



## Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 20 December 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	<p><b>Buying new technology for your children this Christmas? Don't forget about online safety. In school the most frequently reported safeguarding issue we support children and their families with is peer on peer abuse and much of this involves some element of cyberbullying or inappropriate use of technology.</b></p> <p>This Christmas, many of use will be buying digital devices for children, with technology continuing to feature high on many teeangers' wish lists for Santa. <a href="#">The UK Safer Internet Centre</a> is one place where you can find online safety tips, advice and resources to help children and young people stay safe online.</p>
Mr Humphreys	All Years	<p><b>On behalf of all the staff and governors of St Katherine's we wish you all a restful festive beak and best wishes for 2020.</b></p>
Mr Colebourne	First Bus X3/4 Users	<p>On Wednesday evening, representatives from our transport providers and local council met with Neil Blundell, Chief Executive of Cathedral Schools Trust; Justin Humphreys, Headteacher and Steve Colebourne Assistant Headteacher to discuss the ongoing capacity issues with students using the First Bus X4 service and how we might resolve them.</p> <p><b>A key outcome from the meeting was the agreement of First Bus to support the school by providing a temporary additional 45-seater bus to provide additional capacity to the 15:30 service departing St Katherine's School from Monday 13 January 2020 until April 2020, when First Bus will restructure their timetables and cannot commit to providing this additional vehicle.</b></p> <p><b>We are pleased with this outcome to secure a better service for our students and will be continuing to work to secure a solution for all students beyond April</b> including considering how the structure of the school day can assist in making the return journey smoother for all concerned.</p> <p>We are grateful to our students for their patience and understanding in what has been a frustrating situation for all concerned. <b>Please note there are minor timetable changes to the X3/X4 route from January, which may affect students travelling to school.</b> The departures from the bus station which students should use are 07:30 (X3), 07:45 (X4), 08:01 (X3). The 08:17 (X4) departure from the bus station is not timetabled to arrive in Pill until 08:47 and as such students catching this service will arrive late to school, incurring a detention for a second instance in a week.</p>



<p>Emma Murray Foodbank Manager Bristol North West Foodbank</p>	<p>All Years</p>	<p><b>Bristol North West Foodbank</b> <b>Please find below our Christmas Opening Times:</b> Monday 23 December is our last day of opening for Food at our St. Andrew's Avonmouth Outlet. Closed: 25 December 2019 - 1 January 2020 We reopen on 2 January at our Lawrence Weston Outlet.</p> <p><b>Learn how to cook and eat healthily on a budget: A six week free course starts on 3 February 2020 12.30pm-2.30pm</b> at Bristol North West Foodbank, Social Justice Hub, St Andrews Church, Avonmouth. To book your place call 0117 9235343 or email office:bristolnwfoodbank.org.uk</p>
<p>Wellspring Counselling</p>	<p>All Years</p>	<p><b>At St Katherine's School we are fortunate to be supported by Wellspring Counselling who offer counselling and cognitive behaviour therapy (CBT) for our students through their self referral service.</b> Wellspring Counselling is a small local charity that is celebrating its 25th year serving the local community. Wellspring also provides affordable counselling for adults and free counselling and CBT for 11-18 year olds who are residents of Nailsea and surrounding towns and villages including Backwell, Clevedon, Portishead, Long Ashton. The charity helps around 150 local people each week. Our Admin team, which is essential to the provision of this vital local service, needs 2 new laptops as their existing ones are very old and about to cost a lot of money to update when the operating system is no longer supported at the beginning of January 2020. We would like to get them 2 new laptops that will do the job for a long time. <b>We need your help to raise the funds. Please click the <a href="#">'just giving' link</a> if you are able to help.</b></p>
<p>Ms Tallis</p>	<p>Year 11 art students</p>	<p>Year 11 have now finished working on coursework in lessons and the <b>GCSE exam paper will be handed out during the first art lesson of Term 3.</b> If students still have personal targets that need to be completed for their coursework projects, <b>they MUST complete these during the break.</b> Around five hours extra work can make the difference between one grade and another. Coursework makes up 60% of a student's GCSE grade. The exam project will be taught in lessons and will culminate with a 10 hour exam in May over two days (students tend to enjoy this experience and this 10 hour exam makes up just 10% of the GCSE grade).</p>
<p>Ms R Hayer</p>	<p>Year 10 Work Experience</p>	<p>Thank you to all students who have already returned their <b>work experience forms.</b> There are lots of exciting placements being secured for next year. All placements need to be finalised by <b>3 February.</b> Please get in touch if you require any advice or guidance around securing a placement, <a href="mailto:hayerr@skdrive.org">hayerr@skdrive.org</a></p>
<p>Ms Tallis &amp; Mrs Cameron</p>	<p>Year 10 art students</p>	<p><b>Year 10 art students have been working on their artist research for their Natural Forms project, part of their coursework which makes up 60% of their GCSE grade.</b> They need to have completed six A3 pages by the start of Term 3 (two sheets on each artist, three different artists). Some students have fallen behind and should aim to catch up during the break. Students have been given the opportunity to borrow media over the holiday.</p>



Mrs Slater	Years 7-11	As part of the <b>National Award for SEND Coordination</b> , I am collecting research for an <b>Evaluative Study of the Ready to Learn System</b> . Email me if you would like to share your observations and feedback or if you would prefer for your son/daughter to not take part in the research. Email: <a href="mailto:slaterf@skdrive.org">slaterf@skdrive.org</a>
Miss Sutton	Food Technology	<b>Students who are currently doing food technology need to remember to bring the following ingredients:</b> Wednesday 8th January - 8r Cookies Thursday 9th January - 7l Flapjacks  All ingredients have been set on Class Charts. If you have any issues with providing these ingredients, please contact me on: <a href="mailto:suttone@skdrive.org">suttone@skdrive.org</a> with at least <b>48 hours</b> notice.
Ms Hughes	English Department	<b>This term's Year 8 English ILP involves the students preparing and performing either a Gothic monologue or a science themed speech that is 1-2 minutes long.</b> They can record a video of it, or perform it in front of the class. Please see the relevant resources that are on class charts.

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

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

17, 18 & 19 December	19:00-22.00 School Production
19 December	Festive lunch
20 December	<b>END OF TERM 2 - Early close at 1.00pm</b>
06 January	<b>Professional Development Day - School closed to students</b>
07 January	<b>START OF TERM 3</b>
11 January	08:00-14:00 Years 9-13 Mountain Biking trip to the Forest of Dean
13 January	09:00-15:00 Year 9 Future Quest Bristol Old Vic Workshop
16 January	16:00-19:00 Year 11 Parent/Carer Evening