

Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 1 October 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

Our attention has turned to the number of positive cases creeping up within our community this week. We are determined to try and stay ahead of any rising infection line and this week assemblies reverted back to our online version. We have spoken to all students yesterday to remind them of their responsibilities:

- **Please ensure your child/dren has at least one mask with them each day, ideally a reusable one.**

Your child is responsible for having a mask each day and we will be considering detentions for those who repeatedly fail to bring a mask. From next week all students and staff must wear a mask in indoor spaces (canteen, corridors, buses) where large numbers of students from different year groups are mixing. We do not have sufficient supplies to provide them for students or staff. Should you have any problems sourcing masks please contact your child's tutor in advance so we can help.

- **Please ensure your child/children continue to test twice a week, regardless of symptoms**
- **If your child has any symptoms, please ensure you book a PCR test.**

We will continue to work with the Public Health England South West team and keep our guidance and risk assessment under review. We have been working with PHE regarding the roll out of the COVID vaccine for 12-15 year olds. Please see full details in the [letter sent to all parents/carers](#).

We have completed all national tests with Year 7-10 and will be sharing this information along with some strategies on how parents/carers can support their child/ren. Reading each day remains the single most important activity for all children and we will share our strategies for supporting this shortly.

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 years	<p>Uniform - Monkhouse: We are aware that a number of parents are still waiting for orders to arrive from Monkhouse and share your frustration that these orders are taking so long to reach you. Following a meeting with Monkhouse this week, we can confirm that the majority of orders are in stock and are ready to be picked and dispatched. We have informed them that we expect the backlog to be cleared before we reach the half-term break. Although many suppliers are struggling with supply chains at the moment, we are disappointed with the lack of communication to parents and to school and would like to assure you that we continually evaluate and review all suppliers to seek the best service for our community.</p> <p>Uniform adjustments - winter: As colder weather approaches, we will be taking a weather-dependent approach to wearing coats indoors. We continue to ask staff to keep windows open in line with our risk assessment for COVID-19 and this means that some teaching rooms may be colder than others. Where a teacher decides that the temperature in the room is not adequate, they will give permission for children to wear coats. Please note, hoodies remain prohibited on the school site. If your child does not have a winter coat and purchasing one would place you in financial hardship, please contact your child's Head of House and we will support where possible.</p>
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School	Year 7	A reminder of the Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening on Thursday 7 October. Please click here for further details.
School	All years	Parent/Carer Association Meeting (Virtual) - Thursday 14 October 2021 Open to all parents and carers where we discuss parent/carers topics. Previous meeting agenda and notes are on our website and the agenda and link for this meeting will be circulated next week. We look forward to seeing you on 14 October.
Mr Francis Black	All SK Bus users	I have now set up Class Charts so that it can be used to deliver announcements regarding the running of our bus services. Should any bus be delayed, I will use this system to notify parents of students on the affected service of the later departure time. To ensure you receive these notifications promptly it is best to install the Class Charts parent app on your mobile device of choice.
Miss Adams Music	All years	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.
Miss Adams Music	Trailblazers students (Y7 and 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. Please can I ask that you complete the instrument insurance form if you have not already done so. 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
Mrs Jenkins (Miss Sutton)	Food and nutrition students	Practical lessons for next week: Monday 4th October - 7r Vegetable Soup Tuesday 5th October - 9l Chow mein Tuesday 5th October - 8l Dutch Apple cake Wednesday 6th October - 10C Fruit dish Wednesday 6th October - 11c Sweetcorn fritters Thursday 7th October - 8r Dutch Apple cake Friday 8th October - 7l Savoury crumble Friday 8th October - 9r Spring rolls All practicals have been set as homework on ClassCharts.
Miss Joseph	Year 7 Maths	Year 7 Maths newsletter
Miss Joseph	Year 8 Maths	Year 8 Maths newsletter
Miss Daniels	Year 9 Maths	Year 9 maths newsletter
Miss Daniels	Year 10 Maths	Year 10 maths newsletter

Miss Daniels	Year 11 Maths	Year 11 maths newsletter
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LETTERS - click [here](#) to see all letters from this academic year

Year 7 Years 7-11	Year 7 Virtual Meet the Tutor Evening Vaccinations for 12-15 year olds
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UPCOMING EVENTS - click [here](#) to see all upcoming events

	Please note the following parent/carer meetings are being held online:
7 October	16:00-19:00 Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening
14 October	18:30-19:30 Parent Association
4 November	16:00-19:00 Year 9 Progress Evening
16 December	16:00-19:00 Year 10 Progress Evening
20 January	16:00-19:00 Year 11 Progress Evening
3 February	16:00-19:00 Year 7 Progress Evening
3 March	16:00-19:00 Year 12 & 13 Progress Evening
28 April	16:00-19:00 Year 8 Progress Evening