

Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 14 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 Parents/Carers

Another successful week of assessments for Year 11 and Year 13 students who are now looking forward to their post assessment world where they can take a well deserved break from the intensity of recent months before focusing on preparing for their next steps. The sixth form were in great spirits on Thursday morning as Mr Davies and the sixth form team surprised students with a continental breakfast in the canteen.

Step 3 of the Roadmap

As confirmed this week, the country is now moving to step 3 of the roadmap which has resulted in updated guidance being issued to schools including trips, overnight stays and the use of face coverings.

Our safety first principle has guided and served our community well over the past fourteen months and we have worked effectively with both families and staff to ensure we can all continue to attend school each day and feel safe and comfortable in the school environment.

With this in mind and with nine days remaining of Term 5, our expectations remain the same and face coverings will remain in place as per our risk assessment. We are reviewing our risk assessment ready for the start of Term 6 and will communicate this with our community, with clarity on the use of face coverings. We have shared this with students today. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Eid Mubarak. Many of our families have been enjoying Eid celebrations this week at the end of Ramadan. Well done to the many students who have been fasting through Ramadan during the long days of April and May and balancing this alongside their school life.

Reminder: Monday 17 May is an INSET day for staff training and moderation.

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 no further updates to announce this week.

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	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

Mr Francis Black	All years	Detailed planning for next year's bus routes is now under way. If you are a current bus user and have not yet confirmed that you wish to continue use of the buses next year, please do so by completing this form .
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		If you are not a current bus user but would like to book a place for next year then this can also be done by using a separate form .
Miss Richards	All years	We have now received a further supply of Covid-19 tests from the DfE and all students have been given their tests. Thank you for your patience in recent weeks whilst we have awaited this delivery. 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.
Mr Francis Black	All years	During the latest period of Learning@Home we have loaned over 200 Chromebooks to support students in accessing work. With all students now returned to Learning@School we need to redeploy these devices to enable us to effectively deliver in year group bubbles in school. If your child has borrowed a school Chromebook please ensure that it is returned to the Student Support Office on Tuesday 18 May and that a receipt for its return is collected.
Miss Ivey	All years	Bristol University and the Royal Society of Chemistry are offering students (and their families) a free live online demonstration called 'a pollutants tale'. The event will involve demonstrations of liquid nitrogen, oxygen foam, dry ice and some explosions! The demonstrations will be used to explain the science of our atmosphere and climate change. A live question and answer session will take place after the event. The event takes place online on 24 May from 18:30-20:00. Details of the event can be found here , students and parents can also find out more about careers in chemistry here .
Student Support Office	All years	Lost Property If your child has lost any items, please ask them to come and check at the Student Support Office as we have a large number of items that have been handed in.
Miss Richards	Year 13	We will be celebrating Year 13's time at St Katherine's on Friday 28 May. On this day, students who do not have an assessment are to arrive on site for 12.40pm. Please note that school transport will not be available at this time. Students who have an assessment on Friday should arrive as normal for 8.55am. The plan for the celebration afternoon is as follows: 12.30-1.10pm- Leavers' assembly in tutor groups 1.30-2.00pm- BBQ 2.00-3.00pm-Celebration garden party on the top field Please note that these activities are weather dependent.
Miss Richards	Year 11	We will be celebrating Year 11's time at St Katherine's on Friday 28 May. On this day, students will arrive as normal for 8.55am but their day will end at 12.10pm. Students are to make their own way home from school on this day, with school transport unavailable at 12.10pm. Students will not be required to wear school uniform and are invited to bring their school shirts in for signing (but not wear them). The plan for the day is as follows: Tutor Time - Leavers' assembly in tutor groups P1 and P2 - Celebration garden party on the top field hosted by Heads of House including shirt signing.

