



Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | 3 April 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.

HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

Dear Parents/Carers,

Please see the [letters sent out today](#) for parents/carers. With such a sharp focus on our time and how we use it, I have been struck by the levels of creativity by our students and across the world. Celebrations of our student work are on our [community website](#) and these are a few from around the globe that made me smile this week.

Italian brothers on their violins.....

<https://twitter.com/BarstoolNate/status/1243915880674799616>

Creative family with their own version of Les Mis

<https://twitter.com/search?q=%2523lesmis>

Wishing all our community a restful break during these unprecedented times. Together, we will shine.

Stay home, stay safe, stay strong.

Justin Humphreys
Headteacher

MESSAGES

Mrs Crocker	Online Safety	Our students will certainly be spending more time online during this extended time away from school. This will include academic work of course but it seems likely that our students will have the opportunity to spend more time on social media and gaming sites. There are superb resources, tips and advice available for parents on the UK Safer Internet Centre that allow parents to be well informed and therefore equipped to keep our children safe online.
School	Online Safety	As you are no doubt aware there has been a huge rise in students and young people using video conferencing software to stay in touch, particularly Zoom. These are great ways to stay connected at this time but please be mindful and follow the basic guidelines below on staying safe in video conferences: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Please read the terms and conditions of what you are signing up to, many have a minimum age of 18 and require significant personal details ● Keep your log in details secure and private ● Manage your profile as you would any other social media app. ● Keep an eye on your child's video conference.



		<p>This link provides 7 key rules to keeping children safe on video conferences: https://resources.uknowkids.com/blog/bid/215655/7-safety-rules-for-video-chatting</p> <p>This link shows how to manage controls and access to Zoom meetings: https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/115005759423</p> <p>This link provides the guidelines for parents about Houseparty: https://www.internetmatters.org/blog/2019/12/24/what-is-the-houseparty-app-what-parents-need-to-know/#concerns</p>
School	All years	<p>Balancing screen time 5 top tips to support children and young people</p>
School	All years	<p>If you have any queries during the school closure please email school@skdrive.org</p>
School	All years	<p>We are currently updating our pupil data records and will be asking parents/carers each week to complete a data capture sheet to enable us to do this.</p> <p>This week we would like Year 9 parents/carers to complete the online Pupil Data Capture Form. Many thanks for your support with this.</p>
School	All years	<p>Further updates to our guidance for learning from home can be found here. This will be updated regularly with new items highlighted in yellow and shared every week via this communication.</p>
Mrs Crocker	Families of students who receive free school meals	<p>You will have received an email containing an online order form for our lunch hampers. Another form will be emailed this week for collections on Monday 6 April 2020.</p> <p>If you are having difficulties accessing the online form or have any other concerns about free school meals, please email crockerk@skdrive.org.</p>
James Addis Lieutenant Corps Officer / Church Leader The Salvation Army Pill Corps	Families living in Pill	<p>We will no longer be operating from the Resource Centre as this has now closed. If you are a family whose children usually receive free school meals, or if you are being financially impacted by the recent changes and are struggling to make ends meet, then please contact us on the numbers below.</p> <p>We will take your address and will drop off a food parcel on the next scheduled delivery. These take place on Tuesdays (1-2pm) and Thursdays (10-11am).</p> <p>Please be aware that deliveries are being made by volunteers, all of whom have agreed to a confidentiality statement. The bags will be left at the front door, so that no contact is made.</p> <p>Call or text James with your name and address 01275 813907 or 07827032219</p>
Miss Adams	All years	<p>A message for all students who were having instrumental lessons IN school. A range of materials and resources have been prepared for you. Please visit; www.nsmusic4you.org.uk</p> <p>An email regarding refunds for instrumental lessons is being sent to all relevant families.</p>



Mrs Slater	All years	<p>The Bristol Autism team (BAT) have put together a list of resources that might be useful for families to use with their children during this unsettled time at home.</p> <p>https://www.bristol.gov.uk/web/bristol-local-offer/coronavirus-covid-19-home-learning-support-materials</p> <p>Lexia: Literacy Intervention</p> <p>This is a reminder that Lexia is available for those pupils who have been allocated this provision. The target is for pupils to access it for 45 minutes and complete 10 units per week.</p> <p>Email: https://www.lexiapowerup.com/</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enter the email address slaterf@skdrive.org 2. You'll see a blue screen with a girl on it. 3. Type username: surname & first initial, all lowercase 4. The password is the same for everyone; lexia (again, all lower case) 5. The programme then tells pupils what they need to do, so they should be fine to work independently.
Ms Tallis & Mrs Cameron	All years	<p>Please encourage your children to continue to share with us any great art work that they have been completing at home, whether it is GCSE/A Level coursework, or any of the challenges that they have been working on from the school community website. We will continue to showcase students' work on the Wall of Fame on the site!</p>
Mrs Crocker	All years	<p>The House Championship will continue through this uncertain time and we have created a series of House Competitions that will hopefully inspire students while we are apart. The first competition was to create an uplifting playlist to keep everyone in good spirits as they work from home; The current competition which will be judged on Thursday is to submit a photograph of the rainbow they have created in their window that children have been creating as a sign of solidarity and hope for everyone who is coping with new and difficult circumstances. Please email your entries to tallise@skdrive.org. Thank you to Ms Tallis for agreeing to judge this competition.</p>
Ms Jefferson	All years - English	<p>As we all settle into our new ways of working, please can I ask that you keep encouraging your children to read. Reading develops vocabulary, cultural capital and knowledge networks that help us to make sense of the world.</p> <p>The first priority in terms of English for all learners is to read every single day. Home Learning equivalent to usual lesson time and homework has been set for all year groups but, of course, we all work at different rates. Let your child's teacher</p>

		know if we need to modify the work set and keep your eyes open for stretch and challenge opportunities on the school website.
Ms Wild	All years	If your child would like to try touchtyping, please send an email to me: wildi@skdrive.org It's a great opportunity to learn a valuable skill.
Miss Sutton	All years - Food Technology	Being able to prepare and cook food is a life skill. It would be great if students could still cook at home, whether it's baking a cake or cooking the family meal, any practice is beneficial. I understand that this could be difficult with sourcing ingredients given the circumstances. This website is full of easy to follow recipes that are suitable for all ages - https://www.foodafactoflife.org.uk/recipes/ For GCSE students, BBC Good Food has some good recipes. I have also created a list that would be beneficial for their practical exams (which I have shared on the Google Classroom). I will update this throughout the time we are away. If your child does cook/bake anything at home, please share with myself suttone@skdrive.org and they might make an appearance on the school website or tweet them to @DAT_StKaths.
Mr Cook	All years	If they haven't already, please encourage your child to sign up to the PE Classroom (rades2c). There are loads of ideas for activities and challenges to keep children and families active. None of the assignments have any deadlines so feel free to encourage as much activity as you like. We have been inundated with photos, videos, emails, posts and loads of other examples of students staying active and we love seeing / hearing about it! Please feel free to continue to send media in to cookd@skdrive.org or ask students to share it via the Google Drive if the attachments are too big.
Mrs Ivey	All years	The science teachers have put together a list of ideas for fun and interesting activities students can do at home over the Easter holidays and beyond. The list has ideas for practicals to do at home, podcasts, videos, films, reading and online tours. All of these activities are optional. KS3 activities KS4 & 5 activities
Mr Francis Black	All years	The next Parent Association meeting was due to take place at 6:30 pm on 20 April. We would like to go ahead with this meeting using the online meeting platform, Zoom and take the opportunity to gather feedback from parents/carers regarding the community's approach to the ongoing shutdown. If you would like to take part please send expressions of interest to francisblacka@skdrive.org. E-invites will be sent out on the morning of 20 April.

Mr Cook

All years

A parent kindly shared the image below with me. This graphic has been sent out by the Bristol Bears Junior Academy Manager to all players.



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NEGATIVE THOUGHTS	POSITIVE SELF-TALK
- I'M STUCK AT HOME	+ I'M SAFE AT HOME AND SPENDING TIME WITH MY FAMILY
- I AM GOING TO GET SICK	+ I'M DOING EVERYTHING I CAN TO REDUCE THE CHANCE OF GETTING SICK
- I AM GOING TO RUN OUT OF SUPPLIES	+ I HAVE EVERYTHING I NEED FOR NOW AND WILL USE WHAT I HAVE WISELY
- I AM PANICKING BECAUSE EVERYTHING IS SHUTTING DOWN	+ VITAL SERVICES LIKE GROCERY SHOPS AND MEDICAL SERVICES WILL REMAIN AVAILABLE
- I CAN'T COPE WITH THE UNCERTAINTIES	+ I CAN CONTROL MY OWN ACTIONS AND WILL FOCUS ON KEEPING IN TOUCH, SLEEPING WELL AND DOING THE THINGS I LOVE AT HOME
A NEGATIVE MINDSET LEAVING YOU FEELING LESS POSITIVE THAN USUAL	A POSITIVE MINDSET, STRENGTHENING MENTAL HEALTH SO YOU'RE READY FOR WHEN LIFE GETS BACK TO NORMAL



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

All	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Covid-19 Update - 3 April 2020● Resources and information for Parents/Carers during the Coronavirus● Trust Newsletter for Parents/Carers - March 2020
Year 11	Year 11 Update - 3 April 2020
Year 13	Year 13 Update - 3 April 2020