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## **Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 21 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

Last weekend was a great signal and reminder to us that routines are beginning to return with over fifty students taking part in a series of Duke of Edinburgh expedition workshops with staff. This reflects great engagement from our Year 9s in our co-curriculum and we encourage all young people to take part in an award which develops broader skills and characteristics. The accreditation of the Award is universally acknowledged as a mark of personal leadership, teamwork and community contribution in an entirely non-competitive environment. No doubt we have all recently reflected on the significant impact HRH Prince Philip had on education through the Duke of Edinburgh Award at St Katherine's. If your child is interested or curious to find out more, please contact Mr Hodgson who leads on Outdoor Education.

We have this week confirmed the changes to our curriculum for September following the consultation with stakeholders and we are looking forward to a fresh beginning in many ways in September. Please see the letter attached. Thank you to all parents/carers for their engagement in this process and supportive feedback.

Year 11 and Year 13 have continued their assessments this week with many completing their final assessment. Staff have been stepping their way through our thorough and rigorous process of moderation and validation on Monday and this work continues until after half term. Well done to both students and staff for embracing the new setup this year and we look forward to celebrating together in August.

It was a busy return to school on Tuesday with the student protest which I reflected on in my letter to parents/carers this week. We will continue the work we have started this term and will share this with our community next term. After the disruption and challenge of Tuesday, it was pleasing to listen to the feedback from colleagues across the trust who spent the day with us on Wednesday as part of our CST School Improvement Day. The feedback was very positive and students spoke highly of the school and their experience, commenting on the improvements they see in the school. The improvements the school has made were very evident on the day and we look forward to continuing to improve St Katherine's. Our School Development Plan for 2021-23 is currently being drafted and will be shared during Term 6 with all stakeholders.

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.

Students will attend all of their lessons until Friday 28th May. After this point, students will be invited to attend school where gaps in their centre assessed grades evidence have been identified. We will inform parents in the next week of where students will be expected to attend school after the half term break.

### 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:wylidl@skdrive.org">wylidl@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: [Tell Someone Form](#)

## MESSAGES

Mr Francis Black	All years	<p><b>Detailed planning for next year's bus routes is now under way.</b> 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 <a href="#">form</a>.</p> <p>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 <a href="#">form</a>.</p>
Miss Richards	All years	<p><b>Please continue to support your child in completing their Covid-19 lateral flow tests on Monday and Thursday evenings.</b> The results are to be recorded in classcharts and with NHS test &amp; trace.</p>
Mr Francis Black	All years	<p>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. <b>If your child has borrowed a school Chromebook please ensure that it is returned to the Student Support Office as soon as possible and that a receipt for its return is collected.</b></p>
Miss Gardiner	All years	<p>Hot off the press! <a href="#">Careers Bulletin - Issue 7 - May 2021</a></p> <p>This month there are some exciting opportunities for students across all school years to get involved in. Any questions regarding careers please email Miss Gardiner: <a href="mailto:gardiners@skdrive.org">gardiners@skdrive.org</a></p>
Finance	Free School Meal Families	<p><b>Free School Meal families will receive a £15 voucher per child via Wonde for half-term from the North Somerset Council's Covid Local Support Grant.</b></p>
Miss Richards	Year 13	<p><b>We will be celebrating Year 13's time at St Katherine's on Friday 28 May.</b></p> <p>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. <b>Students who have an assessment on Friday should arrive as normal for 8.55am.</b> The plan for the celebration afternoon is as follows:</p> <p>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</p> <p>Please note that these activities are weather dependent.</p>
Miss Richards	Year 11	<p><b>We will be celebrating Year 11's time at St Katherine's on Friday 28 May.</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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:</p> <p>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. 11:30am- BBQ on the top field 12:10pm- departure</p> <p>Please note that these activities are weather dependent.</p>

Mr Murdoch	Year 11	<p><b>As we move into the final week for the majority of our Year 11 students we are looking forward to a well deserved day of celebration on the last day of this term, with a BBQ, inflatables and lots of fun activities planned.</b> Over the last week there have been a small but significant number of students who have not been going back to lessons after their examinations. We have spoken to these students and explained the importance of being where they are supposed to be so we can account for their whereabouts for reasons of health and safety; if for example there was a fire it would be important to know who is in school and who is not, having accurate registers is essential for this. <b>We have informed the students that anyone who truant's lessons over the last days of term will not be able to participate in the celebration day at the end of the term. We would be grateful if you could reinforce this message at home as we would like to have all of our students joining us in the last day celebrations.</b> Thank you for your support,</p>
Miss Gardiner	Year 10	<p><b>Unifrog Year 10 Launch</b> - Unifrog has been launched to Year 10 this week. Students have had an introduction session and this week will have a follow up session to create a Unifrog account and complete a quiz on interests. All students have been sent a link via email from Unifrog to create an account. As a parent /carer if you would like access to the Unifrog platform please sign up here, <a href="https://www.unifrog.org/code">https://www.unifrog.org/code</a> using this form code, KTRNParents</p> <p>All information about Unifrog is on our website with a presentation informing you about how it can help support students with their career choices. Any questions please email <a href="mailto:gardiners@skdrive.org">gardiners@skdrive.org</a></p>
Miss Sutton	Miss Sutton's classes *only*	<p><b>The following practicals will be taking place next week:</b></p> <p>Monday 24th May - 8r Apple cake          Tuesday 25th May 7r - Rock cakes                                            7l - Rock cakes                                            9l - Tomato and basil tart</p> <p>Wednesday 26th May 8l - Pasta          Friday 27st May - Tomato and basil tart</p> <p>Ingredients have been posted on ClassCharts.          Aprons are compulsory for the lessons.</p>
Mr Hodgson	Bronze DofE (Year 9 and 10)	<p>Thank you to all those who attended training last Saturday. The practice walk will be on the <b>12 June (starting from school at 09.00, walking all day until around 15.00)</b>. The expeditions are planned for <b>26-27 June</b>, starting at school one day (26th) and in the Mendips on the other day (27th). <b>A kit list was issued and can be found on the Google classroom</b> - we have a small amount of kit we can lend, so please contact Mr Hodgson. Please let me know if you have any questions or need some more information.</p>

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

All years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Changes to September 2021 academic year.</li> <li>● Student Protest</li> </ul>
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**UPCOMING EVENTS - click [here](#) to see all upcoming events**

Friday 28 May

END OF TERM 5

Monday 7 June

START OF TERM 6