

# Weekly communication to Parents/Carers

Friday 27 February 2026



St Katherine's Website



Term dates



Termly newsletters



PE calendar

## Messages

Mrs Crocker	Whole School	<p><b>Ramadan Mubarak</b></p> <p>We would like to extend our warmest wishes to everyone observing the holy month of Ramadan. Please find the letter we have written to all parents detailing how we will support our students <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
Mrs Slater	Whole school	<p>Please find the Eventbrite <a href="#">page</a> with all the events/sessions organised by Bristol Parent/Carer forum.</p>
Mrs Crocker	Whole School	<p><b>Every Day Counts</b></p> <p>We have written to all parents this week to introduce our Every Day Counts attendance mission that begins on Monday. We are speaking to all students this week in tutor time about the importance of attending school every day. Your support with making sure our students do not miss important learning is greatly appreciated. You can find the letter <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
Mrs Crocker	Whole School	<p>We have written to all parents/carers to make everyone aware of information that has been shared with us by Avon and Somerset Police regarding a so-called 'Bristol War Red v Blue' involving children from a range of Bristol secondary schools. We have been made aware that group chats and social media accounts appear to be encouraging conflict between students based on the school they belong to. It is important to point out that St. Katherine's School is not mentioned in the online posts. Nevertheless, it is important we make you aware of potential violence and disruption involving young people that is suggested may take place on Friday afternoon and over the weekend. In online posts, a particular disused building near Cabot Circus has been mentioned along with Castle Park and other locations in the city as a potential location.</p> <p>In light of these concerns, we are asking that all parents and carers help keep their children safe by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check your child's phone including their social media accounts and group chats to ensure that they have not been exposed to harmful content online.</li> <li>• Talk to them about the risks of becoming involved in any planned gatherings or confrontations.</li> <li>• Help them plan their journey home from school on Friday and any activities over the weekend that may involve being in the city centre so they are able to avoid any potential conflict</li> <li>• Make clear to them that they must not deliberately become involved in any anti-social behaviour that may take place.</li> </ul> <p>If you have concerns that relate to these concerns, it is important that you share these with the police via 101. Additionally, if you are concerned that any students are at risk of harm, please email <a href="mailto:safeguarding@skdrive.org">safeguarding@skdrive.org</a>.</p>

Mrs Jenkins

Year 7

**Food and Nutrition**

Here are the practicals taking place this week:  
Thursday 5th March - 7r Pizza toast

Sirona	Year 8	<b>Thursday 30 April 2026</b> Sirona Immunisation team will come into school to administer <b>Meningococcal ACWY and Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio vaccinations to students</b> whose parents consented to have the vaccine. Please complete the <a href="#">online consent form</a> if you would like your child to receive the vaccine.
Mrs Jenkins	Year 8	<b>Food and Nutrition</b> Here are the practicals taking place this week: Tuesday 3rd March - 8r Fruit crumble Friday 6th March - 8l Fruit crumble
Mrs Jenkins	Year 9	<b>Food and Nutrition</b> Here are the practicals taking place this week: Thursday 5th March - 9r Mac and cheese Friday 6th March - 9l Mac and cheese
Mr Hodgson	Morocco 2027	If you would like to take part in an amazing expedition to the Atlas Mountains in Morocco, you can find more information <a href="#">here</a> and sign up using the expedition ID <a href="#">here</a> by following this link.  I will also be holding a short meeting on Thursday lunchtime where some students who attended the expedition in 2025 will be there to share their experiences and answer any questions. Anyone who is signed up for the trip or is interested is welcome to come. This will be in Lab 5, at 13.20 on Thursday 5th March.
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"> <li>- Every Tue after school</li> <li>- Every Thu after school</li> <li>- Mon/Tue/Wed/Thu 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> <p><b>Deadline for the final piece for Natural Forms Project = Thurs 2 April</b></p>
Mrs Jenkins	Year 10	<b>Food and Nutrition</b> Practical lesson this week: Monday 2nd March - Sticky wings, wedges and slaw.
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"> <li>- Week One: Tues/Thurs Lunchtimes.</li> <li>- <b>After school on Thursdays 15:05 - 16:05 Room 13</b></li> </ul> <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 very much.</p>
Mr Hodgson	Morocco 2027	If you would like to take part in an amazing expedition to the Atlas Mountains in Morocco, you can find more information <a href="#">here</a> and sign up using the expedition ID <a href="#">here</a> by following this link.  I will also be holding a short meeting on Thursday lunchtime where some students who attended the expedition in 2025 will be there to share their experiences and answer any questions. Anyone who is signed up for the trip or is interested is welcome to come. This will be in Lab 5, at 13.20 on Thursday 5th March.

<p>Textiles Miss Everard</p>	<p>Year 11</p>	<p>Your child should be spending a minimum of <b>two hours on their Textiles exam homework every week</b> 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"> <li>- Week One: Mon/Wed/ Lunchtimes.</li> <li>- Week Two: Mon/Tues/Weds/Thurs Lunchtimes</li> <li>- <b>After school on Thursdays 15:05 - 16:05 Room 13</b></li> </ul> <p>They may also be able to work in R10 after school on Tuesdays, providing the room is staffed for that session.</p> <p>This week we are continuing to refine samples and exploring techniques in response to chosen themes. By the end of the week students will have developed a clear idea pathway in preparation for their final piece.</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 very much.</p>
<p>Food Preparation and Nutrition</p>	<p>Year 11</p>	<p><b>Final food practical exam - 23rd and 24th March</b></p> <p>Thank you for your support during the recipe trails over the last couple of weeks. The students have excelled during the lessons which will put them in a really beneficial position going into the final exam. The date your child will be sitting the GCSE exam is set on Classcharts. During the next 2 weeks students will have decided on the three dishes and accompaniments to cook. Please can you ensure they have all the ingredients prepared before the exam. Any questions/problems, please let me know.</p>
<p>Drama Mrs Collins Mrs Lomax</p>	<p>Year 11</p>	<p><b>Thursday 19 March 2026 09:00am</b> - External assessment</p> <p>Students are busy preparing for their component 3 scripted assessment taking place this term with a visiting examiner. Please encourage and support your child with rehearsals at home to help with line learning. Extra rehearsal time is available every lunchtime and afterschool sessions on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.</p> <p>Top tips!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rehearsing in front of a mirror - facial expressions gesture movement</li> <li>• Voice recording - listen back to tone pitch emphasis</li> <li>• No prompting encourage thought</li> </ul>
<p>Art Ms Tallis</p>	<p>Year 11</p>	<p>Your child should be spending a minimum of <b>two hours on art homework every week</b> now until the final 10 hr exam on 5 &amp; 6 May.</p> <p>Your child may work in the Art Dept at the following times:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Every Tues &amp; Thurs after school</li> <li>- Mon/Tues/Wed/Thurs 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.</p> <p>As per the slides on the art Classroom, we are now working on the second stage of the exam project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>ARTIST RESEARCH PAGES (6 A3 pages)</b> <b>1.5 weeks Due: Wed 11 March</b></li> </ul>
<p>Mr Davies</p>	<p>Year 12&amp;13</p>	<p>Bookings for Parents'/Carers' Virtual Progress Evening (Wednesday March 4th) are now open. Please book early to ensure you secure your place. Unless you have a specific desire to speak to multiple teachers (which may be the case for some subjects), we suggest booking one teacher per subject where you have options to avoid duplicating information. Progress Checks will be sent home</p>

Mrs Ivey

Year 12&amp;13

A-level biology revision sessions are now running every Thursday after school 3:05-4:00pm in lab 6. All biology year 13 students should attend.

**PE & SPORT - sign up for Spond (our communication platform)**

# 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](https://bit.ly/skpe_spondstudent)

**Parents**
[bit.ly/skpe\\_spondguardian](https://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 4**

28 February	Y10 Silver DofE Practice Walk
2 March	0835-0900 Y9 Green Jobs Assembly from UWE
3 March	1000-1100 Y10 Future Fundamentals
4 March	1600-1900 Y12 & Y13 Virtual Progress Evening (W) ★
5 March	0835-1505 World Book Day
5 March	0835-1505 Y12 Maths Inspiration
9 March	0835-0900 Y9 Green Jobs - Tutor Room based careers activity
10 March	0900-1100 Y8 Equinox Free STEM Workshop
10 March	1000-1100 Y10 Future Fundamentals
10 March	0835-0900 Y12 & Y13 Mott Macdonald assembly talk
10 March	0835-1505 Y13 Studland Bay
11 March	0835-1505 Y12 UWE Campus trip
12 March	0835-1505 Y7 Future Brunel, Selection Process - round 1
13 March	0835-1505 Y11 GCSE - Aerospace
13 March	0835-1505 Y12 UK University and apprenticeship search event - Ashton Gate Trip
17 March	0835-1505 Y8 Airbus Trip
17 March	0835-0900 Y12 & Y13 STEM - AtkinsRealis Assembly

17 March	0835-1505 Y12 UWE guidance interviews
18 March	0900 -1500 Y7 Future Brunel, Selection Workshop 1
21 March	1100 Portishead Swimathon
w/c 23 March	Spring House sport (M-F)
w/c 23 March	Bikeability (M-F)
24 March	0835-0900 Y12 & Y13 Avon and Somerset Police talk with Aisha Mitchell
24 March	1000-1100 Y10 Future Fundamentals
27 March	0930-1030 Coffee with the Headteacher
28 March	Silver DofE Practice Walk
w/c 30 March	Sixth Form RAG week
31 March	1000-1100 Y10 Future Fundamentals
31 March	0835-0900 Y12 & Y13 Trevor Latham - Easy Jet Pilot Talk
31-1 April	Y12 HE+ Cambridge Residential (M-Tu)
1 April	1400-1505 Y12 & Y13 Michelmoores - Effective Interview Techniques