





Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 26 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 and Carers

Another busy week of Learning@Home with a positive announcement on Monday about schools returning, along with clarity on the exams awarding process for Year 11 and Year 13 students.

Preparations continue to be made for the phased return of students from Monday 8 March. Please read the <u>letter</u> sent home today carefully and use the contact information provided should anything be unclear. We appreciate there is a lot to digest.

Once we have fully considered the Ofqual report released yesterday, we will share a clear timeline with students and families. In the meantime all students should continue to work hard and do their best across their subjects with many weeks in school ahead of us. We trust the Year 12 and Year 13 parent/carer evening last night was productive and provided a useful focus and next steps to improve further.

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 would like to share outline proposals with parents/carers on Wednesday 3 March 2021 at 6:30 - 7:30. We do hope you can join us. Here is the Link to join the meeting.

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 <u>form</u>.

Best wishes

Justin 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	wyldl@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		
Miss Richards	All years	Our second screen free day will be taking place on Wednesday 3 March. Please see the KS3 and KS4 activities here . The Post-16 activities are linked here . Your child/children should choose an activity to complete each hour they should select a different theme at a time that suits them throughout the day. Your child/children will not be required to log into the classroom or complete any lesson based tasks on this day. Instead, encourage your child/children to engage in the screen free day - if you can, why not take part in one of the hours!
		We will be celebrating the efforts of your child/children on this day and would love to see them share their outcomes in any format via Mr Scott at scottd@skdrive.org .
		If your child is attending the onsite provision on 3 March, please ensure that they bring a container with them in order to bring home some homemade treats! They will also need to wear PE kit for the day. Coaches will depart at 2pm on this day.



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Ms Wyld	All years	Students are invited to join us in celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 4 March! We have planned a range of competitions and events and getting involved will earn masses of house points. What better way to get involved than to have a chat at home about what you're reading - don't forget, newspapers, magazines, blogs, websites etc all count! On the link you'll also find a virtual book voucher which you can print out and use to choose one of the special WBD titles when you do your essential supermarket shop.
Healthwatch	Parents & carers	Healthwatch want your say on mental health services. Parents and carers The role of Healthwatch is to gather the thoughts and experiences of people, especially those less often heard from, and pass these onto those who design health services. Healthwatch is currently engaging students in your child's school around the mental health support they would like. As parents/carers we would also like to hear from you to positively influence the design of services for young people in North Somerset schools. Please use this online survey https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PAC0103 . There are no right or wrong answers, and your response will be completely anonymous. We do not need details of any health issues.
	All years	Students So that those who plan health services can make them work for you they need you to tell them what will work. They want to know what things are like for you if you are looking for help today and how it could be shaped in the future. Please use this online questionnaire https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CYP0103 to let us know what you think about mental health services, there are no right or wrong answers, and your responses are completely anonymous. If you are aged 13 or below, you will need parental permission to fill in the form. The closing date for the survey is 1 March 2021. Thank you for completing this important Survey, we appreciate your time and effort.
Geraint Davies	Year 12	Parents/carers and students have now been sent information on how to log in to Unifrog, which is a new system launched by the school this week. This will be a vital part of how we support and monitor careers and post-18 pathways moving forwards, so it is vital that students ensure they are engaging with the platform. If you have any questions, please contact our Work Related Careers Advisor Sara Gardiner on gardiners@skdrive.org.

LETTERS - click <u>here</u> to see all letters from this academic year		
Year 12	Unifrog careers platform	
All years	Return to school in March	



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UPCOMING EVENTS - click <u>here</u> to see all upcoming events		
Wednesday 3 March	18:30-19:30 Proposed changes to the school day (Virtual Evening)	
Screen Free Days Wednesday 3 March Tuesday 16 March Thursday 25 March	Buses leave at earlier time of 2.00pm	