

Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 8 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

We continue with the theme of COVID 19 which remains present within our community. We continue to monitor the cases across our community and thank you to everyone for testing and reporting regularly. Please read the [attached letter](#) which the Department for Education has promoted to all schools. It is critical that each of us plays our part. We are aware of some frustrations staff and families are experiencing regarding multiple positive LFDs followed by negative PCR tests and this appears to be prevalent in the South West. Please continue to follow the guidelines and test twice weekly.

Thank you for your continued patience and tolerance with resolving uniform at the start of this year. We recognise this is still not resolved for all families and please be reassured we will continue to make adjustments and will support all families until the supply issues are resolved. Once resolved, we will confirm the steps we are taking with families to ensure the experiences of this year are not repeated.

Next Thursday is our first Online Parent/Carer Association Meeting of the year. For new families who have joined us this year, all parents/carers are welcome. The meetings have become a valued and important forum for discussion on any current items raised by parents/carers. Full agendas and meetings are on the [school website](#). Should you have any feedback on this forum which has now been running for over two years, please do share it with us at school@skdrive.org.

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 / sendteam@skdrive.org for day to day issues
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

Miss Richards	All years	<p>This autumn, all young people aged 12-15 are being offered a first dose of the Covid-19 vaccine at the same time as the annual flu vaccine.</p> <p>Children who are 12 years old and over on the day the School Age Immunisation Service (SAIS) team visits, will be offered a Covid-19 vaccination as part of the in-school vaccination programme. For those under the age of 12, they will be offered a flu vaccination. The SAIS team will visit on Monday 18th, Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th October. Students will only be vaccinated if consent has been obtained from parents.</p> <p>Our local SAIS provider, Sirona Care & Health, is legally responsible for the delivery of the Covid-19 vaccine and flu vaccine. Parents/Carers can provide consent for both the flu and the Covid-19 vaccine, for one or other of the vaccines or neither. St Katherine's is not delivering or responsible for the vaccines and so will not have access to any of the consent data that is gathered. However, we will share the consent links with you early next week.</p>
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School	All years	<p>Parent Carer Association A reminder of the Parent/Carer Association meeting on Thursday 14 October. Click here for the agenda and click here to join the meeting.</p>
Miss Gardiner	All years	<p>Careers Bulletin October 2021 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: gardiners@skdrive.org</p>
Miss Richards	Year 11	<p>We have now received confirmation of the structure of the 2022 Summer examinations. The summary of changes is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> There will be optional topics and content in GCSE English literature, history and geography. <input type="checkbox"/> Art and photography will be assessed via the portfolio only. <input type="checkbox"/> Exam boards will provide advanced information about the focus of the content of exams for all GCSE subjects except GCSE English literature, history and geography by 7 February 2022 at the latest. <input type="checkbox"/> Students will be given a formulae sheet for GCSE mathematics and a revised equation sheet for GCSE physics and combined science. <p>Usually, previous years are used to outline grade boundaries. However, this year, grades will be designed to reflect an average between 2021 and 2019. This means that results next year will be higher than in 2019 but not as high as in 2021.</p> <p>With these changes in mind, we will provide students with content lists to support with their mock preparation. Their first set of mocks will begin at the end of November.</p>
Mr Davies	Year 11	<p>We look forward to welcoming all Year 11 parents and carers to our Sixth Form Open Evening on 17 November. All being well, this will be done in person. Please keep an eye out for guidance in the coming weeks.</p>
Ms Jefferson	Years 7-10	<p>Next week, all students in Years 7-10 will have the opportunity to experience free, live theatre in school, a real treat since such enrichment has been limited during the pandemic. Please can you ensure that students bring a face mask into school to wear during the performance, which will take place in year group bubbles.</p> <p>Details of the show can be found here: https://www.roustabouttheatre.co.uk/productions/</p>
School	Year 7	<p>Thank you for joining us for the Year 7 Meet the Tutor evening. We hope you found the evening useful. Should you have any feedback on the evening, please share with us using this form.</p>
Mrs Lewis	Year 7 Science	<p>You will be able to purchase a science KS3 revision guide for your child to use from now until the end of KS3 in Year 9. These are available on parentpay for £6. Deadline for purchasing is 22 October. The order will be placed after this deadline and children will receive their guides after half term. Further details in the letter sent out this week..</p>

Mrs Jenkins	Food and nutrition students	<p>Practical lessons for next week: Monday 11th October - 7r Savoury crumble Tuesday 12th October - 8r Cheese and onion pasties Tuesday 12th October -10d Vegetable and halloumi skewers Wednesday 13th October - 10c Vegetable and halloumi skewers Wednesday 13th October - 8l Cheese and onion pasties Friday 15th October - 7l Croque Monsieur Friday 15th October - 9r Pizza</p> <p>Please ensure all students bring in an apron from home. All practicals have been set as homework on ClassCharts.</p>
Mr Francis Black	All SK Bus users	<p>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.</p>
Mr Hodgson	Duke of Edinburgh	<p>We will be starting to get eDofE accounts sorted 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. If you are interested in starting or continuing your DofE Award, please join the classrooms and complete the enrolment forms. Please let Mr Hodgson know if you have any questions or need any more information. hodgsont@skdrive.org</p>
Mr Hodgson	Enrichment	<p>We will be using trangias again, this time with some food or drink! Please check class charts to see what students need to bring.</p>
Miss Adams	Trailblazers	<p>I am pleased to say that the first trailblazers group of flute players had their first lesson this week. Instruments are now beginning to arrive in school and so other instruments will start very soon.</p> <p>I have set up a trailblazers google classroom for ease of communication. I have added all trailblazers students to this and also parents/carers. Please accept the invitation and check for messages. Thank you.</p>

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

Year 7 All years	Year 7 Science Revision Guide Home Testing
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UPCOMING EVENTS - click [here](#) to see all upcoming events

14 October	18:30-19:30 Parent Association (Virtual Meeting)
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