

Weekly communication to Parents/Carers

Friday 2 October 2026



St Katherine's Website



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PE calendar

St Katherine's School - Sixth Form Open Evening - Wednesday 7 October 2026

We warmly welcome both existing, **Year 10, Year 11**, prospective students and their families to our Sixth Form Open Evening on Wednesday 7 October 2026.

Registration opens at 5.45pm with the evening starting at 6.00pm. Please click [here](#) which will direct you to the booking form.

We look forward to seeing you.

Whole School messages

School	Whole School	Coffee with the Headteacher Thank you to the parents/carers who joined us at Coffee with the Headteacher this morning, we look forward to welcoming you back and anyone else who would like to join us in Term 2 on 26 November from 0900-1000.
School	Whole School	Safer Inside Mrs Crocker will be walking us through our safer inside drill during tutor time on Monday (0835-0900).
Finance	Whole School	Canteen Sales 28-30 September 2026 Due to the loss of Internet services earlier this week, all canteen sales will be put through as an adjustment on Parentpay over the next few days. Please ensure that lunch accounts are topped up to avoid going overdrawn. Unfortunately, we have been unable to check daily limits and balances, so a small minority of students will have been able to purchase more than usual.
School	Whole School	Mobile Phones Thank you to all pupils and parents for their continued support with the strengthened mobile phone expectations. The vast majority of pupils are now ensuring that their mobile devices are switched off and safely stored in their bag before entering the school gates, and remain there until they leave the school site. A reminder that if a pupil is found with a mobile device out of their bag during the school day, it will be confiscated for a minimum of 24 hours. Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain a calm, focused and disruption-free learning environment.
School	Whole School	Hello Yellow Friday 9 October Students and staff at St. Katherine's are invited to support Young Minds again this year by wearing something yellow to school on Friday. Students can swap an item of uniform for an item of yellow clothing or wear a yellow accessory. There are days when all of us struggle with how we are feeling. Things can get tough. By taking part in Hello Yellow we hope to support young people to start a conversation about mental health. There will be activities in tutor time that support the theme of this year's Hello Yellow Stand out, wear yellow on 9 October and donate what you can in support of Young Minds. We suggest that everyone who is able brings £1 to donate to Young Minds.
School	Whole School	The Dangers of Urban Exploring Avon and Somerset Police have asked North Somerset schools to share this video .

		It explains the dangers of Urban Exploring. Please watch the video and use it to have a conversation with your children about the risks associated with entering derelict or unoccupied buildings.
Year 7		
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 6th October - 7L Pizza toast Here is a copy of the breakdown of the lessons for the whole rotation.
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 5th October - 8L Stir fry Here is a copy of the breakdown of the lessons for the whole rotation.
Year 9		
Food and Nutrition Mrs Jenkins	Year 9	ONLY FOR THOSE STUDENTS CURRENTLY IN THE FOOD ROTATION Practical lessons Below are the practical lessons taking place this week. Friday 9th October - 9L fajitas Here is a copy of the breakdown of the lessons for the whole rotation.
Year 10		
Textiles Miss Everard	Year 10	Year 10 Students are now using their sewing machine techniques to create fabric samples, and they are looking at the work of textile artists to inspire their responses. Lessons will focus heavily on practical techniques, where we are able to use all the available resources. This makes it even more important that homework is completed, as it forms an essential part of their coursework. By now, you will have had the information letter through about the GCSE Textiles trip to the RWA and Bristol Museum on October 15th. Payment can be made on Parent Pay. Students are expected to wear school uniform on the day of the trip. Students will need to spend a minimum of one hour on homework every week. Homework is set on Classcharts, and is also on Google Classroom. Your child may work in R13 at the following times: - After school on Thursdays 1505 - 1615 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 7th October - 10A cauliflower cheese and Pineapple cake Here is a copy of the breakdown of the lessons for the whole rotation.
Engineering	Year 10	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.
Work Experience Mrs A Fey	Year 10	Futures Year 10 WEX week - 5th - 9th July 2027 Deadline to secure placement and add to Unifrog - Tuesday 23rd February 2027 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. Please encourage your child to join the WEX Google Classroom. The code for students to join is a2fuaxhx. Once your child has secured a placement they will need to add the placement to Unifrog. To do this they will need to follow these steps: - Log on to their Unifrog using their school email address - Scroll down to the colourful boxes - Click on the lilac 'Placements' box - Click on 'add a placement' - This will take them to a form asking for the employer information e.g. email address, phone number, as well as some information about the placement I will be posting WEX opportunities weekly and would encourage students to check the classroom regularly. WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK: Beard Construction - please see here for more information 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
English	Year 10	Please find the wider reading for this week here .
Year 11		
Mr Sugden	Year 11	On 14 October 2026, we look forward to welcoming you to this year's Year 11 Parents/Carers Information Evening. We will outline our plans for the year, including Prom, how we will support your child academically and pastorally, and for us to let you know how you can best support your child at home as their GCSE examinations approach. Heads of English, Mathematics and Science will share information about supporting your child in their subject, and there will be opportunities for you to place orders for the revision guides we endorse and equipment at school-prices. I would strongly encourage your attendance. Students are welcome to attend, but it is not required that they attend. To help us plan our resourcing and catering, please could you register your intention to attend here.
Mr Sugden	Year 11	Please see the additional academic support available to Year 11s this term. Please encourage them to strongly consider attendance to as many sessions as possible.
Geography Ms Hambidge	Year 11	All Y11 geographers will be completing their human fieldwork at Bristol Harbourside on Thursday 8 October 2026, P3-5. Details of the trip can be found on parent pay. Students will need to bring a packed lunch. Students must wear full school uniform. They will also need comfortable footwear and a waterproof jacket. If you have not completed the permission slip, please do so by 6 October 2026. Many thanks.
Textiles Miss Everard	Year 11	Year 11 students are continuing to make progress 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 4 school weeks until their Mock Exam on November 11th.

		By now, you will have had the information letter through about our trip to the RWA and Bristol Museum on October 15th. Payment can be made on Parent Pay. Students are expected to wear school uniform on the day of the trip. 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 - 16:15 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.
Food Preparation and Nutrition	Year 11	We have now started the first piece of coursework - NEA 1. Please can you encourage and support your child to meet the deadlines outlined in the email sent. On a Wednesday lunchtime, there will be support available to students in room 11.
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/lunchtime (everyday) and afterschool (varies weekly, your child's teacher will confirm) sessions for them to stay up to date.
Sixth form open evening	Year 11	Just a reminder that it is the 6th form open evening next Wednesday 7th October 5.45pm -7.30pm, all y11 students and families are welcome. Please use the link to register.
English	Year 11	Please find the wider reading for this week here.

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Work Experience Mrs A Fey	Year 12	Futures Year 10 WEX week - 14th - 18th June 2027 Deadline to secure placement and add to Unifrog - Tuesday 23rd February 2027 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. Once your child has secured a placement they will need to add the placement to Unifrog. I will be posting WEX opportunities weekly and would encourage students to check the classroom regularly. WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK: Beard Construction - please see here for more information 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		Applications are now open for the Sutton Trust Programme-career pathways and Apprenticeship programme. Further details can be found here
Year 12 & 13		If your child is interested in an apprenticeship, please encourage them to join the Google classroom <i>Apprenticeship Insights</i> for all the latest details and opportunities.

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 1

6 October	0835-1505 7T2 Trip to Sugar Loaf
6 October	09.00-14.45 Y9 Trip to Folly Farm (9P, 9S2, 9T2)
6 October	0900-1100 Open Morning
7 October	09.00-14.45 Y9 Trip to Folly Farm (9S1, 9Y 9T1)
7 October	0900-1100 Open Morning
7 October	Sixth Form Open Evening 6-7.30pm
7 October	0835-1505 Y10 Future Brunel WECA Activity Day (3 students)
8 October	11.00-14.55 Y11 Bristol Harbourside - Geography GCSE Human Field Work
8 October	Y7 Flu vaccination clinic
9 October	0835-1505 7Y Trip to Sugar Loaf
12 October	Bouldering Competition
12 October	0835-1505 Y11 Future Brunel WECA Activity Day (2 students)
13 October	0835-1505 7P Trip to Sugar Loaf
14 October	1700-1830 Y11 Information evening (in person)
15 October	0900-1450 Y10 & Y11 GCSE Textiles Trip to RWA Open Exhibition and Bristol Museum
21 October	End of Term 1 at 1505
22-24 October	Gold DofE Practice Expedition