




Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 9 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
Music	Whole School	Advance notice: date for your diaries.  CST Concert 2026 'All Together Now' save the date.pdf
Mr Dawes	Whole School	Red January Competition. 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'. Red January at St Katherines 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 .
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.
School office	Whole School	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/carers each term to provide a clear overview of activities throughout the year.
Food Technology	Year 7	Here are the practical lessons that are taking place for Year 7: 7R - Tomato ragu- Thursday 15th January Students will be expected to come prepared to these lessons with the ingredients outlined in the document and follow the expectations listed.
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.
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: 8L - Tarka Dahl - Friday 16th January 8R - Tarka Dahl - Tuesday 13th January</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: 9L - Thai curry - Friday 16th January 9R - Thai curry - Thursday 15th January</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 Preparation and Nutrition	Year 10	<p>Monday 12th December - Risotto and shortbread Please check Classcharts for the ingredients list for the practical. Any problems, please let Mr Brochot know.</p>
Engineering	Year 10	<p>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.</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"> - Every Tues after school - Every Thurs week 1 after school - 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 art GCSE results. Many thanks.</p> <p>Extended deadline for artist research for Natural Forms Project = Tues 13 Jan. Some students will need to spend around three hours over the weekend to catch up with, & finish, this work.</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 Every Thursday Lunchtime Every Thursday Breaktime (Week 2 only, in between our double lesson)</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>
 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>
English	Year 10	Wider reading for this week on the cost of living.
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.
Food preparation and Nutrition	Year 11	<p>We are currently completing Section A of the NEA 2 coursework. The deadline for completion of this section is 6th February. We will then be moving onto recipe trials. Please support your son/daughter with planning and organising these as it will all be individual choice practicals.</p> <p>Any problems, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Jenkins - jenkinse@skdrive.org</p>
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.
Art Ms Tallis	Year 11	<p>Although we were sorry to say farewell to Mrs Cameron last term, it is an absolute pleasure to be teaching your children for the final 'chapter' of their art GCSE course. They are an exceptionally talented group of art students & I will support them in any way that I can to reach their absolute full potential. There is a lot of work to be done but I think that your children will enjoy it!</p> <p>We have started the final exam project this week - 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 after school - Every Thurs week 1 after school - 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 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>Year 11 have just started their Externally Set Assignment (worth 40% of their overall grade).</p> <p>In order to achieve in this exam, 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 Every Thursday Lunchtime Every Thursday Breaktime (Week 2 only, in between our double lesson)</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 11	Here is the wider reading for this week, on fate.
Music	Year 11	GCSE music ensemble performances take place on Monday 19th January (unless organised at a different time due to instrumental teacher involvement). Please support your child by asking them about their performance and listening to them rehearse. Any questions please contact Miss Adams (adamsa@skdrive.org)
Music	Year 11	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.
Music	Year 11	GCSE music students will be taking part in a composition support day on Tuesday 3rd February. Details to follow.
 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> <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>

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

13 January	0835-0900 Y12 & Y13 Cardiff Met University talk
14 January	1600-1900 Y10 Virtual Progress Evening
14 January	1400-1505 Y10 Introduction to Law - Employer insight - Michelmoores
14 January	1400-1505 Y12 & Y13 Ben Taylor talk - Editor of the Sunday Times
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