

## Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 2 February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Here are the latest school messages and updates for your information.

MESSAGES		
School	Whole School	<p><b>Measles cases prompt MMR vaccine call</b></p> <p>The UK Health Security Agency has reported an increase in measles across the country. There are no recent cases reported in North Somerset, but it's important to make sure you and your family are protected in case it spreads here. Please make sure your child is up to date with MMR vaccinations. Check your child's Red Book or with your GP surgery if you're unsure. For more information about measles visit <a href="https://www.nhs.uk/measles">https://www.nhs.uk/measles</a></p>
School	Whole School	<p><b>Year 7,8,9 and 10 Ski Trip 2025</b></p> <p>Deposits need to be paid by 4 Feb. Please see email via parentpay. If you have any questions, please email <a href="mailto:brookej@skdrive.org">brookej@skdrive.org</a></p>
School	Whole School	<p><b>Power to Pill</b></p> <p>Power to Pill is a new community project involving everyone in our community that will be running until March 2024. Students at St. Katherine's have been working with a community organisation in their consultation process and they are looking to Power to Pill to plan a number of community drop-in sessions next week, to feed back to the local community what the findings of the project's consultation were. These sessions are an opportunity for people to come and find out more about the consultation, talk about the key findings and to discuss ways in which the community might be able to take these findings forward. Everyone is welcome. The dates and times are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Memorial Club- Monday 5th February 5.00pm to 7.00pm</li> <li>o Salvation Army - Thursday 8th February 10.00am to midday</li> <li>o Salvation Army - Monday 12th February 10.00am to midday</li> </ul>
School	Whole School	<p><b>Uniform</b></p> <p>Thank you for your support in ensuring children arrive in the correct uniform. Please remember that hoodies are not permitted in school and help us to avoid challenging conversations by not allowing your child to bring them in. We have a limited supply of spare uniform which we will loan to children who are not dressed in accordance with the uniform policy.</p>
School	Whole school	<p><b>Free School Meals</b></p> <p>If you think you are entitled to claim a free school meal benefit because of your income or circumstances it's essential you apply through North Somerset <a href="#">here</a>. If you have any queries or would like the school to support you with your application please contact reception.</p>
School	Whole school	<p><b>Free School Meals</b></p> <p>If your child is entitled to a free school meal they can receive breakfast in the canteen before 8.30. They will be able to choose from the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 2 pieces of toast with jam</li> <li>● fresh fruit with a juice drink</li> <li>● porridge with honey/syrup with a juice drink</li> <li>● cereal with milk</li> <li>● 1 crumpet with jam.</li> </ul>

School	Whole School	Date for your diaries: <b>CST concert will take place at the newly opened Bristol Beacon on Tuesday 26th March 2024 at 6.30pm.</b> This will involve a range of students from across all year groups. There will be a letter home with full details including ticket information.
Mr Davies	Whole School	<p>We are hugely excited to announce that our Year 12 student, Eleanor Baker, has been selected to represent Bristol at the World Affairs Seminar in Wisconsin, USA in June 2024, discussing and debating issues of democracy and world governance. We are so proud of her! A huge thank you to the Clifton Rotary Club for all they have done in organising this and sponsoring Ellie and covering travel to the event.</p> <p>Ellie is raising funds to pay for accommodation and tuition whilst there. There will be fundraising events in the coming weeks, but if you would like to support her on this once-in-a-lifetime trip, you can contribute via her <a href="#">Just Giving</a> page.</p>
Mr Harding Chair of the Governors	Whole school	<p><b>Who are our Governors and what do they do?</b></p> <p>Last time, I shared some details about the makeup of our governing board at St Katherine's. But I am sure you are saying 'that's all very well, but what do they do?'</p> <p>St Katherine's School is an 'Academy'. Academy schools are state-funded schools in England which are independent of local authority control. We are part of the Cathedral Schools Trust (CST), a 'multi academy trust (MAT)' that operates more than one academy school. It is directly funded by the Department for Education for all of its schools.</p> <p>A Trust is ultimately responsible for all schools within its chain, but delegates specific duties and responsibilities to local governing committees or boards. The structure and governance arrangements vary from trust to trust. The committee/board is there to provide local oversight and accountability. At St Katherine's, the board is responsible for three core functions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction</li> <li>2. holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff</li> <li>3. overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.</li> </ol> <p>We do not get involved in the day-to-day management of the school and work as a team to make collective decisions. If you have specific questions about the role of the governing board at St Katherine's, you can always contact us either through the clerk to the governors <a href="mailto:clerk@skdrive.org">clerk@skdrive.org</a> or me directly <a href="mailto:hardingw@skdrive.org">hardingw@skdrive.org</a></p>
Miss Adams	Year 7 trailblazers	All Y7 trailblazers students will be participating in trailblazers bandcamp day on <b>Wednesday 21 February at Trinity Academy. Students will also be performing in a concert in the evening.</b> Letter has been sent via parentpay; please complete relevant permissions as soon as possible. Thank you.
Ms Wild	Years 7	If you have noticed that your child is reading less, or isn't reading regularly for twenty minutes each day, drop me an email to find out how we can help. <a href="mailto:wildi@skdrive.org">wildi@skdrive.org</a>

Sirona	Year 8	HPV vaccination catch-up clinics are available for all the Y8 students who did not receive their vaccine in school. Please book an appointment at <a href="https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/hpv/2023/book?v=2.0">https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/hpv/2023/book?v=2.0</a> . If you have any queries please contact the Immunisation team directly on 0300 124 5515 or email <a href="mailto:sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net">sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net</a>
Ms Wild	Year 8	If you have noticed that your child is reading less, or isn't reading regularly for twenty minutes each day, drop me an email to find out how we can help. <a href="mailto:wildi@skdrive.org">wildi@skdrive.org</a>
Mr Francis-Black	Year 9	<b>Y9 Options Evening - Wednesday 7 February, 1700-1900</b> Please find attached letter <a href="#">here</a> a copy of which has also been sent on ParentPay.
Mr Hodgson	Year 9	St Katherine's is planning an expedition to Morocco in 2025. The recording for the parent's information evening is found <a href="#">here</a> . True Adventure has created a landing page with information <a href="#">here</a> . You can apply online at <a href="http://true-adventure.co.uk">true-adventure.co.uk</a> and follow the My True Adventure link in the top right-hand corner of the page. You would then Register for your expedition using your email address and the Expedition ID: STKATMOR2025.  There is more information <a href="#">here</a> . A sample itinerary is <a href="#">here</a> . The parents pack is <a href="#">here</a> .
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Ms Tallis	Year 10 Art GCSE	Y10 art students are now working on their <b>final piece planning</b> in preparation for starting a final piece during the <b>5 hour mock exam on 6 March</b> next term. Please continue to support your child to complete <b>at least one hour</b> of art homework every week.
Mrs Duncan	Year 10 Work Experience	Congratulations to the <b>50</b> Students that have secured a WEX placement. WEX takes place on <b>1st - 5th July</b> . The deadline to find a placement is <b>19th February</b> . <b>Many places are already becoming full or the deadline to apply is fast approaching. Please encourage your child to start the search.</b> All information including an employers database, past WOW's, template email and the Unifrog process is located in the Work Experience Google Classroom that all Year 10 students have been given access to.  Once a placement has been secured, the details need to be added to the students Unifrog account. The process for this is here: <a href="#">How to add a placement onto Unifrog</a>  This week's WOW is <a href="#">here</a>  If you have any questions regarding work experience or require support please contact me on <a href="mailto:skworkexperience@skdrive.org">skworkexperience@skdrive.org</a>
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Mr Dawes and Mr Cook	Year 11	<p>Y11 Sport Studies Coursework sessions. <b>ALL</b> students have coursework outstanding and/or that they can improve the grade on. There are trackers on the relevant google classrooms that students/parents can see the current state of work. It is heavily recommended that students attend.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Monday After School (TD in Cr2 &amp; DC in Cr3)</li> <li>- Wednesday lunch time (All Cr3)</li> </ul>
Mr Dawes and Mr Cook	Year 11	<p><b>Half term coursework</b> Mr Cook is running a half term coursework day for all Year 11 Sport Studies students on <b>Wednesday 14th Feb. 9am until 3pm.</b></p> <p>A reminder from the above notice that all students either have coursework outstanding or coursework they can improve. Students and parents/carers can see what work is outstanding on the Google Classroom trackers. It is heavily recommended that students attend.</p> <p>When students attend, they need to bring with them any food or drink they will require for the day.</p>
Ms. Lomax	Year 11	<p>GCSE Drama students are expected to have <b>learned all their lines</b> for the forthcoming practical exam (March date tbc) <b>by Monday, February 19:</b> there will be a run-through to test this straight after the half term holiday. Doing this work will put students in the best possible position for being successful in this exam and it is expected that everyone will be 'off-script' in all rehearsals / lessons from the above deadline onwards.</p>
Miss Adams	Year 11 GCSE music	<p>During terms 3 and 4 I am running additional <b>composition support sessions</b> after school on selected <b>Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3pm-4.30pm.</b> The sign up sheet has been shared with students on their google classroom. Please ensure your child has signed up to attend at least 2 sessions. A reminder that composition coursework forms 30% of the final GCSE grade.</p>
Mr Francis Black	Year 11	<p>A second set of mock exams will be conducted during term 4. The outline timetable is as follows:</p>

Date	Time	Component Title	Length
23/02/24	11:20	English Lit Paper 1	150mins
04/03/24	09:00	Geography	90 Mins
04/03/24	13:00	Food Prep	105 Min
04/03/24	13:00	Further Maths Paper 1	105 Min
04/03/24	13:00	PE	60 Min
04/03/24	13:00	Drama	105 Min
05/03/24	09:00	History Paper 3 Germany	120 Min
05/03/24	13:00	French\Spanish	45 Mins
06/03/24	09:00	Maths Paper 1	90 Mins
06/03/24	13:00	Business	90 Mins
07/03/24	09:00	Philosophy & Beliefs	105 Mins
07/03/24	09:00	Further Maths Paper 2	105 Mins
07/03/24	13:00	French\Spanish Writing	80\65 Mins
08/03/24	09:00	Biology	75/105 Mins
11/03/24	09:00	English Lit Paper 2	150mins
11/03/24	13:00	Music	90 Mins
11/03/24	13:00	Computer Science	90 Mins
11/03/24	13:00	Health & Social Care	75 Mins
12/03/24	09:00	Maths Paper 2 (Calc)	90 Mins
12/03/24	13:00	Geography 2	90 Mins
13/03/24	09:00	Physics	75/105 Mins
13/03/24	13:00	Maths Paper 3 (Calc)	90 Mins
14/03/24	09:00	Chemistry	75/105 Mins
14/03/24	13:00	French/Spanish Listening	35/45 Mins
15/03/24	09:00	English Language Paper 1	105mins
15/03/24	13:00	Psychology	105mins
18/03/24	09:00	Mocks Mop Up	MISC
18/03/24	13:00	Mocks Mop Up	MISC
22//03/24	11:20	English Lang Paper 2	120mins

At the start of next term students will be issued with individual timetables including their seating arrangements.

Mr Hodgson

Year 11

Thank you to those that attended the information evening for the proposed expedition to Nepal in 2025. More information, including sign up and the parent's pack and recording of the meeting can be found [here](#). The deadline for sign up is **9th February**.

**This trip is for current Year 11 and Year 12.**

Any questions please contact Mr Hodgson [hodgson@skdrive.org](mailto:hodgson@skdrive.org)

Mr Davies

Year 12&13

Please see Mr Davies' message sent on ParentPay regarding Helen Papworth leaving St Katherine's and contact moving forwards.

Mrs Weatherson

Year 12&13

Elevate Education delivers high-impact workshops to our students that help to develop their study skills, motivation, and exam preparation. Over the next term, you're invited to join their parent webinar series, where you can help support your child at home by reinforcing the skills they're learning at school. **How You Can Make Technology an Ally 6 February at 6:00. Register [here](#)**

Mrs Duncan	Year 12 Work Experience	<p>Congratulations to the 25 Students that have secured a WEX placement!</p> <p>WEX takes place on <b>17th - 21st June</b> Deadline to find a placement is <b>19th February 2024.</b></p> <p><b>Many places are already becoming full or the deadline to apply is fast approaching. Please encourage your child to start the search.</b></p> <p>All information including an employers database, past WOW's, template email and the Unifrog process is located in the Work Experience Google Classroom that all Year 12 students have been given access to.</p> <p>I still have a number of spaces for a fantastic opportunity to work within Lloyds Head Office on the Harbourside. You will be shown the following departments: <i>Cyber, technology Engineering, UC/CX Design, Finance, Legal &amp; Marketing.</i></p> <p>If you are interested, please send me an email answering this question: 1. What made you decide to apply to Lloyds for work experience?</p> <p>If you have any questions regarding work experience, please contact me on <a href="mailto:skworkexperience@skdrive.org">skworkexperience@skdrive.org</a></p>
Mr Hodgson	Year 12&13	<p>Thank you to those that attended the information evening for the proposed expedition to Nepal in 2025. More information, including sign up and the parent's pack and recording of the meeting can be found <a href="#">here</a>. The deadline for sign up is <b>9th February.</b></p> <p><b>This trip is for current Year 11 and Year 12.</b></p> <p>Any questions please contact Mr Hodgson <a href="mailto:hodgsont@skdrive.org">hodgsont@skdrive.org</a></p>

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**SPORT** - click [here](#) to see updates via our X page or [here](#) for the PE @ SK calendar

### UPCOMING EVENTS

5-8 Feb	Residential Y12 trip to Slapton Ley, Devon
7 Feb	0900-1000 10B Y10 business students - UWE Economics workshop, room 61 1120-1220 10A
7 Feb	1700-1900 Y9 Options Evening
9 Feb	End of term
9-17 Feb	Y7-10 Ski trip Folgaria, Italy (over 1/2 term)