

## Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 22 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

Term 1 concludes with a bumpy end but this should not distract ourselves from what has been a productive and purposeful first term. The changes we made for September are embedding and our curriculum experience is now both deeper and broader for all students, offering all students a great experience, full of opportunity. This is all captured within our newsletter which will follow shortly.

We have shared some recent assessment information with children and parents/carers this week. Please take time to digest this and consider how you can embed some of the strategies shared into your weekly routines.

We will continue to review our risk assessment at the beginning of Term 2 and very much hope for a smooth experience for all. It is vital that we all take our responsibility of twice weekly testing seriously and continue to report this each week through Classcharts, including during the holiday period. Please see Miss Richards' note below.

We look forward to students returning on Wednesday 3 November. For a smooth start to Term 2, please ensure your child returns with:

- A negative LFD
- No symptoms
- At least one clean face mask

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](#).

Thank you to all parents/carers for your support at the start of the year.

Wishing all families a restful half term break.

Kind regards

Justin Humphreys  
**Headteacher**

## 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:wyldl@skdrive.org">wyldl@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> / <a href="mailto:sendteam@skdrive.org">sendteam@skdrive.org</a> for day to day issues
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

Mrs Crocker	All years	<p><b>Internet Safety</b></p> <p>It is really important to chat with your children on an ongoing basis about staying safe online. Not sure where to begin? The UK Safer Internet Centre has advice for parents including conversation starters that can help open up communication with children. The UK Safer Internet has a huge range of support and guidance for parents too. You can find the conversation starters <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
Miss Richards	All years	<p>Please support your child in completing their lateral flow tests at home. <b>Twice weekly testing should continue during the half term break and students should also test on Tuesday 2 November</b>, the day before we return to school. Results should be recorded on classcharts and on the government test and trace website.</p>
Finance	All years	<p>Recently a number of lunch accounts have gone overdrawn. To avoid this, Parentpay allows you to set a reminder to top up when the balance falls below a certain amount.</p>

		<b>To set an alert go to ‘Communication’, ‘Alert Settings’, ‘Balance Alerts’. Set a threshold amount (say £5) and tick email box.</b> You will then be emailed a low balance alert when your child’s lunch account falls below £5. You can also set alerts for new items added to child’s Parentpay account.
Mrs Ivey	Year 11	<b>Today in science lessons we have discussed with Year 11 students how to revise and prepare for the November mock examinations.</b> You can find a copy of the presentation with links to revision lists <a href="#">here</a> . If you have any questions please contact your child’s science teachers.
Mr Davies	Year 11	We have had some brilliant conversations with students over recent weeks regarding their future plans, and discussing St Katherine’s’ own thriving Sixth Form. <b>Sixth Form Open Evening will be on site at St Katherine’s on 17 November</b> and parents/carers will receive a letter outlining how to sign up before the break. If you have any questions at all, please contact <a href="mailto:daviesg@skdrive.org">daviesg@skdrive.org</a>
Mr Francis-Black	Year 10	We apologise for having to make this change in the calendar but due to logistical reasons, <b>the Year 10 Progress Evening will now take place on Thursday 6 January 2022.</b> Please click <a href="#">here</a> for a reminder of the progress check dates for 2021/22.
Miss Campbell,	Year 8-12	<b>Lightbox Theatre Company are offering free drama workshops for St Katherine’s students in Years 8-12.</b> Sessions are taking place on Saturday’s from 10:30am - 12pm from 6 November until 11 December. They will be held in the Docklands Community Centre, St Pauls, BS2 8UF. If you have any questions at all, please contact: <a href="mailto:takepart@lightboxtheatre.co.uk">takepart@lightboxtheatre.co.uk</a> .
Ms Wylld	Years 7-9	<b>We are about to launch our very first <a href="#">Readathon</a> event.</b> For 1 month from 1st November students will be encouraged to be sponsored for all the fantastic reading they do. Not only do they get to enjoy brilliant books, the money raised will go to support reading and storytelling at Bristol Children’s Hospital, and 20% of everything raised buys books for our school library!
Ms Wild	Years 7-8	<b>All students follow the Accelerated Reader scheme. More details can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</b> Please encourage your child to quiz their book as soon as they finish reading - see link <a href="#">here</a> . Students receive a P3 for every quiz, and this contributes towards the house competition for quizzing.
Miss Adams	Trailblazers students	<b>The trailblazers scheme is now up and running with flutes, clarinets and saxophones having started already. Oboes are due to start this Friday from 12.30pm-1pm.</b> Other instruments will be following shortly. I have set up a trailblazers google classroom to post information and notices and all trailblazer students and parents/carers have been invited to join. Please check your emails and accept the invitation.

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

Year 9	Year 9 Progress Evening 4.11.21
All Years	Partial School Closure on 22.10.21
Years 7-11	NHS Community Clinics Covid-19 Immunisation Programme
Year 11	Sixth Form Open Evening 17.11.21

**UPCOMING EVENTS - click [here](#) to see all upcoming events**

1 November	INSET DAY
2 November	INSET DAY
3 November	START OF TERM 2
4 November	16:00-19:00 Year 9 Progress Evening
17 November	18:00-19:00 Sixth Form Open Evening