

Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 24 September 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

Please ensure your child brings a clean face mask with them to school every day.

Thank you to all parents/carers for your understanding on Wednesday when we were alerted by a parent/carer about an incident in Lawrence Weston. Once we had confirmation from the Police, coaches and students left the site. Students were very mature, showing patience and understanding throughout.

This week saw the return of our assemblies and how wonderful it was to see our houses back in the lecture theatre, being led by their Head of House and very important House Leaders. Interviews for our Head Students took place this week and we are delighted to share that Grace Newby and Sharmarka Mattan have been appointed. Congratulations to them both, along with all the other candidates who will form a strong leadership team across the sixth form and school. We look forward to seeing their positive impact on the school.

In the interests of safety, please use the overflow car park to collect your child from school. The congestion in the staff car park is becoming a concern along with parents/carers blocking access to cars leaving spaces including the spaces for those with disabilities. We will keep this under review and should the situation not improve we will close the staff car park during pick up time.

You will have heard in the news that all young people aged 12-15 are being offered a first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. Public Health England has shared some [resources](#) and [FAQs](#) and we will write to all parents with further details once confirmed

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

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

School	All	<p>Disabled parking bays</p> <p>Please note the disabled parking bays are allocated bays for blue badge holders only. Please do not park in the bays unless you have a blue badge.</p>
Miss Ardell	All	<p>Want to use science, technology, engineering & maths to make an impact? Sign up to the STEM summit here: https://www.youthstem2030.org/summit . It is a free online event over the weekend of 27th and 28th November about using STEM to be inspired, gain skills, and take action to tackle the world's biggest challenges. This is not run by the school but will be a great experience!</p>
Bristol North West Foodbank	All	<p>'Eat Well, Spend Less' Cookery Course</p> <p>Please note, this course is for adults only</p> <p>A six week free course starts 2 November 9.30am - 12 noon at Bristol North West Foodbank, St Andrews Church, Avonmouth To book your place call 0117 9235343 or email office@bristolnwfoodbank.org.uk</p>
Mrs Weatherson	Years 10 & 11	<p>Room 36 will be open to all Year 10 and 11 GCSE photography students who would like some extra time to work or to catch up.</p>

	GCSE Photography	
Mrs Jenkins (Miss Sutton)	Food and nutrition students	Practical lessons for next week: Monday 27th September - 7r Deli salad Tuesday 28th September - 8r Flapjacks Soda bread Wednesday 29th September - 10C Cauliflower cheese Wednesday 29th September - 8l Flapjacks Thursday 30th September - 11C Choux pastry Thursday 30th September - 9l Pear tray bake
Ms Wild	Years 7-9 English	All students in Years 7-9 are expected to read for at least twenty minutes every day at home, and log their reading on their digital reading log via their English Google classroom. Any questions or requests for support with this, please email wildi@skdrive.org . Thank you.
Mrs Collins	Drama (Years 7, & 9)	KS3 drama club will be starting on Thursday 30 September during tutor time - 8:30 - 9:00am. Students will be registered here. Any questions please email Collinsl@skdrive.org
Miss Adams	Trailblazers students (Years 7 & 8 only)	We are really excited about the launch of the trailblazers scheme. Over 40 students in Year 7 and 8 have signed up for the scheme to learn a woodwind or brass instrument. You will have now received an email confirming the instrument allocation. Unfortunately we are experiencing some delays in the supply of the instruments we have purchased; please await an email with details of the start date. Any questions please email me: adamsa@skdrive.org
Miss Adams	Music	If your child has instrumental lessons IN SCHOOL please could you take a moment to check the timetables for their lesson day and time to help them remember. Thank you.
Mr Hodgson	DofE	Enrolment has started for Bronze (Year 9) and Silver (Year 10) Information about enrolment can be found on the google classrooms - the code for Bronze is uwhr5vw and the Silver is smf2imy . Please let Mr Hodgson know if you have any questions or need any more information. hodgsont@skdrive.org

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

Year 9	Duke of Edinburgh Award Year 9
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UPCOMING EVENTS - click [here](#) to see all upcoming events

1 October	INSET DAY- School closed to students
7 October	16:00-19:00 Year 7 Tutor Evening (online)
4 November	16:00-19:00 Year 9 Progress Evening (online)
16 December	16:00-19:00 Year 10 Progress Evening (online)

20 January	16:00-19:00 Year 11 Progress Evening (online)
3 February	16:00-19:00 Year 7 Progress Evening (online)
3 March	16:00-19:00 Year 12 & 13 Progress Evening (online)
28 April	16:00-19:00 Year 8 Progress Evening (online)