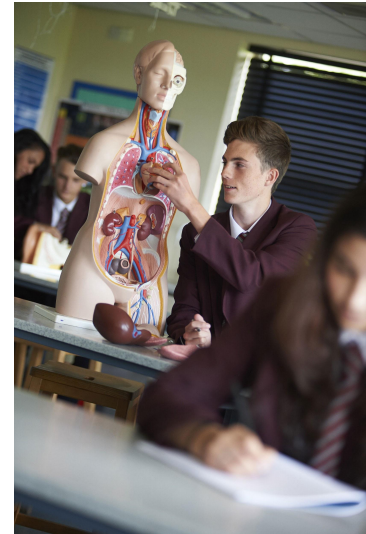


# Year 8 Parent Information Evening September 2017





## Where to find this presentation

- This presentation will be added to the school website and emailed to all parents
- Locate under the 'Parent/Carers' tab – go to 'Year group information' (Year 8) on the drop-down list



# The Year team

- Head of Year: Mrs J Ball
- A: Miss Tovey
- B: Mr Davies
- C: Mr Murdoch
- D: Miss Wilshire
- E: Mr Simmons



# Key dates - assessment

Progress Check 1 issued: w/c 13/11/17

Progress Check 2 issued: w/c 9/03/18

Progress Check 3 issued: w/c 18/06/18

Parents Evening: 21/06/18

Tutor Reports issued: w/c 11/06/18



# St. Katherine's School Safeguarding Statement

- St. Katherine's School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. We strive to ensure that consistent effective safeguarding procedures are in place to support families, children and staff at school.
- The Designated Safeguarding Lead is Hayden Southon, Deputy Headteacher (Inclusion).
- The Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead is Justin Humphreys (Head of School)
- Other staff trained in safeguarding are Julie Ball, Nicola King and Kerry Mullinder.



# Online Safety

- We want your child to be able to use ICT and mobile technology safely both in school and in the community.
- To report an E-Safety incident please contact Mr Southon via Student Support or via this link [whisper@stkaths.org.uk](mailto:whisper@stkaths.org.uk).
- ICT support will be able to print screenshots from your mobile, tablet or social media account.
- The Think U Know website provides a wealth of information, advice and guidance on a range of E-Safety issues.



# Anti-bullying

- The school believes in creating a safe environment where students feel safe to share any concerns or fears. Students are actively encouraged to report and incidents of bullying. They can do this by contacting any member of staff, completing a Bullying Incident Report Form or emailing [bullying@stkaths.org.uk](mailto:bullying@stkaths.org.uk).
- Paper copies of the form are available from Student Support. Parents who would like to report any incidents of bullying should do so via their child's Head of Year.
- Preventative measures include giving guidance to help prevent bullying through assemblies, tutor time and PSHE lessons, supporting national activities such as Anti-bullying Week and undertaking an annual survey where all students can give their views on how safe they feel in school.



# Attendance

- We expect all students to have at least 96% attendance
- If a student fails to achieve 90% attendance and has 10 or more sessions (half days) of unauthorised absence recorded on the attendance register in a given period, a penalty notice may be issued by the Local Authority.
- The current law does not give any entitlement to parents to remove their child from school during term-time for the purpose of a holiday. The Head of School may only grant leave of absence where an application has been made in advance and we consider that there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application.



<b>Days Absent</b>	<b>Weeks Absent</b>	<b>% Attendance</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>1 Days</b>	<b>99.5 %</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>2 days</b>	<b>99%</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>3 days</b>	<b>98.5%</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>4 days</b>	<b>98%</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>1 week</b>	<b>97.5%</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>2 weeks</b>	<b>95%</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>3 weeks</b>	<b>92.5%</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>4 weeks</b>	<b>90%</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>5 weeks</b>	<b>87.5%</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>6 weeks</b>	<b>85%</b>
<b>30 days for 5 Years</b>	<b>30 weeks</b>	<b>1 YEAR absent from school</b>



# Creating a climate for learning

St. Katherine's School is committed to the promotion of positive behaviour for all students and to supporting students to develop their social, emotional and behavioural skills.

Our policy is based on 2 key principles:

- 1. Praise** - leading to the issue of awards / rewards
- 2. Choice** – instilling in our students a clear sense that they choose how to conduct themselves and that from these choices will come positive or negative consequences



# Creating a climate for learning

## Our values

ACCEPTANCE	<b>RESPECT</b>
HONESTY	DETERMINATION
EQUALITY	EXCELLENCE
FRIENDSHIP	ASPIRATION
<b>RESILIENCE</b>	<b>RESPONSIBILITY</b>

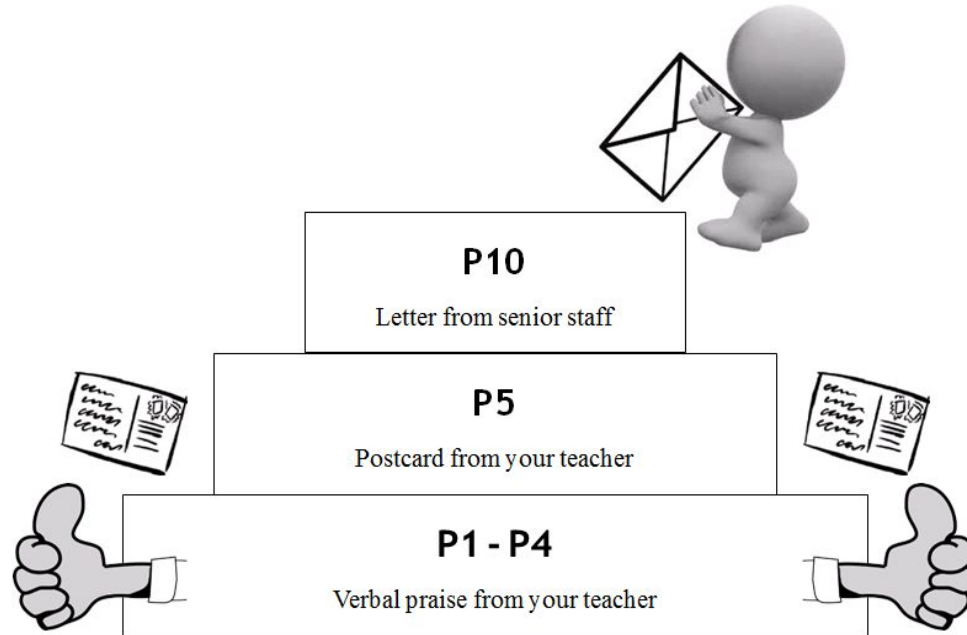
















# Behaviour For Learning

Our Behaviour For Learning system is centred on our ethos of **respect, responsibility and resilience**. Further to this we have four clear expectations for all of our students:

- **I will be on time, ready to learn**
- **I will follow instructions first time**
- **I will try my best at all times**
- **I will respect myself and the school community**

# The podium of praise 2017/2018



 C8 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Isolation Day</li> </ul>
 C7 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SLT Detention (Friday)</li> </ul>
 C5 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• After School Detention (Tuesday)</li> </ul>
 C4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic Expectations Detention</li> </ul>
 PL 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protecting Learning Faculty Detention</li> </ul>
 C2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final warning about behaviour</li> </ul>
 C1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Warning about behaviour</li> </ul>



# Uniform

- The school uniform and equipment policy can be found on the school website.
- **The school reserves the right to withdraw a student from lessons if their uniform or appearance is not appropriate for school.**



# Buses

- All buses have two bus monitors, selected very carefully and trained for the role (Year 11-13). These students will make themselves known to bus users.
- Usually, they notice problems themselves and deal with them appropriately.
- Students should tell the monitors about any problems as they arise.
- Parents should report any problems to the school asap so appropriate action can be taken.





## Cycling to school safely

- All cyclists are expected to wear cycle helmets.
- A secure bike shed (behind the English block) is available for students.
- An assembly on cycling safely will be given to all students.
- Bikeability course



# Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

At St. Katherine's School we are fully committed to recognising and providing provision and support for the needs of all our learners including those with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

The SENCO at St Katherine's is Hayden Southon. For any issue relating to SEND please contact him on 01275 373737 or e-mail [southonh@skdrive.org](mailto:southonh@skdrive.org)

or alternatively contact Kerry Mullinder, Inclusion Manager on 01275 373737 or email [mullinderk@skdrive.org](mailto:mullinderk@skdrive.org)



# Free School Meals

- The process for claiming free school meals changed in August 2017.
- If you are currently in receipt of free school meals for your child/children or believe that you may now be eligible in the new school year, you must reapply online at [www.n-somerset.gov.uk/fsm](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/fsm) whether you will live in North Somerset or Bristol.
- A key change in the process is that applications will now need to be made each school term. We therefore advise that you apply EVERY school holiday. You must apply for each child individually.



# Year 8 English curriculum

Topics covered in Year 8 are:

- Term 1: Ovid's Metamorphosis
- Term 2: The Gothic
- Term 3: Latin and the Art of Writing
- Term 4: Arthurian Myth
- Term 5: Modern Poetry
- Term 6: Of Mice and Men



# Year 8 English curriculum

Assessment - Writing and reading assessment each term with levels

Homework - Each unit has an independent learning project. One extended piece of creative homework per term.

At the end of each term there will be a celebration achievement



# Year 8 maths curriculum

Maths in Year 8 is taught based on students' data. Topics covered in Year 8 are:

- Algebra- using prime factors decomposition of a number, fractions, decimals percentages
- Shape and space- distinguish between, conventions and derived properties.
- Handling Data - summary values that represent raw data.
- Homework set weekly
- Termly assessments



# Science for Year 8

<b>Biology</b>	<b>Chemistry</b>	<b>Physics</b>
Cells	Particles	Forces
Body systems	Elements, atoms & compounds	Sound
Reproduction	Reactions	Light
	Acids and alkalis	Space



# Science for Year 8

Students will complete either a progress task (skills based) for each topic.

For each chapter students will be set an online assessed homework (Alfiecloud)

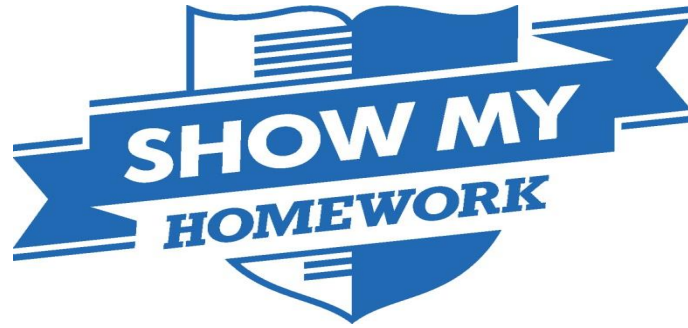
Students will sit a combined science tests in November and February. They will have end of year exams in June.

There will be an opportunity to purchase a revision guide this year.





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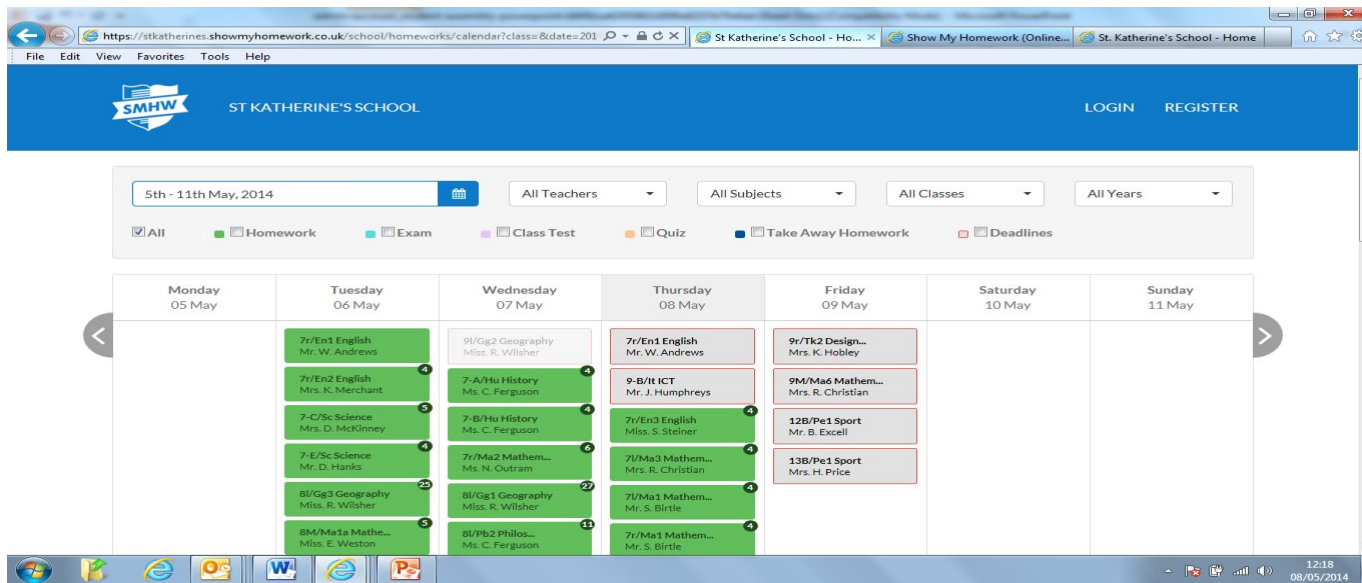
# homework



# Show My Homework

- All teachers will be posting homework tasks online, using **Show My Homework**
- This is an **online calendar** that will allow students to see all their homework in one place.
- Students can access **Show My Homework** on their **computer, phone or tablet.**
- Go to the **school website** and click on the icon at the top of the page.

# How does it work?



The screenshot shows the SMHW website interface. At the top, there is a blue navigation bar with the SMHW logo, 'ST KATHERINE'S SCHOOL', and 'LOGIN REGISTER' links. Below this is a search and filter section with a date range of '5th - 11th May, 2014' and dropdown menus for 'All Teachers', 'All Subjects', 'All Classes', and 'All Years'. There are also checkboxes for 'All', 'Homework', 'Exam', 'Class Test', 'Quiz', 'Take Away Homework', and 'Deadlines'. The main content area is a calendar grid showing homework assignments for each day from Monday to Sunday. The assignments are color-coded: green for homework, pink for exams, and grey for class tests. The tasks listed include English, History, Geography, Math, Design, and Sport, with teacher names and class numbers.

Monday 05 May	Tuesday 06 May	Wednesday 07 May	Thursday 08 May	Friday 09 May	Saturday 10 May	Sunday 11 May
	7r/En1 English Mr. W. Andrews	9l/Gg2 Geography Miss. R. Wilsher	7r/En1 English Mr. W. Andrews	9r/TK2 Design... Mrs. K. Hobley		
	7i/En2 English Mrs. K. Merchant	7-A/Hu History Ms. C. Ferguson	9-B/It ICT Mr. J. Humphreys	9M/Ma6 Mathem... Mrs. R. Christian		
	7-C/Sc Science Mrs. D. McKinney	7-B/Hu History Ms. C. Ferguson	7i/En3 English Miss. S. Stelner	12B/Pe1 Sport Mr. B. Excell		
	7-E/Sc Science Mr. D. Hanks	7i/Ma2 Mathem... Ms. N. Outram	7i/Ma3 Mathem... Mrs. R. Christian	13B/Pe1 Sport Mrs. H. Price		
	8l/Gg3 Geography Miss. R. Wilsher	8l/Gg1 Geography Miss. R. Wilsher	7i/Ma1 Mathem... Mr. S. Birtle			
	8M/Ma1a Mathe... Miss. E. Weston	8l/Pb2 Philos... Ms. C. Ferguson	7i/Ma1 Mathem... Mr. S. Birtle			

- This is what you will then see...



## How does it work?

- You can see all your child's homework using the calendar and the **filter buttons**
- But you also have a **login** and **an account** which shows your child's personal 'to do list'.



# How does it work?

- Teachers post homework to the school calendar and to the student's calendar.

A screenshot of a school calendar interface. The top navigation bar is blue and contains a user profile for 'Marie', navigation icons (home, calendar, notifications, user), and a 'Sign Out' button. Below this is a dark grey navigation bar with tabs for 'Calendar', 'Overdue 6', 'This Week', 'Resubmissions', and 'Gradebook'. The main content area shows a calendar for '6th - 12th January, 2014'. It includes filters for 'All Subjects', 'All Classes', and 'All Years', and a 'Filter:' section with checkboxes for 'All', 'Homework', 'Exam', 'Class Test', and 'Quiz'. The calendar grid shows two homework assignments: 'Sample Homework Assignment (9/En1) History' by Mr. N. Gohil on Wednesday 8th, and 'What is Boxing Day? (7/ZZ) History' by Mr. N. Gohil on Thursday 9th.



# How does it work?

- This homework appears on the student's to do list. Once completed, the student can remove it.

The screenshot shows a 'To do list' interface with the following elements:

- Title:** To do list
- Navigation:** 'My Tasks' (active) and 'Hidden Tasks' tabs.
- Filters:** Three dropdown menus for 'All Subjects', 'All Teachers', and 'All Tasks'.
- Task 1:** 'Simple Additions' (Quiz) due 14.12.13. Includes 'Hide' and 'View Quiz' buttons.
- Task 2:** 'Spanish test' (Class test) due 18.12.13. Includes 'Hide' and 'View Class test' buttons.
- Task 3:** 'Sample Homework Assignment' (Homework) due on 10.01.14. Includes 'Hide' and 'View Homework' buttons.



## On the move?

- Mobile friendly webpage
- **iOS** and **Android Apps**
- 24/7 access to all homework



# Google Apps for Education

GAfE







## What is it?

At St Katherine's School all students and staff are provided with a Google Education account that provides access to all Google apps including Gmail, Google Drive and Classroom.

These system are increasingly being used to share vital information with students and enhance learning opportunities.

All students have been given a username of the form [username@skdrive.org](#) .



# How can I help my child?

- Install the Chrome browser on your home machine.



- Set up the @skdrive.org login and save it on the Chrome browser.
- Ask your child to show you how work is set via Google Classroom.



- Set up Google Apps on other portable devices such as tablets and phones
- Sign up for online training .
- Contact [francisblacka@skdrive.org](mailto:francisblacka@skdrive.org) for further advice.



# Top tips on how to best support your child

1. Develop a close working relationship with your child's form tutor
2. Keep us informed around any changes in family circumstances or other issues that may affect your child
3. Check their uniform, equipment and planner each day
4. Do not be afraid to contact any of your child's teachers if you want to ask any question or share any concerns
5. Let us know how we are doing - we want you to feel happy and supported as parents



# How to get in touch

Head of Year: [ballj@skdrive.org](mailto:ballj@skdrive.org)

- 8A [toveyl@skdrive.org](mailto:toveyl@skdrive.org)
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