

## Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 23 October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

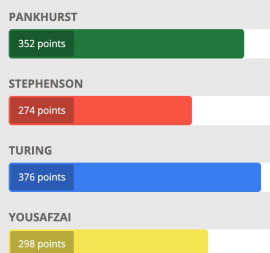
Here are the latest school messages and updates for your information plus details of any letter sent home during the last week.

### HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you to everyone within our community for their energy and resilience as we complete a rather different term in many ways. The support from each corner of our community has been vital to ensuring we have been able to continue to deliver a great educational experience for all students, regardless of whether students have been in school or Learning@Home. We end the term ready for a restful break with some reflection.

#### House Competition 2020/21



Turing House end the term top of the point charts with 376 points, with Pankhurst close behind on 352 - it's not a sprint though, as Mr Thomas reminds us.

A record number of Headteacher commendations have been awarded across the school this term with all staff across our community contributing. We continue to recognise the tremendous efforts from our students across our Houses. Further details are in the newsletter.

Our new Deputy Headteachers, Miss Richards and Mr Maw have enjoyed their first term with us, getting to know students and staff. Along with their experience, their objective views on the school this term are helpful in supporting the changes we are ambitious about delivering in our school.

Our celebrations of Black History Month have continued this week with Year 10 girls talking about colourism, Paige Leaky and Tyrese Bracey talking about discrimination and Head Student Ellie McCarthy sharing about the change she is determined to deliver at St Katherine's as part of her legacy. These are important and powerful messages from our young people who are delivering on the core purpose of the Equalities, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) group - Educate, Celebrate, Give voice. Our young people are an inspiration to us and being back in school this term has been a wonderful reminder of why working and leading in schools is such a privilege.

As we head further into winter and the temperature drop, please ensure your child(ren) are wearing under layers to keep warm as we strike a balance between ventilation and warmth.

Wishing all our families and staff a well deserved and restful break.

We are here to support all our young people with their learning at all times and please do not hesitate to get in touch if you need further support in any of the adjustments we are making. Please refer to the 'Who to contact at St Katherine's' table below. We are always keen to hear your feedback and please share this using this [form](#).

Kind regards

Mr Humphreys  
Headteacher

## WHO TO CONTACT AT ST KATHERINE'S

For queries about:	Name	Contact:
Safeguarding	Mrs K Crocker	<a href="mailto:crockerk@skdrive.org">crockerk@skdrive.org</a>
Courses, assignments or resources		Subject Teachers
Access to online library resources	Ms Wyld	<a href="mailto:wylidl@skdrive.org">wylidl@skdrive.org</a>
Technology related	Mr A Francis-Black	<a href="mailto:francisblacka@skdrive.org">francisblacka@skdrive.org</a>
SEND	Mrs F Slater	<a href="mailto:slaterf@skdrive.org">slaterf@skdrive.org</a>
Curriculum	Miss K Richards	<a href="mailto:richardsk@skdrive.org">richardsk@skdrive.org</a>
Learning@Home resources	Miss K Richards	<a href="mailto:richardsk@skdrive.org">richardsk@skdrive.org</a>
Personal well being		Tutor or Head of House
General queries		<a href="mailto:school@skdrive.org">school@skdrive.org</a>
Free School Meals		<a href="mailto:kilgallond@skdrive.org">kilgallond@skdrive.org</a>
Reading logs	Immalee Wild	<a href="mailto:wildi@skdrive.org">wildi@skdrive.org</a>
Sixth Form	Geraint Davies	<a href="mailto:daviesg@skdrive.org">daviesg@skdrive.org</a>

## MESSAGES

Mr Francis Black	All Years	<p><b>School Buses</b></p> <p>When we return to school on Tuesday 3 November we will be operating an additional bus and as a result, all route and seat allocations have been amended. All passengers should have received within the last week their new allocations and these details can be printed and used as the ticket for the first day of travel. New bus passes will be issued on arrival in school on Tuesday 3 November. If any family has not yet received their expected details please contact <a href="mailto:francisblacka@skdrive.org">francisblacka@skdrive.org</a> immediately. Details of new routes can be seen <a href="#">here</a>. I would like to remind all passengers of the three rules that must be followed on all St Katherine's Buses.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Wear a mask at all times on the bus</li> <li>2. Sit only in your allocated seat</li> <li>3. Wear a seat belt at all times</li> </ol>
Mr Maw	All Years	<p>As per our <a href="#">recent letter</a>, from next term students should wear normal school uniform to school and will be getting changed for PE in school. The only exception to this will be for PA students who have been spoken with individually.</p>
William Harding	All years	<p><b>Parent Governor Vacancy</b></p> <p>You will be aware that we have a vacancy for a parent governor following a resignation on the local governing body. Over that last week, it has become</p>

Chair of Governors		<p>apparent that a number of parents/carers missed the closing date for nominations due to circumstances in their families etc.</p> <p>Having reflected upon this in the challenging and uncertain times in which we are all operating, <b>we have decided to extend the closing date to Friday 13 November.</b> Nominations received so far will be held over to this date</p> <p>If you are interested in putting your name forward, my <a href="#">letter</a> and <a href="#">fact sheet</a> gives further details.</p>
SKAMPS	All years	<p><b>Our (Virtual) AGM is being held on Thursday 12 November at 7.00pm.</b> Please click <a href="#">link</a> to join the meeting. We look forward to seeing you.</p> <p>Meeting ID: 774 2565 0589 Passcode 4aWkaA</p>
Mr Francis Black	Year 11	<p><b>Mock Exams</b></p> <p>Year 11 mock exams are scheduled between <b>Monday 12 November and Friday 11 December.</b> For full details and guidance on how to prepare for mock exams please take the time to watch this <a href="#">video</a> with your child. The full timetable for this 4 week assessment period can be seen <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
Mrs Ivey	Year 11	<p>This week science teachers have spoken to Year 11 students about the upcoming science mock exams and the preparation that is needed for these exams. You can view the presentations shared with students below. Please discuss with your child how they are preparing for these mock exams. The science faculty will be setting regular revision homework in the weeks running up to the mock exams to support students in structuring their revision. After school revision will also commence after half term.</p> <p><a href="#">Triple Combined</a></p>
Maths Team	Year 11	<p>Revision guides and workbooks for maths are now available to buy on parent pay at a reduced price, the correct tier will be allocated to you automatically.</p>
Mrs Ivey	Years 10,11,12,13	<p>The deadline for purchasing science revision guides has been extended to 2nd November.</p>
Maths Team	Year 10	<p>Revision guides and workbooks for maths are now available to buy on parent pay at a reduced price, the correct tier will be allocated to you automatically.</p>
Miss Richards	Year 10	<p>Following the learning@home period for Year 10, we would like to hear your views on how the two weeks have gone and any suggestions as to how we could continue to develop our learning@home provision. If you would like to feedback, please complete this short <a href="#">form</a> by Friday 30 October.</p>
Maths Team	Year 7	<p>The Maths department have identified an opportunity for providing more support for pupil learning. After half term your child will be allocated to a new Maths class where they will be given the chance to work with pupils from different Year 7 tutor groups. We hope this change increases engagement and interest in the subject, as well as allowing teachers to provide further support in smaller classes where needed.</p>
Miss Sutton	Food Technology, Food Preparation & Nutrition	<p>Practical lessons will begin after half term. KS3 classes will have one lesson per fortnight. KS4 classes will have two lessons per fortnight.</p>



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	<p>and Hospitality &amp; Catering students</p>	<p>All students must bring in ingredients for the practical lessons. Ingredients will be set via ClassCharts and through the Google Classroom. Please contact your child's food teacher if you require support with this due to financial circumstances.</p> <p>Students will need to ensure they have their own apron from home for the practical lesson. Maroon coloured aprons can now be purchased on ParentPay if the student does not have an apron at home. Students without an apron will not be able to cook. Any problems, please let your Food teacher know.</p>
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**LETTERS - click [here](#) to see all letters from this academic year**

<p>Years 8,10,12 &amp; 13 Year 11 Year 11</p>	<p>Learning@Home Sixth Form Open Evening, 18 November 2020 Year 11 Mock Exams</p>
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**UPCOMING EVENTS - click [here](#) to see all upcoming events**

<p>Monday, 2 November Tuesday, 3 November Thursday 12 November Wednesday, 18 November</p>	<p>Start of Term 2: <b>INSET Day - School closed to students</b> <b>Students return to school</b> 19:00-20:00 SKAMPS AGM 18:00-19:00 Sixth Form Open Evening (Virtual)</p>
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