



Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | 7 February 2020

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>Department for Education Coronavirus - Advice for parents/carers</p> <p>The government is closely monitoring the spread of the Coronavirus and is taking action at home and abroad.</p> <p>You should not be unduly worried about the possibility of your children catching the Coronavirus.</p> <p>There is no reason why your children should not continue to attend their early years, school or further education setting as normal.</p> <p>We recognise that some families or children may be planning to travel to China during the forthcoming half term period. If so, please refer to the FCO's latest travel advice via the links below:</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/china</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/news/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-and-avian-flu-advice-for-travel-to-china</p> <p>Latest information and advice can also be found at: https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus</p>
Miss Adams	All years	<p>A reminder that rehearsals for the joint CST Trust concert are taking place every Tuesday lunchtime in room 26. It is helpful if they can bring a packed lunch in order to maximise rehearsal time.</p>
Mrs Ivey	All students	<p>The Royal Society of Chemistry is offering an evening lecture at the School of Chemistry, University of Bristol on the 20 April at 7pm. The lecture is aimed at young people and their families. The theme is 'the Elements of Colour' to celebrate the International Year of the Periodic Table. Entry is free. Please contact ian.barnes@consultarc.com to book seats. The Royal Society of Chemistry have also just launched a careers website for students and their parents at:</p> <p>https://edu.rsc.org/future-in-chemistry</p>
Mr Colebourne	Year 11	<p>Applications to Sixth Form</p> <p>The deadline has now passed for applications to the Sixth Form for September 2020; however, we will continue to welcome applications from Year 11 students until 14 February. You can apply online via a Google docs form. Students should see Mr Colebourne if they would like to discuss any aspect of their application.</p>
Mrs Ivey	Year 11	<p>Revision information for the mock examinations has been posted on the google classroom. Next week we will be offering revision after school on Tuesday and Wednesday. All students should attend one session.</p>



Miss Adams	Y11 GCSE music students	A reminder that the first batch of ensemble performances take place on Tuesday 11 February . Timetable can be viewed here; https://docs.google.com/document/d/121YQqYs8u9dOVbe8tzlslpZuAFjcsIQMeQLfjZvFRVU/edit These performances are worth 15% of the final GCSE grade. Please remind students to bring their instrument and music as necessary.
Ms Tallis	Year 11 art students	The GCSE exam project is now fully underway and Year 11 art students should now have evidence of quality observational drawing and artist research completed over the last five weeks. Students should spend at least one hour a week on homework on their art exam preparation. All students have personal targets to work towards, inside their paper folders kept in their portfolios. Please ask to see these targets and discuss them with your child. Your suggestions and conversations are very valuable to your child's progress. This exam project forms 40% of students' art GCSE grade. As well as working sessions every lunchtime in the Art Department, we are now offering after-school sessions on a Monday and Tuesday.
Miss Adams	Year 11 GCSE music students	A reminder that students should be continuing to sign up for one to one support for composition coursework. The deadline for completion of BOTH compositions is Friday 3 April. Please note I am also offering a full day during February half term; Tuesday 18 February 9am - 3.30pm.
Ms Tallis and Mrs Cameron	Year 10 art students	Students are now working on the final stages of their planning for the final pieces that will be completed next term. Students should spend at least one hour a week on homework on their current project. All students have personal targets to work towards, inside their paper folders kept in their portfolios. Please ask to see these targets and discuss them with your child. Your suggestions and conversations are very valuable to your child's progress. This coursework project forms 30% of students' art GCSE grade. As well as working sessions every lunchtime in the Art Department, we are now offering after-school sessions on a Monday and Tuesday.
Mrs Weatherson	Year 10 GCSE photography	The current ILP (independent learning project) is The Alphabet Challenge and all the details can be found on classcharts and via the faculty website: hwmedia.wixsite.com/stkatherinesmedia
Mr Cook	Year 10 Sport Students	A reminder that all Year 10 sport students will be sitting their Fitness for Sport and Exercise exam during normal school hours on Tuesday 11 February 2020. Students have either a 9:00am or an 11:30am start - all students have been given exam timetables in lessons this week. In order to support preparation for the exam, please can I draw attention to the opportunities below as detailed in my original letter: Saturday 8 February 2020, 09.30-1130, Gym & Sportshall - Exam Technique Monday 10 February, 1520-1730, CR3 (MFL) - Revision
Ms Hayer	Year 10 Work Experience	The deadline for returning work experience forms has now passed. All outstanding forms to be returned immediately.



School	Year 9	<p>Year 9 Options Evening will take place on Wednesday 12 February 19:00-21:00, giving an overview of the Year 10/11 curriculum, the choices and pathways available and the process involved. Please click here for the Year 9 options booklet. The Year 9 options booklet has been given out to students.</p> <p>A Careers Fair will be held in the dining hall - local colleges and employers will be available to give information and advice to students and parents about future pathways including entry requirements and progression routes.</p>
Miss Sutton	Food Technology	<p>Students who are currently doing food technology need to remember to bring the following ingredients:</p> <p>Monday 10th February - 9a Soda bread -10c Brownies</p> <p>Tuesday 11th February - 9b Soda bread - 8r Soda bread</p> <p>Wednesday 12th February - 7r Fruit salad -7l Fruit salad</p> <p>Thursday 13th February - 8l Soda bread</p> <p>All ingredients have been set on Class Charts. If you have any issues with providing these ingredients, please contact me on: suttone@skdrive.org with at least 48 hours notice.</p>
Ms Wild	Touchtyping lessons	<p>A reminder of the Touchtyping lessons in CR1 at lunchtime on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. This is a great opportunity for students to learn to express themselves quickly on a computer and gain a valuable life skill prized by many employers, especially if students use laptops in lessons. This is free and students can attend one, two or three lunchtimes.</p>

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

No letters this week

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

04 February	09:30-16:00 Years 10/11 GCSE Science Live trip to Bath
12 February	19:00-21:00 Year 9 Options Evening
14 February	Professional Development Day - School closed to students
	END OF TERM 3
13-21 February	Ski trip to Borgata, Italy
24 February	START OF TERM 4
26 February	09:00-13:25 Year 8 boys/girls 1st dose HPV vaccination
	09:00-15:20 Year 12/13 RSC Analytical Chemistry trip
	09:30-21:00 Yrs 10-13 Trip to London Theatre - "Matilda"
27 February	16:00 -19:00 Year 12/13 Parent/Carer Evening

PE WEEKLY UPDATE - please click [here](#) for the PE calendar

Please see below details for next week (details always subject to change). For the latest information and daily updates, please follow us on Twitter - <https://twitter.com/StKathsPE>

WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK!

PE Fixtures, Events, Clubs & Practices



Week 6 of 6: Monday 10 February – Friday 14 February (Week 1)

Dates and times for boys' and girls' fixtures & events (**bold**) as well as clubs and practices (*italics*) for this week. Details are always subject to change – please follow @StKathsPE on Twitter for the latest information.

Day	During School Hours	After School Hours
Monday	<i>Daily60: Mile Monday - Gym</i> <i>Boys Indoor Cricket - Sportshall</i>	Y10 BTEC Sport Revision CR3 – finish 1730 apx. <i>Fitness Club - Gym [1630]</i>
Tuesday	Y10 BTEC Sport Exam <i>Daily60: PE Premier League - Gym</i> <i>Girls Futsal - Sportshall</i>	U13 Boys Indoor Cricket R1 @ SK – finish 1800 apx. <i>9 Boys Football - Outdoor [1700]</i> <i>8 & 9 Girls Hockey - Outdoor [1645]</i>
Wednesday	10 Girls Project Rugby Festival – leave 0845, return 1325 apx. 11, 12 & 13 House Badminton – start 1225, finish 1520 apx. <i>Daily60: Back to Primary - Gym</i>	<i>7 & 8 Boys Football - Outdoor [1700]</i> 9 Girls Hockey v Nailsea AWAY – return 1730 apx. 10 & 11 Girls Netball v Nailsea AWAY – return 1730 apx. Primary Sportshall Athletics (leaders) – finish 1730 apx. Y9 Options Evening – start 1900, finish 2100 apx.
Thursday	8 Boys Football Tournament @ Backwell – leave 1125, return 1600 apx. <i>Daily60: Dodgeball Day - Gym</i> <i>Girls Basketball - Sportshall</i>	<i>Indoor Rowing - Gym [1630]</i> <i>10 & 11 Boys Football - Outdoor [1700]</i> <i>Senior Girls Netball - Sportshall [1645]</i>
Friday	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO STUDENTS	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO STUDENTS
Weekend	<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>