 10 work experience week - 29th June - 3rd July 2026.</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, WEX opportunities 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> <p>We are always looking for work experience opportunities for our students. If you are a business owner/decision maker (or know somebody who is) and are able to offer a work experience placement please do get in touch.</p>
Music	Year 10	<p>Y10 and 11 GCSE music students are being given the opportunity to attend a concert by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra where many of the set works from the GCSE syllabus will be performed. It is on Monday 2nd February. Please complete the consent form which has been sent via email.</p>
English	Year 10	<p>This week's wider reading is here.</p>
Mr Sugden	Year 11	<p>As we move into this crucial final phase of Year 11, we would like to ensure all students and families have access to the most up-to-date information and support.</p> <p>Year 11 Google Classroom – “Crossing the Finish Line, Together” Please ensure your child has joined the Year 11 classroom using the code ma2siggu. This classroom will be our central hub for all Year 11 information, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Academic support and revision guidance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Details about revision opportunities in school and afterschool revision times, here. ● Subject-specific revision resources ● Details and preparation materials for Mock Series 3 ● Key information and updates about the GCSE examination period <p>We strongly encourage parents and carers to remind students to check this classroom regularly, as important information will be shared there throughout the term.</p> <p>Year 11 Celebration Committee We are also pleased to share that the Year 11 Celebration Committee is currently working on plans for key end-of-year events, including Prom and Leavers' Day. Further details will be communicated in due course via the Year 11 classroom.</p> <p>Thank you for your continued support.</p> <p>10 Weeks until GCSEs start!</p>

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Art Ms Tallis	Year 11	<p>Students are now into the third week of the final exam project - the ESA - & I recommend that your child spends a minimum of two hours on art homework every week now until the final 10 hr exam on 5 & 6 May, that will mark the end of the course. Your child may work in the Art Dept at the following times:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Every Tues & Thurs after school - Mon/Tues/Wed/Thurs 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.</p> <p>Many thanks for your support & please contact me via email if you'd like any more information about the art GCSE final exam project.</p>
Photography Mr Frullo	Year 11	<p>Y11 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 (students are welcome to find a computer in school outside these times as well):</p> <p>After School every Tuesday and Thursday Please ask my availability Monday and Wednesday after school Every Thursday Break & Lunchtime (week 1) Every Monday Break & Lunchtime (week 2) 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>
Textiles Miss Everard	Year 11	<p>Year 11 have now started their Externally Set Assignment (worth 40% of their overall grade). I recommend that your child spends a minimum of two hours on their Textiles exam homework every week now until the final 10 hr exam on 30th April/1st May, that will mark the end of the course. Your child may work in R13 at the following times:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Week One: Mon/Wed/ Lunchtimes. - Week Two: Mon/Tues/Weds/Thurs Lunchtimes - After school on Thursdays 15:05 - 16:05 Room 13 <p>They may also be able to work in R10 after school on Tuesdays, providing the room is staffed for that session.</p> <p>Please encourage your child to attend supported sessions, it is so helpful for them having access to equipment and materials; those who did this last year had the most success with their Textiles GCSE results. Thanks.</p>
Food Preparation and Nutrition Mrs Jenkins	Year 11	<p>NEA 2 coursework. Research and planning has begun for the final piece of coursework (NEA2). Recipe trials (1 hour sessions) are taking place on the following days: 2nd, 3rd, 10th and 11th of February. Students will be expected to take part in them as part of the development for their final dishes. All students know what dishes they will be making and need to ensure they bring the ingredients to the lesson. Many thanks for your support and please contact me with any questions or problems.</p>

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Music	Year 11	GCSE music students will be taking part in a composition support day on Tuesday 3rd February . Details to follow.
Music	Year 11	Please note that the date for ensemble performances has been changed to Monday 23rd February . Please support your child by asking them what they are performing and listening to them practice.



 Work Experience (WEX) Mrs Fey	Year 12	Year 12 work experience week - 15th - 19th June 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 We are always looking for work experience opportunities for our students. If you are a business owner/decision maker (or know somebody who is) and are able to offer a work experience placement please do get in touch.
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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 3

24 January	Saturday Y10 Silver DofE Practice Walk
26 January	0835-0900 Y12 & Y13 Green Jobs Assembly from UWE
26 January	0835-0900 Y9 Employer Encounter - Dining Hall
27 January	Holocaust Memorial Day
28 January	1400-1505 Y10 Introduction to Law - Employer insight - Michelmoores
28 January	1400-1505 Y12 Mock interview Day
28 January	1400-1500 Y12 & Y13 Lewis Silkin Careers, virtual session - Introduction to Law
28 January	Y12 HE+ Launch Event
28 January	1600-1900 Y11 Virtual Progress Evening
1 February	LGBT+ History Month (1 Feb-28 Feb)
2 February	0835-0900 Y9 Tutor Time career session
2 February	0900-1000 Coffee with the Head Teacher
3 February-6 February	Y12 & Y13 Slapton Ley residential (Tuesday-Friday)
3 February	0835-0900 Y12 National Crime Agency Assembly
9 February	0835-1505 Y10 Future Brunel WECA Activity Day
9 February	0835-0900 Y12 & Y13 Evona - Careers in the Space Industry
10 February	Safer Internet Day
10 February	Y11/12 Business Trip to Cadbury World



w/c 9 Feb	National Apprenticeships week
11 February	1400-1505 Y12 Michelmoores - Application Masterclass
11 February	1700-1900 Y9 Options Evening, LT
13 February	Y8 & Y9 Ski Trip departs (13 Feb-20 Feb)
13 February	1505 END OF TERM 3