

## Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Thursday 1 April 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

Echoes of Ramadan Mubarak and Happy Easter have filled the air waves in the corridors and around the site this week as we approach the end of Term 4 - a term that has been like no other term that we have known. From testing in school, testing at home and managing the LFD tests, we will certainly remember this term for many years to come. Our community has stood tall and strong in the fight against COVID 19 and a huge thank you to everyone for playing their part.

The summer terms are a favourite time of year in the eyes of many students as they get to enjoy the wide open spaces we have at St Katherine's and this year we expect this to be extra special given the restrictions we have all been living under. Sport has been the first return to our wider cocurricular offer and we look forward to considering other options we can explore as and when it is safe to do so. Great to see some serious baking taking place this spring term as the Spring Bake Off set new standards as the competition continues to build each year.

It is at this time of year we begin preparing for our new Year 7 students and families who are looking forward to joining us for our induction and in September when the new academic year begins. We are delighted the school continues to grow and this year is again heavily oversubscribed.

We will all have been shocked by the testimonies of women posted on the Everyone's Invited website recently and widely reported this week. We fully recognise our role as a school and will continue to actively educate our community about peer on peer abuse and take the opportunity next term to review our approach across the school.

#### **Year 11 and Year 13**

Our plans for assessments beginning at the start of Term 5 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 the assessment logistics and expectations for students to allow everyone to perform at their best.

#### **Testing**

Reminder on the testing required through the Easter break and into the summer term.

- test twice a week at home from now on (all those who are able to)
- report results [online](#) as positive, negative or void and on classcharts.. This information is critical in helping us to understand the prevalence of the virus across the country and tracking as a school community
- continue to test twice weekly over the Easter holidays
- test before returning to school for Term 5

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

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](#).

Happy Easter, Ramadan Mubarak

Mr 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
Maths	Maths

A calendar is now available showing the dates of all [high control assessments](#) that will take place during term 5 along with a [template revision planner](#). Please watch our new [video](#) explain how to plan revision and the expectations for high control assessments.

## 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

Student Support Office	All years	<b>Please can we remind parents/carers that your child should have a water bottle with them each day in school.</b>
Mrs Crocker	All years	<p><b>Kooth are an organisation that supports us at school with improving our students' mental health and wellbeing.</b> There are a number of ways young people can access support on Kooth from their magazine, forum, therapeutic activities, journal, goals, messaging &amp; chat!</p> <p>On 26 April at 4pm Kooth are running a KOOOTH PARENT &amp; CARER INFORMATION session that parents of students that live in North Somerset can sign up to by clicking <a href="#">here</a>:</p> <p>Students, regardless of whether they live in Bristol or North Somerset, can access the support offered by Kooth any time including through the school holidays.</p>
Miss Sutton	Year 11 Food Preparation and	<b>Food Preparation and Nutrition practical exams</b>

	Nutrition students	These will be taking place on the 26th, 27th and 28th of April. Students have been given their date for their practical exam. If you have any questions, please let me know - <a href="mailto:suttone@skdrive.org">suttone@skdrive.org</a>
Mrs Ivey	Year 11	<b>Year 11 classes have been provided with a pack of revision links to support them in revising for their high control assessments.</b> The links can be found below: <a href="#">Combined science links</a> <a href="#">Triple science links</a> Today all students have been given a pack of past papers for biology, chemistry and physics. <b>Students should complete these papers and bring all three papers back into school on Monday 19 April.</b>
Miss McInerney	Year 7 English	<b>All year 7 students need to finish reading 'A Wrinkle in Time' over the Easter break.</b> They all have been given their own copy of the text. To support their reading, students can choose to listen to the audiobook version <a href="#">linked here</a> which also counts towards finishing the book. In addition to this, students can also recap each chapter by using the summaries <a href="#">linked here</a> .
Mr Hodgson	Duke of Edinburgh	<b>Please keep submitting evidence on eDofE for your sections.</b> If you have completed a section, then you can get your assessor to complete their reports. Expeditions and training are being planned for Term 5 and 6. The information and dates is provisional at this stage as we try to navigate COVID restrictions. Please check your emails and the classroom for updates and information.

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

All years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Confirmed case of Covid-19 in Year 8</li> <li>Easter Home Testing</li> </ul>
Year 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Letter to parents/carers - advice for child to self isolate for 10 days</li> <li>Follow-up on positive case</li> </ul>

### UPCOMING EVENTS - click [here](#) to see all upcoming events

Monday 19 April	START OF TERM 5
Tuesday 11 May	<b>12.40pm Early Finish for Students</b>
Monday 17 May	<b>INSET DAY - school closed to students</b>