

Weekly communication to Parents/Carers

Friday 18 September 2026



St Katherine's Website



Term dates

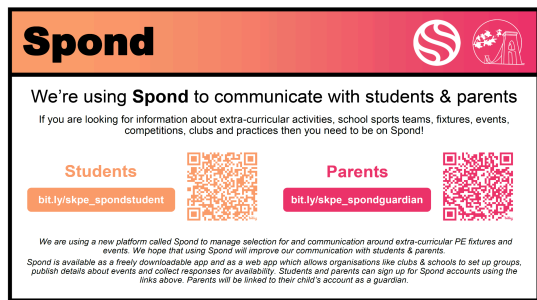


Termly newsletters



PE calendar

Whole School messages

School	Whole School	On Thursday 24 September school will close at 12:05 for Open Evening. Coaches and taxis will depart at 12:20.
School	Whole school	Please see poster with all the lunchtime club and activities for Term 1. Please encourage your child to try a new club to spark a new interest or make new friends. Our sports clubs before and afterschool continue to be shared on Spond  
School	Whole school	Coffee with the Headteacher will be held on Friday 2 October from 0900-1000. In order for us to provide catering, please email school@skdrive.org if you would like to attend. The meeting is an opportunity to meet informally with Mr Humphreys and Mr Harding, Chair of Governors to discuss key themes and feedback around the quality of education.
School	Lockers	Locker keys will be distributed during tutor time next week.
Sirona	Y8-Y11	Children's Flu vaccination (nasal and injection) catch-up clinics are available for Year 8 to Year 11 students who did not receive their vaccinations at school. Please book https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/flu/2026/book?v=3 If you have any queries please contact the Immunisation Team directly on 0300 124 5515 or email sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net
Mrs Collins Miss Adams	Whole school	Matilda Rehearsal. - Monday - whole cast 15:15-17:15. - Wednesday - Leads and ensemble 15:15 - 17:15. Reminder we are looking at When I grow up Monday 21 Sept. If you wish to bring a change of clothes suitable for dance you can but choreography will begin Monday 28 Sept. Please see the letter with regard to Matilda - The Musical. Any questions please email Mrs Collins collinsl@skdrive.org adamsa@skdrive.org

Year 7

Sirona	Year 7	The Sirona Immunisation Team will be visiting school on 8 October to administer the flu vaccination to students in Years 7. If you would like your child to receive the flu vaccination, please complete the vaccination consent form. If you have any questions, please contact the Sirona on 0300 124 5515 or by email sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net.
Science	Year 7	Sparx science homework started this week for year 7. Homework is set every Wednesday and due at 8AM the following Wednesday. All year 7 classes have had a computer room lesson on Sparx science to show them how to use the Sparx science website. Sparx science has produced a parents guide here. To access Sparx science students should log into their school google account and then go to https://sparxscience.com/ and select 'login with google'.
Food and Nutrition Miss Layton	Year 7	ONLY FOR THOSE STUDENTS CURRENTLY IN THE FOOD ROTATION Practical lessons Below are the practical lessons taking place this week. Tuesday 22nd September -7l Fruit kebabs Here is a copy of the breakdown of the lessons for the whole rotation.
Reading Ms Wild	Year 7	Please email me if you would like to discuss how you can support your child with reading at home: wildi@skdrive.org
School	Year 7	School photos are available to view and order online: https://order.colorfoto.net/ Each child will have been handed a unique and individual access code on Photo Day. If you have any questions or need help please call 02920 448210 or email us at orders@clickfoto.co.uk

Year 8

Food and Nutrition Mrs Jenkins	Year 8	ONLY FOR THOSE STUDENTS CURRENTLY IN THE FOOD ROTATION Practical lessons Below are the practical lessons taking place this week. Monday 21st September -8L - Scones Here is a copy of the breakdown of the lessons for the whole rotation.
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Year 9

Food and Nutrition Miss Layton	Year 9	ONLY FOR THOSE STUDENTS CURRENTLY IN THE FOOD ROTATION Practical lessons Below are the practical lessons taking place this week. Tuesday 22nd September -9r Mac and cheese Here is a copy of the breakdown of the lessons for the whole rotation.
Year 9 Biology	Year 9	Head ups for year 9 Folly Farm trip. On Tuesday 6th October, tutor groups 9P, 9S2, 9T2 will attend and on Wednesday 7th October tutor groups 9S1, 9Y and 9T1 will attend. Payment details on parentpay.
	Year 9	The Duke of Edinburgh Award journey begins. If you haven't completed the form and would still like to take part - sign up here

Year 10

 Work Experience Mrs A Fey	Year 10	Year 10 WEX week - 5th - 9th July 2027 Deadline to secure placement and add to Unifrog - Tuesday 23rd February 2027 Work experience was launched to one half of Year 10 on Wednesday and will be launched to the second half Wednesday 30th September.
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		Students have been encouraged to start reaching out to employers as soon as possible. Placements book up fast so it's key to start early. All students have been invited to join the WEX Google Classroom which contains key resources, information and WEX opportunities. I will be posting WEX opportunities weekly and would encourage students to check the classroom regularly. Please encourage your child to join the WEX Google Classroom - an invite has been sent out on Class Charts to both students and parents. The code for students to join is a2fuaxhx If your child is interested in Drama I would love to point you in the direction of the Bristol Old Vic WEX week. This is running outside of St Katherine's WEX week. If your child is successful in securing a placement please let me know so I can ask if the school will authorise them to attend: Bristol Old Vic WEX week 28th June - 2nd July 2027. Applications open Tuesday 14th September 2026 and close 30th October 12 Noon. Please click here for more information and a link to apply. If you have any questions or concerns about WEX please check the WEX FAQ document, visit the school WEX webpage (in the process of being updated) or do feel free to drop me an email and I'll get back to you as soon as possible - afey@skdrive.org
Textiles Miss. Everard	Year 10	Year 10 have made a great start to their Textiles GCSE. They are working on a sustained project which will take them through most of year 10. To begin with, we are recapping and improving sewing machine skills learnt at KS3. Students will need to spend a minimum of one hour on homework every week. Your child may work in R13 at the following times: - After school on Thursdays 1500 - 1600 Room 13 - Thursday lunchtime each week. Please encourage your child to attend supported sessions, it is so helpful for them having access to equipment and materials. Thank you for your support.
Food Preparation and Nutrition Mrs Jenkins	Year 10	Practical lessons Below are the practical lessons taking place this week. Wednesday 23rd September - Veg soup and bread roll Here is a copy of the breakdown of the lessons for the whole rotation.
Engineering	Year 10/11	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/lunchtime (everyday) and afterschool (varies weekly, your child's teacher will confirm) sessions for them to stay up to date.
English	Year 10	The wider reading for this week is a video on Romanticism. This is a really key idea. We recommend watching it with your child and discussing the ideas.
	Year 10	The sign up for Silver Duke of Edinburgh has begun Join the classroom by clicking on this link where you can watch the information video recorded during the meeting and complete the form. Or you can complete the form here and pay the deposit on Parent Pay.
Year 11		
Science	Year 11	We are really impressed with the amazing work completed on both Sparx science and Isaac science by year 11s over the summer holidays. Isaac science is offering further opportunities to students to boost grades: On Saturday 10th October 11am-1pm Isaac science is offering a free online forces

		and motion masterclass. This will be a great opportunity for students to stretch their knowledge of forces. Students can sign up here. Isaac science also offers free online mentoring throughout year 11. Students can sign up here.
Miss Everard	Year 11	Another productive week for Y11 Textiles! Many of your young people are showing great initiative and sense of purpose with their Personal Projects. It is very important that students are making the most of every lesson and completing homework, as there are now just 6 school weeks until their Mock Exam on November 11th. Students will need to spend a minimum of one hour on homework every week. They can find their HW instructions on classcharts. Your child may work in R13 at the following times: - After school on Thursdays 15:05 - 16:05 Room 13 - Thursday lunchtime each week - 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. Thank you for your support.
English	Year 11	We've started our study of Romeo and Juliet. To give your child an advantage, please find the wider reading for this week here to discuss as a family.
Engineering	Year 10/11	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/lunchtime (everyday) and afterschool (varies weekly, your child's teacher can advise) sessions for them to stay up to date.
Year 12&13		
Mrs Garrett	Year 12/13	Thank you to the parents/carers who were able to join us for the meeting on Wednesday. The slides from the meeting are here: Post 16 Parent/Carer Information Evening 26/27. Any questions, please let us know.
 Work Experience Mrs A Fey	Year 12	Year 12 WEX week - 14th - 18th June 2027 Deadline to secure placement and add to Unifrog - Tuesday 23rd February 2027 Work experience was launched to Year 12 on Wednesday and students have been encouraged to start reaching out to employers as soon as possible. Placements book up fast so it's key to start early. All students have been invited to join the WEX Google Classroom which contains key resources, information and WEX opportunities. I will be posting WEX opportunities weekly and would encourage students to check the classroom regularly. Please prompt your child to join the WEX Google Classroom - The code for students to join is 3biamwyc If you have any questions or concerns about WEX please check the WEX FAQ document, visit the school WEX webpage (in the process of being updated) or do feel free to drop me an email and I'll get back to you as soon as possible - afey@skdrive.org
Year 12 	Gold DofE	There will be an information evening for the start of the Gold Duke of Edinburgh on Wednesday 23rd September at 1900. This will be online and recorded so you can catch up if you are not able to attend. Topic: DofE Gold Information Evening Time: Sep 23, 2026 1900 PM https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86262607446?pwd=ybYH3U8GHZQicqI53sDNhuq42yKacc.1 Meeting ID: 862 6260 7446 Passcode: ijeR8U
Year 13	Gold DofE	The Gold Practice Expedition has been rescheduled to the 22nd-24th October. More information to follow.

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 1

22 September	7S1 Trip to Sugar Loaf
23 September	Y8 Future Brunels WECA Activity Day
24 September	Whole school opening evening, school finish at 1205
25 September	Inset Day
29 September	7S2 Trip to Sugar Loaf
29/30 September and 1 October	Open Mornings 0900-1030
1 October	7T1 Trip to Sugar Loaf
2 October	Coffee with the Headteacher 0900-1000
2 October	Y13 Trip to We the curious
6 October	7T2 Trip to Sugar Loaf
6/7 October	Y9 Trip to Folly Farm
6/7 October	Open Mornings 0900-1030
7 October	Sixth Form Open Evening
7 October	Y10 Future Brunels WECA Activity Day
8 October	Y7 Flu vaccination clinic
9 October	7Y Trip to Sugar Loaf
13 October	7P Trip to Sugar Loaf
14 October	Y11 Information evening 1700-1830 (in person)
23 October	Y11 trip to Magistrate Court 0930-1300
21 October	End of Term 1 at 1505