

Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 5 February 2021

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

Another busy week draws to a close. Thank you to everyone for your efforts this week and we trust families enjoyed the screen free day on Wednesday - a welcome break for all and a chance to do something different. We have been overwhelmed by the activities/reports/work shared and are working on how we showcase, share and recognise this work before the term ends next Thursday. Reminder Friday 12 February is an INSET day.

The emergence of the new variant in Bristol has naturally caused concern within our communities. We understand additional testing is being planned and encourage everyone to be tested if requested. Guidance remains for us all to continue to be disciplined and vigilant in our approach and to continue to follow national guidance and lockdown rules.

Productive conversations were had yesterday evening at our Year 11 Parent/Carer evening and I trust your child/ren is clear on where they need to focus on to help them achieve their best. Rest assured we are working tirelessly to support and encourage all students to help them on their important journey.

We look forward to further conversations next week with families at the Year 9 Options Evening. An exciting time for students as they begin to make some choices about the subjects they wish to study. Mr Francis Black has launched last week with students and many parents/carers have already accessed the [Options Hub](#) in preparation. I commend this to you ahead of next week to provoke thinking and conversations around subject choices.

We are considering our school day and curriculum for September 2021, building on the successes and positive feedback from the last two years, including some of the changes enforced upon us since reopening in September 2020. We will be sharing our proposals with parents/carers on Wednesday 3 March 2021 at 6:30 - 7:30. We do hope you can join us. **Note this is a date change from Wednesday 24 February.**

Reminder

Thank you for your continued feedback regarding our Learning@Home programme. We continue to actively review our provision and would be grateful if you could spare a few minutes to complete a questionnaire below: ● [Year 7](#) ● [Year 8](#) ● [Year 9](#) ● [Year 10](#) ● [Year 11](#) ● [Post 16](#). Students continue to impress their teachers with their work and we are celebrating some of this work - there is so much - on our [student community website](#). Thank you for continuing to do your best in supporting your child/children with their education.

Keep logging those miles - plenty of competition across all three charts and houses with a real mix of parents/carers, students and staff!

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](#).

Best wishes

Mr Humphreys
Headteacher

WHO TO CONTACT AT ST KATHERINE'S

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

MESSAGES

School	All years	<p>School Vaccination Programme</p> <p>We are unable to give dates for the school's vaccination programme during the lockdown. Public Health England have confirmed that there are no concerns with delaying the second dose of HPV and still plan to continue with the full vaccination programme in time. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Sirona care and Health CIC, Community Children's</p>
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		Health Partnership Immunisation Team on 01275 373104 or email: o.lee@nhs.net
School	All years	Term dates 2021-2022
Miss Gardiner	All years	<p>National Apprenticeship Week (NAW) 8-14 February This week the school will be recognising National Apprenticeship Week 2021. Everything the students need to know about what apprenticeships are will be posted on the careers google classroom. Here there are videos, presentations and quizzes about everything apprenticeships. The students can access the google classroom here https://meet.google.com/lookup/b2bvgipt4j with the code eh2da6p. There is a National Apprenticeship Show on Wednesday 10 February, students need to be over 14 to register. https://nas.vfairs.com Any questions please email Miss Gardiner Gardiners@skdrive.org</p>
Miss Ardell	All years	<p>The Mars Rover Competition! This is a house competition to produce something creative to celebrate the landing of the new Mars Rover on 18 February! See more information here. Entries to ardellr@skdrive.org Deadline: Friday 26th February.</p>
Mr Cook	All years	<p>Feel Fab Feb Our School Games organiser Mr German has been working collaboratively with SGO colleagues from South Bristol and South Gloucestershire to create a month long activity & well-being challenge. 'Feel Fab Feb' has been created to encourage children to be physically active (essential for well-being), but also for them to spend time doing things they love, as well as potentially trying/learning something new. This is a challenge that can be done by individuals, or as a family. There are 30 challenges in total and if participants choose to, they can try and achieve bronze (6-10), silver (11-20) or gold (21 plus) by ticking off the challenges as they complete them. The challenges have been selected to be challenging and fun in equal measure. Feel free to share with us if you have a go at any of the challenges!</p>
Mr Davies	Year 11	<p>St Katherine's Sixth Form is still accepting applications for September 2021. If you are interested in a place at St Katherine's or would simply like to discuss your child's future, please contact me on daviesg@skdrive.org or apply here. If you missed our Virtual Open Day in Term 2, a recording can be found here.</p>
Mrs Robinson	Year 11 geography	<p>Revision guides are available on Amazon and other providers. Here is one option for £9. This is another option for £6.</p>
Mr Francis Black	Year 9	<p>All families of Year 9 students should have received an invite to the Year 9 Options evening in a letter last week. This includes some key resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Options booklet. • Options planning form • Options hub • Options evening access link
Mrs Ivey	Year 9	<p>Year 9 parents will be receiving a letter to inform you of your child's grade in their end of KS3 examination. This letter will also confirm if your child is</p>



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		eligible to study triple science next year. If you have any questions please contact your child's science teacher or myself at iveyz@skdrive.org .
Ms Kolkowksa	Year 7&8	<p>Year 7&8 Virtual Trashion show - House competition This year St Katherine's will be hosting its first ever Virtual Trashion show. Showcasing the inspiring and creative makes of Year 7&8 whilst in lockdown. Prizes are available for both year groups. For more info and how to enter click the link above! Good Luck!</p>

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

No letters home this week	
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UPCOMING EVENTS - click [here](#) to see all upcoming events

Wednesday 10 February Friday 12 February Wednesday 3 March	19:00-21:00 Year 9 Options Evening (Virtual) INSET DAY - school closed to students 18:30-19:30 Proposed changes to the school day (Virtual Evening)
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