Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers

Friday 13 November 2026

St. Katherine's School



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Spotlight - Homework

Clear expectations, consistent routines

Homework plays an important role in helping students strengthen their understanding, practise key knowledge and build the independent learning habits they need to succeed. To make sure homework is purposeful and manageable, we want to ensure that expectations are clear and consistent across the school.

- KS3: The table below shows what homework is set daily, weekly, fortnightly and termly. If homework is set weekly for a subject, students have a week to complete. If it is set fortnightly, they will have two weeks to complete, and so on.

Where can students complete their homework?

We provide additional spaces for students who would benefit from time and support to complete their work:



- CR2: Open every lunchtime to students in all year groups
- CR4: Open Monday to Thursday for Year 11 students only

Frequency	Subject
Daily	English - Reading (20 mins
Weekly Sparx	Maths Biology Chemistry Physics
Fortnightly	MFL - Language Gym History Geography Philosophy & Belief Food Tech (ingredients prep)
Termly	Art DT Textiles

Notice board

Snap shot

w/c 16 November	Anti bullying week. Odd Socks Day 16 November
w/c 16 and 23 November	Y11 mocks
27 November	Inset day
2 December	Y8 progress evening, virtual
16 & 17 December	Matilda school show
18 December	Matilda school show
18 December	School closes at 1230

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Attendance

Whole School Attendance: 93%
Best Performing Year Group Year 7

We are starting to experience lots of illnesses associated with winter illnesses.

While we understand that this will mean that sometimes children are too ill for school. If you are ever unsure about whether your child is too ill to attend, the NHS has published guidance for parents that is helpful when considering whether children can manage school with mild symptoms. You can find this guidance here.

You can get advice and support from our amazing Student Support Office too.

You can contact the team on sso@skdrive.org

Reading

Always Angel - Kimberly Whittam

A powerful novel about second chances, friendship, and finding the courage to rewrite your story.



Perfect for students Yr7+

Inclusion Forum

Thank you to the parents and carers who joined us for our 'Coffee with the SENDCo' on Monday 9 November. It was a great opportunity to share ideas and discuss how we can continue to support our students with SEND.

We explored a range of school-wide themes, including communication, transition, attendance, classroom inclusion, curriculum adaptations, sixth form, exam access arrangements, homework, technology and our mobile phone policy. As agreed at the start, our discussions focused on shared experiences and wider school initiatives, with individual queries directed to tutors or class teachers. One suggestion was to explore the possibility of introducing SEND parents' evenings to provide further opportunities for families to discuss their child's experience of school.

We would love to hear your feedback. Please complete our feedback form to help us shape future sessions and ensure they continue to meet the needs of our SEND families.

Thank you for your time, contributions and continued partnership.

PE and Sport



Year 11 boys book their sport in the next round of the National Cup as Jay Jackson leads the celebrations



To the Y8 Boys in their Rugby tournament on Wednesday and the Y9 Girls Netball tournament on Thursday

Future

Year 10 WEX week - 5th - 9th July 2027

Deadline to secure placement and add to Unifrog - Tuesday 23rd February 2027

Year 12 WEX week - 14th - 18th June 2027

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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.

See Y10/12 messages below for the WEX Opportunity of the week

Outdoor Education



Year 13s practice expedition to Bannau Brycheiniog (Brecon Beacons) was squeezed into a busy term. No one, however, can organise the weather. After weeks of autumnal bliss, two massive storms, the first named storms of the season, hit the UK with force. Click on the picture for the full report.

Music

Our school choir performed in three concerts to primary school pupils alongside professional musicians from The Royal Birmingham Conservatoire at Trinity Academy on Wednesday 11th November. They were wonderful and represented St Katherine's School brilliantly. Well done to all.



Whole School notices

Mrs Crompton	Coffee with the Headteacher Please email school@skdrive.org if you would like to attend our next Coffee with the Headteacher on 1 December from 0900-1000
Mrs Crocker	Anti Bullying Week 16-20 November 2026 Odd Socks Day Monday 16 November  The theme of this year's Anti-Bullying Week is 'Break the Silence'. There will be activities in tutor time and assemblies that remind students of the impact of bullying and their responsibilities to Tell Someone if they are concerned about bullying behaviour. This year, all Amplify schools are taking part in Odd Socks Day on Monday 16 November which marks the start of Anti-Bullying Week. Staff and students are encouraged to wear odd socks on Monday 16 November to celebrate all that is different and unique about our school. REMINDER - We have an anonymous 'Tell Someone' form on our school website that allows anyone to report concerns to the safeguarding team at any time.
	Matilda Jr musical Tickets now on sale!!! Please purchase tickets for Matilda via parentpay. £10 concession/child and £12 adult. We want this to be a sell out so get your tickets fast! Raffle prizes - if you run your own business, have connections with other companies or can donate something, we would love to have some prizes for our raffle for each show. This can be vouches, candles, chocolates, biscuits, alcohol and non alcoholic drinks, soaps and much more! Reminder of rehearsals and tech dates on the letter links.
Finance	Christmas Meal - Thursday 17 December  Payment for this is now available on Parent Pay with a deadline of midday on Friday 05 December
Term 2	Dates for your diary
16 November	Anti Bullying week
27 November	Inset Day - school closed to students
1 December	0900-1000 Parent/Carer Coffee with the HT, JJH office
w/c 7 December	Winter House Sport
9 December	1800-1900 Christmas Carols, Canteen
15 December	0835-1505 Students in Matilda off timetable - tech run
16 & 17 Dec	1900 Matilda Jr the musical!
17 December	1220-1305 Christmas lunch
18 December	School closes at 1230
18 December	1400 Matilda Jr the musical! Matinee

Year 7

Food and Nutrition Mrs Jenkins	ONLY FOR THOSE STUDENTS CURRENTLY IN THE FOOD ROTATION Practical lessons Below are the practical lessons taking place this week. Monday 16th November - 7r Quesadillas Here is a copy of the breakdown of the lessons for the whole rotation.
Term 2	Dates for your diary
17 November	0845-1600 Y7 Jamie's farm Intervention (12 students)
18 November	0830-1100 Roots Intervention (14 Students)
25 November	0830-1100 Roots Intervention (14 Students)
2 December	0830-1100 Roots Intervention (14 Students)
9 December	0830-1100 Roots Intervention (14 Students)
16 December	0830-1100 Roots Intervention (14 Students)

Year 8

Food and Nutrition Mrs Jenkins	ONLY FOR THOSE STUDENTS CURRENTLY IN THE FOOD ROTATION Practical lessons Below are the practical lessons taking place this week. 18th November - 8R Bolognese Here is a copy of the breakdown of the lessons for the whole rotation.
Barcelona trip students	If you are attending the Barcelona trip in June 2027, please complete the online form for your child attached here by February 8th 2027. If you have any issues or questions, please speak to Miss Robinson (robinsona@skdrive.org)
Paris trip students	If you are attending the Paris trip in June 2027, please complete the online form for your child attached here by February 8th 2027. If you have any issues or questions, please speak to Mr Bluff (bluffj@skdrive.org)
Term 2	Dates for your diary
18 November	1000-1100 Successful Me (25 students)
18 November	0830-1100 Roots Intervention (14 Students)
19 November	0835-1505 Future Brunels WECA activity day (3 students)
25 November	1000-1100 Successful Me (25 students)
2 December	1000-1100 Successful Me (25 students)
2 December	0830-1100 Roots Intervention (14 Students)
2 December	1600-1900 Virtual Progress Evening
9 December	0830-1100 Roots Intervention (14 Students)
16 December	0830-1100 Roots Intervention (14 Students)

Year 9

Food and Nutrition Mrs Jenkins	ONLY FOR THOSE STUDENTS CURRENTLY IN THE FOOD ROTATION Practical lessons Below are the practical lessons taking place this week. 17th November - 9L and 9R Brownies Here is a copy of the breakdown of the lessons for the whole rotation.
MFL	A reminder to students that as it was not possible to fit all assessments into this week, French and Spanish writing assessments will take place next week.
Term 2	Dates for your diary
17 November	0835-1505 UWE Future Mindset (25 students)
18 November	0830-1100 Roots Intervention (14 Students)
24 November	0835-1505 UWE Future Mindset (25 students)
25 November	0830-1100 Roots Intervention (14 Students)
30 November	12.20-15.05 Bouldering Competition (16 students)
2 December	0830-1100 Roots Intervention (14 Students)
3 December	0835-1505 Future Brunels WECA activity day
9 December	0830-1100 Roots Intervention (14 Students)
10 December	0835-0900 What is an Apprenticeship assembly with Junior Saunders
16 December	0830-1100 Roots Intervention (14 Students)

Year 10

Mr Fey	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 5th - 9th July Mrs A Fey	WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK: Learning Brains (Education) - students to contact employer to request a placement info@learningbrains.co.uk If you have any questions or concerns about WEX 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
English	Please find the wider reading for this week here.
Term 2	Dates for your diary
30 November	1220-1505 Bouldering Competition (16 students)
8 December	0835-1505 Future Brunels WECA activity day
16 December	1405-1505 RAF talk with Adam Smith

Year 11

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English	There is no wider reading this year. Students are focusing on revision for the mocks.
Term 2	Dates for your diary
w/c 16 November	Key Stage 4, Mock Series 2 (General Timetable and Support, here)
w/c 23 November	Key Stage 4, Mock Series 2 (General Timetable and Support, here)
30 November	0835-0900 Access Creative College Assembly
30 November	1220-1505 Bouldering Competition (16 students)
7 December	0835-0900 City of Bristol College Assembly
8 December	0835-1505 Sixth Former For the Day
15 December	0900-1100 Post 16 Providers Event
18 December	0835-0900 Key Stage 4, Mock Series 2 - Results Day

Year 12

Mrs Garrett	Progress checks have been emailed to parents and carers this week, please take the opportunity to discuss them with your child. In tutor time they will be target setting and I will be meeting with students who need support to plan their next steps. Any questions, please let me know. garrettr@skdrive.org
Work Experience 14th - 18th June Mrs A Fey	WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK: Learning Brains (Education) - students to contact employer to request a placement info@learningbrains.co.uk If you have any questions or concerns about WEX 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

Term 2	Dates for your diary
18 November	0835-0900 BFI film talk, (40 students)
18 November	1405-1505 UWE How to build your skills for the future
24 November	0835-0900 'Why Sheffield' university talk
24 November	0730-1715 H&S Care Workshop (8 students)
24 November	1130-1700 UKMT Senior Maths Challenge (4 students)
30 November	1220-1505 Bouldering Competition (16 students)
1 December	0835-0900 Boomsatsuma Assembly
2 December	1405-1505 DWP apprenticeship workshop with Chris Dunkin
4 December	0830-1500 Media Trip - Weston College (25 students)
16 December	1405-1505 Career session on AI, Aberystwyth Uni

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Term 2	Dates for your diary
17 November	0835-0900 Chris Dunkin from DWP talking about LMI
18 November	1405-1505 David Rowlands Creative Problem Solving
24 November	0835-0900 'Why Sheffield' university talk
24 November	1130-1700 UKMT Senior Maths Challenge (4 students)
1 December	0835-0900 Boomsatsuma Assembly
2 December	1405-1505 DWP apprenticeship workshop with Chris Dunkin
4 December	0830-1500 Media Trip - Weston College (25 students)
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