

Weekly communication to Parents/Carers

Friday 19 June 2026



St Katherine's Website



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Message from Mr Humphreys

Dear Parents/Carers

As we come to the end of a busy and successful exam period, we want to recognise the exceptional approach our Year 11 and Year 13 students have shown throughout their exams. Their approach has been first class with high levels of focus and composure and all students sharing positive feedback on their experiences. With the exams over, we look forward to celebrating at the Leavers' Day and Prom next week.

As we say farewell to two of our cohorts, we begin welcoming our new Year 7 cohort. Our enhanced Year 6 transition programme is underway and it has been wonderful to see our new Year 7 intake beginning to feel a real sense of belonging as they prepare to join our community in September.

The Year 8 Barcelona trip was a great cultural experience for students and staff, with students returning full of memories that will last a lifetime. We now wish bon voyage to those heading to Paris in the early hours, and we look forward to hearing all about their experiences.

Thank you to the parents and carers who attended the Year 10 online information session ahead of the mock exams which started today. Your engagement is greatly appreciated, and we welcome any feedback you may wish to share. We have been extremely impressed with the strong start Year 10 have made to their mock exams today. The mocks are an important milestone, helping students understand the routines of next year, identify strengths and areas for development, and build the confidence they need for success in Year 11.

This week saw the school come together to celebrate Pride on Wednesday - a vibrant and positive event that reflected our shared commitment to respect, inclusion and celebrating every individual within our community. Student speeches were powerful and created a moment for reflection alongside a wonderful performance.

Year 12 students have been out on work experience this week, which plays an important role in shaping their aspirations and preparing them for life after sixth form. As part of our extensive careers programme, Year 8 enjoyed an inspiring talk from an easyJet pilot, sparking curiosity about aviation and future pathways.

Yesterday we welcomed our governing body for our annual Governors' Development Day. This was a valuable opportunity for governors to spend time in school and deepen their understanding of our curriculum, culture and strategic priorities.

Thank you for your continued support, encouragement and partnership. Everything we achieve is strengthened by the shared commitment of our students, families, staff and wider community, and we are proud of the sense of belonging that continues to grow across the school

Best wishes,

Justin Humphreys

Whole School messages

Mr Humphreys	Whole school	Single whole school lunch Thank you to all parents and carers who have already taken the time to complete the short survey about the proposed move to a single whole school lunchtime from September. Your feedback is appreciated. Today is the final day to complete the survey. Once it closes, all responses will be reviewed to help inform our next steps.
School	Whole school	Uniform next week With the current hot weather forecast for next week, we have decided to make a temporary adjustment to our uniform expectations to ensure pupils remain comfortable while maintaining high standards of dress. From Monday and throughout next week, pupils may attend school wearing either: • Their St Katherine's PE kit; or • Their normal school uniform without a blazer To help keep pupils safe and comfortable in the heat, please ensure that your child: • Brings a refillable water bottle to school each day • Applies sunscreen before arriving at school and, where appropriate, brings sunscreen to reapply during the day We would also like to remind families that, whilst these temporary adjustments are being made, pupils should continue to wear only approved St Katherine's uniform items. Non-uniform clothing such as cycling shorts, hoodies should not be worn. We appreciate your support in helping us keep pupils safe and comfortable during the warm weather while maintaining our expectations for smart and appropriate dress.
School	Whole school	

School	Whole school	Life Lessons filming opportunity - Life Lessons (PSHE/RSHE curriculum provider) are filming their next series of materials in Bristol and are looking for pupils to participate. They are looking for pupils who want to share their views and experiences of growing up in the world today. Filming will be taking place on the weekend of 4 th and 5 th July. Please share this opportunity with pupils and families. They can express interest through the form on this link: Filming with Life Lessons - Life Lessons
Mr Maw	Whole school	Coach service We would like to remind parents and carers that students may only travel on the coach service for which they have purchased a pass and must be able to present a valid boarding pass when requested. Following concerns raised by parents regarding students travelling without the appropriate pass, we will be increasing our checks from next week. Students found attempting to travel on a coach for which they do not hold a valid pass are likely to be refused travel by the operator. We would be grateful if parents could remind their children to carry their boarding pass with them each day and to use only their allocated coach service.
Student Support	Whole school	Locker Hire Please see letter here with regards to lockers for 2026-2027.
School	Catering Vacancy	We have a vacancy for a General Catering Assistant, hours are Monday to Friday from 10am to 2pm please email sarah.burns@aspens-services.com for further information.
Face Family Advice	Whole school	FREE one hour online session for parents Thursday 25th June 7pm - 8pm Join us online to get some advice on how to help your ADHD child start and complete their homework. Book on the PARENTS - Live Talks page facefamilyadvice.co.uk
Amplify Trust	Whole School	Parent and Carer survey Please see parent/carers survey from the Trust for completion by 29 June 2026.
Ms Wyld	Whole school	To celebrate all things books & reading in this National Year of Reading, I have launched a term 6 baking competition for all students & staff. Entrants are challenged to create a book-themed bake, which should be brought to the Library by morning break on Thursday 16th July. I can't wait to see your creations!
School	Whole school	Free School Meals is changing From September Free School Meals are being expanded to all families on Universal Credit. If you would like to apply for Free School Meals for September, please apply in the summer holidays at www.n-somerset.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals If you have any queries or require any help please email FSM@n-somerset.gov.uk or call the school on 01275 373737. You can find our letter to all parents with more details here
School	Whole school	Football Free football camps this summer, please click here if this is of interest.
School	Whole school	Cricket Gloucestershire Cricket: Junior Takeover - Kids Go Free Buy 1 adult ticket, get 4x U16s for free.

		You can access this offer via the scannable bar code on the poster here or via this link. Please note this is an external offer and we are just sharing this in partnership with Gloucestershire CC. St Katherine's School or staff are not associated or in control of this offer. Any problems or questions should be directed to Gloucestershire CC (details can be found on the website).
School	Whole school	Women's T20 World Cup 2026 If you are 14 years and over and would like the opportunity to be a Flag Bearer at the above event, please complete this form.
Finance	Leavers	Auto Top Up Please ensure that you have disabled the auto top up facility on Parentpay for students leaving St Katherine's this summer. We will begin to refund dinner accounts after Leaver's Day and want to avoid money coming back in after we have refunded. School Resources and Debts Please ensure that all chromebooks, library books and borrowed revision guides are returned to the school. Also please pay all remaining debts on Parentpay before Leaver's Day.
Bristol City Council	Whole School	Please see letter here from Bristol City Council about measles.
Year 7		
Food and Nutrition Mrs Jenkins	Year 7	Please ensure all ingredients are weighed before the lesson. Friday 26th June - 7I Potato Wedges
Year 8		
Paris Trip	Year 8	Please meet in the school car park at 2:45am Saturday June 20th for prompt departure at 3:15am. Note that only the car park will be open and there will be no access to the rest of the school site.
Year 9		
Paris Trip	Year 9	Please meet in the school car park at 2:45am Saturday June 20th for prompt departure at 3:15am. Note that only the car park will be open and there will be no access to the rest of the school site.
Food and Nutrition Mrs Jenkins	Year 9	Please ensure all ingredients are weighed before the lesson. Wednesday 24th June - 9L and 9R Fajitas
Year 10		
MFL	Year 10	Congratulations to the Y10 students who sat down their first speaking mocks for Spanish and French this week. We were really impressed with the commitment of the students.
Photography Mr Frullo	Year 10	Y10 GCSE Photography students are working hard on their Personal Projects (second coursework project). They must spend a minimum of one hour on homework every week. Your child may work in Room 18 at lunchtime and Room 36 after school at the following times: - Every Tue after school - Every Thu after school - Mon/Tue/Wed/Thu 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.
Food preparation and Nutrition Mrs Jenkins	Year 10	Year 10 FP&N students are currently working towards a mock NEA 2 coursework which includes a practical exam. The students will have 3 hours to prepare, cook and serve 3 dishes and accompaniments (if appropriate), which will be held on the 7th and 8th of July. Your child's allocated day is set on Classcharts as homework. Students will have decided on their 3 dishes and I would really appreciate your support to ensure they are prepared for the exam. Ingredients can be weighed at home and brought into school. Any questions, please let me know.
Textiles Miss Everard	Year 10	Year 10 Textiles are now continuing with their Sustained project - Architectural Forms and Features - students will be completing their garments and sketchbooks. It is important that they keep referring to the Assessment Objectives (AO1-4), which they have copies of and it has been explained to them. Each student also has an up-to-date personalised checklist of work they should try to complete. After Work Experience Week (29th June - 3rd July) the remaining weeks of term will be used to complete ALL coursework, which so far includes Architecture sketchbook, or boards, and any final touches to their Organics project, boards or final outcome. At the end of term I will be collecting in ALL coursework, this will be the end of these two projects. The coursework project for September will be on a different theme, and students will be expected to prepare over the summer, ready for a flying start in the autumn term. They should be spending at least an hour on homework each week, and they can attend catch-up sessions at lunch times and after school in the Art/Textiles Dept. Your child may work in the Art Dept at the following times: - Every Tue after school - Every Thu after school - Mon/Tue/Wed/Thu lunchtimes Please support your child to attend one of these sessions regularly; those who did so last year had the most success with their GCSE results.
WEX Parent/Carer Information	Year 10	Please see here for parent/carers information in readiness for Y10 work experience week 29th June - 3rd July. A copy will be sent out by email. Please take time to read through the information with your child, including expectations before, during and after work experience. If you have any questions please get in touch - afey@skdrive.org

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

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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 6

21 Jun	Y9 Bronze DofE Exp 1 (Sun-Mon 22)
22 Jun	0835-0900 Y8 Green Jobs Assembly from UWE Dining Hall (180 students)
20-24 Jun	Y8 Paris Trip 2026 (20-24 Jun) (41 students)
23 Jun	0835-0900 Y12 RAF Assembly (100 students)
23 Jun	Alan Turing Birthday - 23 June 1912
23 Jun	0835-1505 Y6 Induction extra day
25 Jun	0835-1505 Y10 Future Brunel WECA Activity Day (3 students)
25 Jun	0835-1120 Y11 Leavers day
25 Jun	Y13 Leavers day
25 Jun	1830-2230 Y11 Prom
26 Jun	Y13 Prom
26 Jun	0900-1505 Y7 Race The Line, DAT block P1-P4, Bottom Courts P5 (all students)
26 Jun	Bronze DofE Exp 2 (Fri/Sat)
26 Jun	0835-0900 Y12 RSE Day
29 Jun	INSET DAY
29 Jun	Y10 WEX week
30 Jun	0835-01505 Y7 Chepstow Castle (all students)
30 Jun	0835-0900 Y12 Wex Celebration Assembly (50 students)
30-3 Jul	Y13 Gold Practice/Exped (15 students)

1-2 Jul	Y6 induction day and evening
1 Jul	1400-1505 Y12 Laing O'Rourke to explore the opportunities in Apprenticeship and Career Insights (50 students)
2 Jul	1220-1300 Accelerated Reader annual Pizza Celebration
2 Jul	0835-1505 Y12 & Y13 Step into Sixth Form
4-5 Jul	Bronze DofE Exp 3 (Sun/Mon 29)
6 Jul	0900-1000 Coffee with the Headteacher
6 Jul	0835-0900 Y8 SGS College talk LT (180 students)
6 Jul	0835-1505 Y10 Future Brunel WECA Activity Day (3 students)
6 Jul	Sports week
6-9 Jul	House Celebration Evenings
7 Jul	0835-0900 Y12 Bowerman and Kirkland construction talk (50 students)
8 Jul	0835-1505 Y12 & Y13 Bristol Crown Court Trip (7 students)
8 Jul	1400-1505 Y12 Biological Sciences talk from Bristol Uni, Disease defence strategies in social insects - Dr Nathalie Stroeymeyt (50 students)
12 Jul	Malala Yousafzai Birthday - 12 July 1997
14 Jul	0835-1505 Y10 Geography Trip (half year group)
14 Jul	0835-0900 Y12 KPMG Assembly (50 students)
15 Jul	Emmeline Pankhurst Birthday (W) - 15 July 1858
15 Jul	0835-1505 Y8 Airbus Trip (32 students)
15 Jul	1400-1505 Y10 WEX Celebration Assembly (180 students)
17 Jul	0835-1505 Geography Trip (half year group)
21 Jul	0835-0900 Y12 Bristol Robins Post 18 Assembly (50 students)
22 Jul	END OF TERM 6 at 1230