

**Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 12 November 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.

<b>MESSAGES</b>		
School	All years	Check your child has at least one clean mask with them for school and a spare in their bag. Continue to test twice weekly recording any positive test result on Classcharts
Mrs Crocker	All years	<p><b>Online Safety</b></p> <p>Childnet's <a href="#">Parent and Carers Toolkit</a> is filled with quick, easy and practical things you can do to help protect your children on the internet. It includes help with how to talk to your child about how they spend their time online and how to communicate key online safety messages. The Toolkit is straightforward, easy to use and includes links to more detailed and specific information and support if you need it. Three useful resources in the toolkit are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Let's talk about life online</a> gives you clear guidance and tips for building strong, open communication about life online.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Our Family Agreement</a>. A useful tool to help households come together and decide and agree upon some rules around internet use.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Parents' and Carers' Resource sheet</a> provides links to further information, support and organisations that are most relevant for parents and carers.</li> </ul>
Mrs Crocker	All Years	<p><b>Mental health and wellbeing</b></p> <p><a href="#">Kooth.com</a> is available for all young people aged 10-18+ (up to age 25 if the young person is leaving care or has an additional need) in North Somerset with free, safe and anonymous wellbeing support and advice. Accessible from any internet enabled device, Kooth is available every day. Kooth are hosting a webinar for parents on 8 December at 4.00pm for parents and carers who would like to know more about Kooth. You can reserve a place by following this link <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/198299648587">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/198299648587</a></p>
Sirona Care & Health School Health Nursing Team	All years	Please click <a href="#">here</a> for the Parent/Carer School Health Nursing Team Webinar dates for December and details of how to book onto sessions.
Ms Tallis	All years	<p><b>Winter House Card Competition</b></p> <p><b>Please encourage your child/ren to enter the St Katherine's School House Winter Card Competition 2021</b> - Deadline Tuesday 30 November. Students to hand in entries to their Art teacher. 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize awarded to each House. Winners receive a pack of their printed cards.</p>
Miss McInerney	All Years	<a href="#">Young Writer Rotary and House Competition</a>

Mrs Crocker	All years	<p><b>Mental health and wellbeing</b></p> <p>We are circulating information about the new National Sleep Helpline to school nurses and anyone responsible for child health and well being. One in four children in the UK are not getting enough sleep, this has an impact on their behaviour and ability to learn, as well as their physical health.</p> <p>The National Sleep Helpline is a free helpline, run by trained sleep advisors who can talk to young people directly, or their parents. The helpline is open 5 nights a week, Sunday to Thursday, 7-9pm and the number is 03303 530 541.</p> <p>You can read more here:  <a href="https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/national-sleep-helpline/">https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/national-sleep-helpline/</a></p>
School	All years	<p>We have had some cases recently where children have contacted home on their own devices. We ask parents to support the school's mobile phone policy by reminding children that all communication with home must be carried out through reception. Children must not call/text home from their own mobile phones. If your child does contact you directly from their own phone, please call reception on 01275 373737 to let us know.</p>
Mr Francis Black	All years	<p><b>Progress Evenings</b> - Many thanks to all those who completed feedback regarding the recent year 9 progress evening. The overwhelming opinion was that the online system was a very positive step, eliminating the need for travel and ensuring that all meetings run on time. Suggestions were made regarding how we can further improve things and this includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All meetings begin with teachers addressing the questions of parents/carers so that these do not get missed.</li> <li>• Clearer direction that students should be in attendance at all meetings</li> <li>• Should meetings not run as expected parents/carers can request a follow up phone call or email via <a href="mailto:school@skdrive.org">school@skdrive.org</a></li> <li>• We will work with the provider of the online system to address some of the technical issues around joint meetings with parents/carers in different locations.</li> </ul>
Mrs Jenkins	Food and nutrition students	<p><b>Practical lessons for next week:</b></p> <p>Monday 15th November - 9l Cheesecake  Monday 15th November - 7r Mini fruit cakes  Tuesday 16th November - 8r Fajitas  Tuesday 16th November - Quiche  Wednesday 17th November - Quiche  Wednesday 17th November - Fajitas  Friday 19th November - 7l Mini fruit cakes  Friday 19th November - 9r Cheesecake</p> <p>Please ensure all students bring in an apron from home. All practicals have been set as homework on ClassCharts.</p>
Mrs Jenkins	Year 11 Food Preparation and Nutrition students	<p>GCSE revision club will be taking place after school Thursdays. This will finish by 4pm.</p> <p>All students in the class are welcome to join.</p>

Mr Mclean	Geography exam students	There is an opportunity to purchase discounted revision guides for Y10, 11, 12 and 13 students on parent pay until 19 November.
Mr Dawes	Year 9	A reminder that Rugby Practice is on Thursdays. This will finish at 16:30 due to light.
Mr Hodgson	Adventure Training Club (Year 9-13)	<p>I'm looking to recruit new members of St Katherine's Adventure Training Club for Year 9-13. Before COVID-19, we had started a great club with regular trips. The group went caving, surfing, hill walking and mountain biking with plans to do much more! I'm looking to start up trips again, with a trip to the Brecon Beacons at the beginning of December. If students want to be involved in Adventure Training Club, then please ask them to join the classroom with the code</p> <p>whwymkh</p> <p>Or follow the <a href="#">Link Here</a></p>

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

Year 11 Year 7	Sixth Form Open Evening Year 7 Girls' PSHE Lesson
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**UPCOMING EVENTS - click [here](#) to see all upcoming events**

17 November 25 November	18:00-19:30 Sixth Form Open Evening (Virtual) 16:00-19:00 Year 8 Progress Evening (Virtual)
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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](#).

## 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>
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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>
Literacy Development	Ms J Jefferson	<a href="mailto:jeffersonj@skdrive.org">jeffersonj@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: <a href="#">Tell Someone Form</a>		