

Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 22 November 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Here are the latest school messages and updates for your information plus details of any letters sent home during the last week.

MESSAGES		
School	All years	We are committed to working in partnership with parents and carers, and effective communication between home and school is key. We recognise however that it can often be difficult communicating with teachers because they have a very full timetable, are running clubs or working with students during lunchtime or after school; and we recognise that parents and carers have very busy lives. Please read the Communication Guidelines - School and Home . Communication with parents and carers is important to us, and we will continue to monitor these guidelines and our approach to improve the process further.
Mrs Crocker	All years	We will hold a mock General Election in school on Thursday 12 December , where students will vote in their Tutor Groups. PSHE on Friday the 6 and Friday the 13 December will be turned over to the election and tutor time activities in w/b Monday 9 December will help students have the information they need to make an informed decision. The results of the election will be published on our website.
Mrs Crocker	All years	Mr Humphreys will be inviting students that have made a positive contribution to our school community to join him for Hot Chocolate Friday every Friday at break time as a way of recognising the amazing contribution our students make to our community.
Mr Francis-Black	All years	Food and healthy eating are integral to St Katherine's and Christmas is a fantastic opportunity for students to share a meal together and celebrate the end of term and the festive season with their peers and tutors. Please see the Festive lunch letter in 'Letters this week' which gives details of our Festive lunch on the 19 December.
Finance	All years	Low Dinner Account Balance Alerts In order to set up alerts on your Parentpay account, select Communication, Alert Setting . This facility allows you to set a balance below which Parentpay will e-mail out a reminder to top up. Please be aware that e-mail reminders are free but text messages are charged at 6p per message. Alerts can also be set up for new payment items. Bank Transfer Facility on Parentpay It can take up to 8 days for a bank to accept a new Parentpay mandate. Please do not make any payments using the bank transfer facility until the mandate has been authorised as this will lead to failed transactions. Dinner accounts can go overdrawn



LETTERS THIS WEEK- click [here](#) to see all letters from this academic year

All Years Festive lunch 19 December 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS - click [here](#) to see all upcoming events

23 November	09:30-13:00 Adventure Training Club trip to Burrington
29 November	14:00-19:00 Cross Trust Orchestra rehearsals
05 December	07:10-20:35 Years 12/13 Art trip to Tate Modern & National Portrait Gallery
06 December	09:00 - 13:00 Y9 Future Quest trip to Bristol Old Vic
11 December	Yr 12/13 Trip to Chemistry Conference at Bristol Uni
12 December	16:00-19:00 Year 10 Progress Evening
13 December	09:00-15:20 Cross Trust Orchestra rehearsal
17, 18 & 19 December	19:00-22.00 School Production
19 December	Festive lunch
20 December	END OF TERM 2 - Early close at 1.00pm