

## Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 26 March 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

The letters circulated this week regarding positive test results serve as a reminder to us all that the virus is still within our communities. Thank you to you all for being vigilant and where you have suspected symptoms acting swiftly to get tested and not allow your child/ren to come to school. With each of us playing our part, we very much hope we can continue to be open for all year groups throughout the summer months ahead. Thank you to the Year 11 parents/carers for their patience and understanding at the beginning of the week.

A reminder re: Test and Trace support payment for parents

Parents and carers of children who have been advised to self-isolate by their education setting or by NHS Test and Trace are now able to apply for a [Test and Trace Support Payment](#) or discretionary payment of £500, if they meet the eligibility criteria. This change is intended to ensure that eligible parents receive financial support if they are unable to attend work due to childcare responsibilities. The eligibility criteria are listed in the link above.

We continue to promote our value of excellence and have recently established a new gallery in school. The work students have produced during the past twelve months is of the highest quality reflecting some incredible artistic flair. Everyone who now visits the school will walk through our new gallery and will have an opportunity to view the work and some pieces will be available to purchase with proceeds to go to the student artist and the school.

Testing at home throughout the Easter holidays for schools and colleges

Following the success of the asymptomatic testing programme on the return to school and college, it is vital to keep testing at home throughout the Easter holidays and into the summer term. Please pass on this message to all of your staff, students and parents:

- test twice a week at home from now on (all those who are able to)
- report results [online](#) as positive, negative or void. This information is critical in helping us to understand the prevalence of the virus across the country
- continue to test twice weekly over the Easter holidays
- test before returning to school or college for the summer term, either the night before, or morning of, the first day back, to find and isolate any positive cases

Families and households can also access [home test kits for adults](#).

### Year 11 and Year 13

Our plans for the awarding of grades for Year 11 and Year 13 have been shared with students. In this week's video, Mr Francis-Black, Assistant Headteacher on assessment and reporting explains some examples of subject assessment from the portal introduced last week which illustrates how each subject will be assessed.

We will continue to take time to talk with students to reassure them of this year's process to give each individual the best chance of success. In the meantime all students should continue to work hard across all their subjects.

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

Justin Humphreys  
Headteacher

### Year 11 and Year 13 Updates

Should you have any questions regarding the awarding of grades for Year 11 and Year 13 this year, please submit them [here](#)

The [Assessment Hub](#) has been updated this week in the following subjects:

Year 11	Year 13
Biology	Biology
Chemistry	Chemistry
Combined Science	Creative Media
History	History
Music	Physics
Physics	

A calendar is now available showing the dates of all [high control assessments](#) that will take place during term 5. We have also made a [short video](#) to explain how to navigate the hub and find the information that you need.

## 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:wyldl@skdrive.org">wyldl@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>
Anonymous way to report a concern about a student: <a href="#">Tell Someone Form</a>		

## MESSAGES

Miss Richards	All years	Thank you for supporting your child in completing their lateral flow home tests. Please continue to test on Monday & Thursday. Results are to be recorded with Test and Trace and via classcharts as detailed in the video linked <a href="#">here</a> .
Ms Wyld	All years	<b>Are you in need of some reading inspiration?!</b> Check out our <a href="#">Track Lists</a> of recommended reads to discover exciting books in our LRC and on the eplatform.
Finance	All years - Free School Meals	All free school meal families will receive a £30 voucher per pupil from the North Somerset Council's Covid Winter Grant Scheme. The vouchers will be sent out towards the end of next week.
Pill Community Resource Centre	All years	<b>Free surplus food!</b> at the Pill Community Fridge, The Resource Centre, Pill. A simple solution to wasting less through the sharing of good quality food. Please contact Louise Osborne: <a href="mailto:louise_osborne422@yahoo.co.uk">louise_osborne422@yahoo.co.uk</a> to find out more.



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School	Year 9	<b>Year 9 MenACWY/DtP Vaccinations</b> A reminder to return consent forms to the student support office for the vaccinations taking place next term.
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### LETTERS - click [here](#) to see all letters from this academic year

Year 11 All years	Letter to parents/carers of students self-isolating Confirmed case of Covid-19
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### UPCOMING EVENTS - click [here](#) to see all upcoming events

Thursday 1 April	<b>END OF TERM 4 - normal finish time</b>
Monday 19 April	<b>START OF TERM 5</b> 18:30-19:30 Parents Association meeting (Virtual)
Tuesday 11 May	<b>12.40pm Early Finish for Students</b>
Monday 17 May	<b>INSET DAY - school closed to students</b>