

Weekly communication to Parents/Carers

Friday 27 March 2026



St Katherine's Website



Term dates



Termly newsletters



PE calendar

Whole School messages

School office	Whole School	At St Katherines we are proud to support the Pill Food Hub. We have been asked to host a drop off for easter eggs. If you feel you can donate one and that your child won't eat it on the way to school then please ask them to drop it off in SSO before the end of term. Thank you
School Office	Whole school	<p>Reminder</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paracetamol is only given at break and lunch times, with consent. • Please ensure students with hayfever, take medicines before attending school. • All students need to come to school with a water bottle.
Trust concert	Whole School	All students who are regular members of choir and/or orchestra are involved in the trust concert which is taking place at Bristol Beacon on Wednesday 29 April . Students will be involved in rehearsals during the day and then the evening concert at 6.30pm. A letter has been sent home about this; please complete the consent form and make a note of important details. This is an amazing opportunity for our students to perform in a prestigious venue. Please purchase your tickets now (a letter has been sent with the details) to ensure you can watch them shine. It will be an experience to remember.
School Office	Whole School	<p>Young Carers</p> <p>A young carer is someone under 18 who takes on responsibilities normally handled by an adult. They may help care for a parent, sibling or other family member who is ill, disabled, or struggling with their mental health</p> <p>Their responsibilities can include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helping with household tasks like washing and cleaning • Giving medication or assisting with personal care • Attending medical appointments • Looking after younger siblings • Supporting a parent with physical or emotional health • Managing their own self-care <p>Every young carer's experience is different but all deserve recognition and support.</p> <p>At school, we can support students who are young carers in a number of ways that can help lighten their load and support them to achieve, belong and thrive. If you think your child may be a young carer, please contact your Head of House who will be able to start the conversation about how we better support your child and their family.</p>
School Office	Whole School	<p>Youth Parliament Surveys</p> <p>At St. Katherine's School we are fortunate enough to have two students who have been elected to the Youth Parliament. Established 25 years ago, the UK Youth Parliament is made up of more than 300 young people aged between 11 and 18 years, elected as Members of Youth Parliament (MYPs) to represent the views of</p>

their peers. It provides opportunities for young people to bring about social change through meaningful representation and campaigning. Our two MYPs have asked for the support of our students in sharing their views and experiences by completing three short surveys about racism, safer communities and mental health. These surveys have been shared with students via Class Charts and will appear as homework. It is not compulsory that all students complete these tasks and there will be no negative consequences for anyone who does not want to or can't find the time. However, we are grateful to everyone who can give their time and share their thoughts in support of the important work of the Youth Parliament which you can read more about [here](#).

School Office Whole School Next week is Sixth Form RAG week, with a number of fundraising events across the course of the week to raise money which will be split between the Teenage Cancer Trust and the Sixth Form Fundraising fund. All these events are now on ParentPay so please give generously.

RAG WEEK

30th MARCH – 2nd APRIL

MONDAY 30 th MARCH	Easter Raffle Guess the Eggs in the Jar Win some egg-citing prizes!	
TUESDAY 31 st MARCH	Easter Egg Hunt (Year 7 & 8) Find the hidden treats!	
WEDNESDAY 1 st APRIL	Student vs Staff Netball Match Who will win?	
THURSDAY 2 nd APRIL	Soak the Sixth Former Don't miss your chance to make a splash!	



TUCK SHOP & BAKE SALE
Every day at break
Delicious treats available!



All tickets must be purchased via **ParentPay**

Year 7

Mrs Jenkins	Year 7	Food and Nutrition Here are the practicals taking place this week: Thursday 2nd March - 7r Breakfast muffins
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Year 8

Mrs Jenkins	Year 8	Food and Nutrition Here are the practicals taking place this week: Tuesday 31st March - 8r Stir fry Wednesday 1st April - 8l Stir fry
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Year 9

Mrs Jenkins	Year 9	<p>Food and Nutrition</p> <p>Here are the practicals taking place this week: Monday 30th March - 9l Fish goujons Thursday 2nd April - 9r Fish goujons</p>
Sirona	Year 9	<p>Thursday 30 April 2026 Sirona Immunisation team will come into school to administer Meningococcal ACWY and Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio vaccinations to students whose parents consented to have the vaccine. Please complete the online consent form if you would like your child to receive the vaccine.</p>

Year 10

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 Tue after school - Every Thu after school - Mon/Tue/Wed/Thu 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>Deadline for the final piece for Natural Forms Project = Thurs 2 April</p> <p>Some students have completed the Natural Forms Project ahead of the deadline & in order to keep up this outstanding pace, & give students the best chance of outstanding success in their art GCSE, I have launched the new Personal Project for those students that are ready. As ever, all project resources & slides have been posted on the Classroom for all to access.</p>
Textiles Miss Everard	Year 10	<p>Y10 GCSE Textiles students will need to spend one hour on homework every week, homeworks will focus on completing unfinished sketchbook pages, and every student has a personalised to-do list from me, so they know what they need to complete. Lesson focus now is on making their chosen garment, and lessons are a hive of activity. It is important that your child does not leave materials at home, but brings in everything they need to every lesson, otherwise precious time could be lost. In addition to lessons, there is supported time available: Your child may work in R13 at the following times:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Week One: Tues/Thurs Lunchtimes, rm13 - After school on Thursdays 15:05 - 16:15 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 very much.</p>
Food preparation and nutrition Mrs Jenkins	Year 10	<p>Food and Nutrition</p> <p>Here are the practicals taking place this week: Monday 30th March - Papillote cod and quinoa salad</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 has now passed however, due to the small number of students now without a placement, I am still happy to accept new work experience placements. Please encourage your child to keep looking. If they are struggling to find a placement please reach out to family, family friends, neighbours etc to find out if they can host a placement, or whether they know someone who can.</p> <p>If you have any questions or concerns please check the WEX FAQ document, visit the school WEX webpage 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>Work experience placements are becoming increasingly hard to find. We are always looking for work experience opportunities for our students. If you are a</p>


business owner/decision maker (or know somebody who is) and are able to offer a work experience placement please do get in touch.

Year 11

<p>Art Ms Tallis</p>	<p>Year 11</p>	<p>We are now nearing the end of the art GCSE course that will culminate with the final 10 hour exam on 5 & 6 May. Your child should be spending a minimum of two hours on art homework every week & 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>As per the slides on the art Classroom, we are now working on the final stage of the exam project, before the 10 hour exam on 5th & 6th May:</p> <p>FINAL PIECE PLANNING (6 A3 sheets)</p>
<p>Textiles Miss Everard</p>	<p>Year 11</p>	<p>Your child should be spending 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 - 16:15 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>Students should all now have a clear plan for what they will be making for their Exam Final Piece. Lesson time is now focussed on refining ideas and gearing sample making towards their final aim and completing all display boards and sketchbook pages. In lessons between now and the exam days, students can be preparing fabric and pieces that require drying/setting time. If your child has things to prepare, please encourage/remind them that this is the time to start.</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>Science</p>	<p>Year 11</p>	<p>This week we have spoken to students about how best to revise for science using the Sparx website. Sparx tracks students strengths and weaknesses and tailors flashcards and questions to what students need to work on. Please see the presentation here. Students have been given Sparx revision code booklets this week. To provide further support next week on Tuesday there will be chemistry revision after school with Mr Sugden, for all students.</p>
<p>Languages</p>	<p>Year 11</p>	<p>Modern Foreign Languages Speaking GCSE will take place on the first week back after the Easter Break. If your child is doing a GCSE in French, Spanish or another language that they speak at home, you can find the date and the time for their exam here.</p>



Year 12 and 13

<p>Mr Davies</p>	<p>Year 12</p>	<p>Year 12 Mocks will take place in Term 5, for 2 weeks from April 27th. Students have been informed of the content of these mocks and should start revising now. A timetable of all exams can be found here.</p>
<p>Mr Davies</p>	<p>Year 13</p>	<p>The countdown to final Year 13 exams has very much begun, and we are now just 3 school weeks away from the start of the summer exam series. Students have been spoken to about the importance of getting organised ahead of the Easter break, which should be treated as a vital period of revision rather than a holiday. Students should aim to get NEA completed ahead of the break so that they can focus on final exams.</p>

		<p>In the first week after Easter, a detailed breakdown of all exams, along with exam booster sessions, after school revision, and exam breakfasts, will be shared. Students are expected to attend school full-time until the end of Term 5, after which they only need to attend lessons. Lessons will run for a subject until the final exam for that subject has taken place - there is no 'study leave.'</p> <p>We will do all we can to support students to achieve the outcomes they deserve and are capable of. It's now time for them to become fully focused on their end goals and give it their all.</p>
Mr Davies	Year 13	<p>Student finance applications for September 2026 will open at the end of March. This is a process that must be done at home alongside parents/carers as it is a personal financial arrangement, but we would be happy to support students and parents/carers if they have any questions about the process.</p>
 Work Experience (WEX) Mrs Fey	Year 12	<p>Year 12 work experience week - 15th - 19th June 2026</p> <p>The deadline to add a placement to Unifrog has now passed however, due to the small number of students now without a placement, I am still happy to accept new work experience placements. Please encourage your child to keep looking. If they are struggling to find a placement please reach out to family, family friends, neighbours etc to find out if they can host a placement, or whether they know someone who can.</p> <p>If you have any questions or concerns please check the WEX FAQ document, visit the school WEX webpage 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>Work experience placements are becoming increasingly hard to find. 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>

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



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 4

w/c 30 March	Sixth Form RAG week
30 March	0900-1300 Y12 Caving

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
2 April	1505 END OF TERM 4