

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term 3

We hope you and your families had a restful break and that students have returned feeling refreshed and ready to reach new goals in 2026. Our first assembly of the year focused on goals and resolutions, encouraging students to think positively about what they would like to achieve and how they can approach the months ahead with purpose and confidence

This week our whole school theme was focused on our core value of Respect. We are placing particular emphasis on respecting others through kind words and thoughtful actions, respecting our learning through being on time and ready to learn, and taking pride in our school environment. Students have been reminded of the importance of looking after shared spaces, especially in the canteen, by making sure litter is placed in the bins provided. Assemblies and tutor time discussions throughout the week are exploring these ideas in more depth and highlighting how small, everyday choices can have a big impact on our school community.

Year 7 students completed their assessments on Monday and are commended for embracing each day with a 'do your best' attitude which is exactly what was asked. Year 13 students have equally embraced their mocks this week as they prepare to sit their A Levels in the summer. For both year groups, we will be supporting students with how they respond to the assessments as this is where all students can make a big difference.

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended the Year 10 progress evening. Your continued support and engagement play an important role in helping students stay motivated and focused on their learning. Please share any feedback with us.


We were also very fortunate to welcome Ben Taylor, editor of The Sunday Times, who spoke to students in Year 10, Year 12 and 13. His talk covered an interesting journey into journalism along with the challenge of editing one of the largest broadsheet newspapers in the UK. Students found the talk inspiring, providing a valuable insight into journalism, media and wider career pathways. We are grateful to Mr Taylor for taking the time to share his experiences with us.


Warm regards,

Mr Humphreys


Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 16 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
Miss Bonora	SK5, SK7 and SK8 bus users	From 19 January, the SK5, SK7 and SK8 school bus services will operate on a new timetable to improve punctuality. Please read the letter and familiarise yourselves with the new times.
Music	Whole school	Advance notice: date for your diaries.  CST Concert 2026 'All Together Now' save the date.pdf
School	Whole school	A reminder that hair colour must be natural, non natural hair colours are not allowed.
School	Whole school	WEMA and Future Talent are joining forces to bring young people in the West of England their Create Day on Sunday 8th February at Trinity Academy in Lockleaze, Bristol. This exciting event is an opportunity for all young people who play an instrument; all ages, abilities and instruments welcome! The day will be a fun day of exploring new ways of creating music, led by Siobhan Clough from Paraorchestra.
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.</p>
Food Technology	Year 7	<p>Here are the practical lessons that are taking place for Year 7: 7R - 23rd 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.
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.
Art Ms Tallis	Year 10	Y10 GCSE art students need to spend a minimum of 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 - Every Thurs after school - Mon/Tues/Wed/Thurs 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. Deadline for final piece planning for Natural Forms Project = Thurs 12 Feb.
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. - After school on Thursdays 15:05 - 16:05 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. 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, WEX opportunities 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.
Music	Year 10	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. You will receive a letter about this soon.
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>
English	Year 10	Wider reading for this week.
Silver DofE	Year 10	The training walk on Sat 24th January will be moved to Sat 28th February . Please check emails for information and updates about further training walks.
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.
Food preparation and Nutrition	Year 11	<p>Coursework and revision sessions</p> <p>Students have the opportunity to work on their coursework before school on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in room 18 and revision after school on a Tuesday.</p>
Drama	Year 11	<p>Coursework deadline - Friday 16th January</p> <p>Students devising coursework is due to be submitted this week. All lessons this week are dedicated to ensuring any extra support needed is given. Students have been made aware that any specific sections they wish to have feedback on must be emailed to both Mrs Collins and Mrs Lomax in advance of Friday's deadline.</p> <p>Please encourage and support your child to spend time on this at home. Any questions please do email us collinsl@skdrive.org lomaxs@skdrive.org</p> <p>Thank you</p>
Art Ms Tallis	Year 11	<p>Students are now into the second 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)</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>
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>
Music	Year 11	<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. You will receive a letter about this soon.</p>
Music	Year 11	<p>GCSE music students will be taking part in a composition support day on Tuesday 3rd February. Details to follow.</p>
Music	Year 11	<p>Please note that the date for ensemble performances has been changed and will no longer take place on Monday 19th January. The new date will be published here once confirmed.</p>
English	Year 11	<p>GCSE Wider Reading for this week.</p>
 Work Experience (WEX) Mrs Fey	Year 12	<p>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.</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>

		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.
Mr Davies	Year 13	Year 13 have conducted themselves brilliantly throughout the first week of their Winter exams. These exams continue into next week. The schedule can be found here .

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

20 January	0835-1505 Y9 Holocaust Workshop
20 January	0835-1505 Y9 Future Brunel WECA Activity Day
20 January	0835-0900 Y12 & Y13 Virtual assembly from The London Interdisciplinary School
21 January	0835-1505 Y7 Successful me UWE trip
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