

Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 7 May 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 Parent/Carers

Can I firstly draw your attention to an unusual and rare incident at St Katherine's recently where a member of the public came onto the school site by the car park and playing fields. The unknown member of the public was quickly confronted by a member of staff and asked to leave. All staff at St. Katherine's School are trained to understand their safeguarding responsibilities and this includes being vigilant about unauthorised visitors. The member of the public had entered the school site and sat on the bank of the top field where a PE class was taking place in the distance. They were there for a very short amount of time before being noticed and asked to leave. The member of the public did not speak to or approach any of our students.

As a precaution, and in order to ensure we kept our students safe, we called the police who quickly attended and looked nearby to see if they could find and speak to the person matching the description. The police did not find anyone matching the description but have recorded the incident and I have spoken to our local Beat Team and informed the North Somerset Safeguarding in Education Team.

It is important we make all members of our community aware of the incident and remind us all to be vigilant and to raise any suspicious behaviour to school staff. This year we have carried out a security audit of the site and are currently working with a consultant on fencing for the entire front of the school to improve the security on site. If you would like to discuss this matter or any other safeguarding issue, please feel free to contact Kat Crocker or myself at school.

This week we sent out birthday wishes to Paul Stephenson who celebrated his 84th birthday. Students prepared a [short video](#) which was shared with Paul's agent and carer for him to enjoy, emphasising the Stephenson House values of diversity, determination and equality which our students live and breathe each day.

We have shared a [letter](#) today regarding the end of term arrangements for Year 11 and Year 13.

Last month the Children's Commissioner, Dame Rachel de Souza, launched [The Big Ask](#) - the largest ever survey of children in England. It asks all children about their priorities and concerns for the future, so that the Department for Education can put children at the heart of the national recovery post-COVID-19. Please encourage and support your child/ren to complete the survey and make their voice heard. Every single pupil's voice is important. The deadline for completing the survey is Friday 28 May.

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
Maths	GCSE Maths
Performing Arts	
Sport	

Students have conducted themselves in an exceptional manner throughout this assessment period and they are providing quality evidence of the good progress that have made this year despite the difficulties.

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	Important Reminder: School finishes at 12.40pm on Tuesday 11 May.
Miss Richards	All years	<p>Please continue to support your child in completing their Covid-19 lateral flow tests on Monday and Thursday evenings. The results are to be recorded in classcharts and with NHS test & trace.</p> <p>We are currently awaiting a delivery of the further tests from the DfE. If you need tests at this time, lateral flow tests can be collected from most pharmacies. They can also be ordered online here.</p>
Mr Francis Black	All years	<p>Bus Updates</p> <p>We are now beginning planning for bus routes in the academic year 2021/22 and I would be grateful if all current bus users could click the link below and let us know about your transport needs. https://forms.gle/GmX8JyDiPvpxrC297</p> <p>If your child is not currently using one of our services but would like to do so next year we would strongly encourage you to book now. There are many advantages to using one of the dedicated St Katherine's services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We review and adapt routes regularly to ensure we are meeting the needs of all customers. • Every child is allocated a numbered seat ensuring guaranteed service on every day of the school year. • All seats are fitted with seatbelts providing reassurance that your child will be safe. • Services will run at times to suit the school day and can be adjusted where required. • The arrival and departure of the buses are monitored. • We were able to continue to provide a service throughout the period of lockdown. • Bus monitors are assigned to each route so that any issues can be reported and dealt with promptly. <p>The cost of a seat on one of our routes works out at approximately £4.50 per day. We charge this via monthly direct debit of £85 between the months of September and June. We offer a half-price arrangement for those in receipt of pupil premium funding and fully funded travel for any child who is eligible for free school meals.</p> <p>Should you wish to book a seat on one of our services for September 2021 then please complete this online form with all the necessary details. We will then use the postcodes provided to begin the planning of new routes for 2021/22 and we should be in a position to confirm all September arrangements during term 6.</p>

Mrs Slater	All years	<p>For the attention of parents of pupils with SEN Support or EHCPs</p> <p>OFSTED and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) have resumed inspection activity in North Somerset in order to review progress in SEND. During the re-visit, Ofsted and CQC inspectors will be keen to gather the views of as many young people and their parents and carers as possible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents and carers who would like to take part in this survey - click on this link. • The survey will open at 12 noon on Monday 10 May and close at 12 noon on Monday 17 May 2021.
Mr Murdoch	All years	<p>We are delighted and excited to be holding our Charity Week next week with lots of exciting activities planned by our students, all of them Covid safe of course! The activities include each year group rowing ‘across the channel’ on rowing machines over the course of a lunchtime plus many more announced daily.</p> <p>The Charities we are fundraising for are Off the Record (OTR) and Children’s Hospice South West.</p> <p>OTR is a mental health organisation and social movement by and for young people aged 11-25 living in Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire. They provide support, promote and defend the mental health, rights and social position of young people. Young people need organisations like OTR now more than ever before! For more information watch this clip</p> <p>Children’s Hospice South West cares for children with life-threatening conditions, making the most of their short and precious lives through the provision of the best possible hospice care for those with life-limiting conditions. The hospice provides specialist palliative care, respite for the whole family, a sibling service for brothers and sisters, emergency support, end of life care and a bereavement service for as long as is needed. For more information watch this clip</p> <p>You can contribute by encouraging your children to take part and by donating to the ‘Just Giving’ page we have set up - https://home.justgiving.com/</p>
Miss Sutton	All years	<p>Food practical aprons</p> <p>We will be handing out food aprons that students bought during Term 1-2 over the rest of this term.</p> <p>Apologies students haven’t been given these before.</p> <p>Any problems, please let me know via email: suttone@skdrive.org.</p>
Miss Sutton	Food Preparation and Nutrition students	<p>The following practicals will be taking place next week:</p> <p>Monday 10th May 8r - Pizza 11C (hosp) - Swiss roll (no ingredients needed)</p> <p>Tuesday 11th May 7r - Cous cous salad 7I - Cous cous salad</p> <p>Wednesday 12th May 8I - Pizza 10C - Lemon Meringue Pie</p>

		Friday 14th May 11C (hosp) - Scotch eggs (no ingredients needed) Ingredients have been posted on ClassCharts. Aprons are compulsory for the lessons.
Student Support Office	All years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A high number of students are still using disposable face masks in school. Where possible, please supply your child with a reusable fabric face mask; these are better for the environment and will reduce lost learning time as children come to the SSO to replace broken disposable masks. • At the end of last term we noticed lots of students asking for water, particularly during warmer days. Please ensure your child is sent to school with a water bottle/container that they are able to refill during the day. • We have a large amount of lost property in the Student Support Office. If your child has lost anything, please send them to us as we may have it in our Office.
Miss Pearce	Year 7 Science	All Year 7 students will be completing a science assessment week commencing 10 May. Teachers will be delivering revision sessions in lessons prior to the test. Revision will also be set as homework.

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

Year 11 & 13	End of Year Plan
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UPCOMING EVENTS - [click here](#) to see all upcoming events

Tuesday 11 May	12.40pm Early Finish for Students
Thursday 13 May	Year 9 MenACWY/DtP vaccinations
Monday 17 May	INSET DAY - school closed to students