

## Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 19 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.

MESSAGES		
Mr Humphreys	All years	<p><b>Coffee Morning with the Headteacher</b> It's been a long time since some of us have had an opportunity to meet in person. Why not join us for a coffee/tea with the Headteacher on Thursday 2 December, 9.30-11.00am in The Leaf. Please let Mrs Moller know if you would like to come along - <a href="mailto:mollerj@skdrive.org">mollerj@skdrive.org</a>, as there will be light refreshments. We look forward to seeing you.</p>
School	All years	<p>We have received some enquiries about Covid drop in vaccination clinics. <b>For advice please contact the Immunisation Team on 01275 373104 or email <a href="mailto:o.lee@nhs.net">o.lee@nhs.net</a></b> Alternatively you can book through the NHS website: <a href="https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/">https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/</a></p>
Mr Francis Black	All SK Bus users	<p><b>We have had occasions when buses have been late in the morning</b> and communicating this with parents and students has been difficult. Please accept my apologies for the confusion and disruption that results from this. <b>I would like to clarify the processes for dealing with any future lateness.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Students should wait at their stop for up to 30 mins after the published time after which they should return home.</li> <li>2) If a bus has not arrived 15 mins after the published time, students should contact the school by text or phone on 07926 445430. They should clearly state the route and stop at which there is an issue.</li> <li>3) Once I have established with Turners the details of the late running service I will communicate it via a Class Charts announcement. This produces push notifications via the Class Charts app so please ensure that you have installed the app where possible.</li> </ol>
School	All years	<p><b>Please take a few minutes to update the consents that we hold for the use of your child's image using this <a href="#">form</a>.</b> It would be helpful if all families could complete this for each child so that we have a full and accurate record.</p>
Mrs Crocker	All years	<p>The vast majority of our students have mobile phones and use them appropriately and safely. For many parents their child's mobile phone is a way of tracking their location and making sure they are safe, especially on the journey to and from school. <b>Spending time on mobile devices can expose children to harmful content and the UK Safer Internet Centre has a large range of resources for parents that can help them make sure their children are using their phones in a safe way.</b> The resources they have published online can be found by clicking on this <a href="#">link</a>.</p>

Ms Wyld	All years	E-Platform - we were able to offer access to support students during lockdowns and while isolating, but as the LRC is now fully open to students every day and we are a device-free school, we no longer subscribe to the service. <b>If you are keen to access audiobooks at home, please look at this <a href="#">link</a> for some great free alternatives.</b>
Pill Food Bank	All years	<b>We provide food parcels to feed a family for three days. These are available to anyone in need. Food parcels can be collected or delivered - whichever people prefer. If you need any toiletries added please ask.</b>  <b>For a parcel call James on 07827 032219.</b>
Mrs Slater	Parents / carers of pupils with SEND	<b>The organisation, 'Supportive Parents' is now known as 'SEND and you' (SAY).</b> They have updated their website: <a href="https://www.sendandyou.org.uk/">https://www.sendandyou.org.uk/</a> and have a new animation to promote their organisation: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s3rUkCdy_cU">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s3rUkCdy_cU</a>
Ms Tallis	Years 13 & 12 Art	<b>All art A Level students have opted to participate in the life drawing session which will take place after school next Wed 24 Nov.</b> We will have a visiting tutor from Weston College and the class is free of charge. The session will be finished by 4.45pm and students will need to arrange their own transport home.
Ms Tallis	Years 13 & 12 Art	<b>We are delighted that all current art A Level students have taken up the opportunity to visit the Tate Modern &amp; National Portrait Gallery in London next Thurs 25 November.</b> We will be meeting outside Blacks on Bond St at 7.15am for the 7.40am bus and will return to the same point at 9pm. Please be on time, the bus will not wait. Students will need a packed lunch and a contactless option of paying for the underground journeys.
Mrs Weatherson	GCSE photography / A level media	<b>We are thrilled to be able to offer the Warner Bros Studios tour again this year.</b> This really is a magical trip for the digital creative arts students; providing the opportunity for a location photography project and for students to gain a better understanding of the world of filmmaking. It feels extra special this year to be able to offer this experience in the last week of term before the Christmas break.
Mr Davies	Year 11	<b>A huge thank you to the parents and carers who attended our Sixth Form Open Evening on Wednesday.</b> It was a pleasure to see so many attendees, and we hope you found it valuable. A recording of the event will be shared soon, and you can also find out more about St Katherine's Sixth Form on our <a href="#">virtual hub</a> .
Mrs Jenkins	Food and nutrition students	<b>Practical lessons for next week:</b> Wednesday 24th November - Scones Thursday 25th November - Scones  Please ensure all students bring in an apron from home. All practicals have been set as homework on ClassCharts.
Mrs Lewis	Year 9 - Science	<b>All Year 9 students will be completing a science test on topics taught at the start of Year 9. This test will be during the week beginning 29 November in science lessons.</b> Revision lists can be found <a href="#">here</a> or on their

		google classrooms. Students need to use green KS3 revision guides and links within the revision lists.
Mr Dawes	Year 8 and Year 9	<b>If you are taught by Mr Dawes, Mr Cook or Mr Thomas and are in Year 8 or Year 9 then you will need studded boots and shin pads for PE lessons.</b> Students have been told of the activity change in lesson(s) and this is a reminder that boots and shin pads (part of the compulsory kit list) will be required as of next week.
Mrs Lewis	Year 7 - Science	<b>KS3 revision guides purchased before half term are now available for collection from the library during break or lunch time.</b>
Mrs Lewis	Year 7 - Science	<b>All Year 7 students will be completing their first science test during the week beginning 13 December.</b> Revision lists of what to revise can be found <a href="#">here</a> or on their google classrooms. Students need to use green KS3 revision guides and links within the revision lists.
Miss Adams	Trailblazers students	I am delighted that all trailblazers lessons are now up and running. We have 48 students across Y7 and 8 involved in this exciting opportunity to learn a woodwind or brass instrument at a heavily subsidised rate. Please help support your child's learning by ensuring they know their lesson time, remember to bring their instrument and practice weekly.
Miss Adams	Instrument storage	<b>Students who are bringing instruments into school now have a dedicated space to leave them.</b> There is an instrument storage cupboard in the music department which will be left open so that students can drop off/collect their instruments at various times of day.
Mr Hodgson	Bronze DofE	If you have not logged on to eDofE or started adding your activities onto eDofE - <b>please come to lab 4 at Lunchtime on Wednesday 26 November.</b> <b>If you have any questions or issues relating to DofE,</b> please email Mr Hodgson <a href="mailto:hodgsont@skdrive.org">hodgsont@skdrive.org</a>

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

Year 8	Year 8 Progress Evening
--------	-------------------------

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

25 November	16:00-19:00 Year 8 Progress Evening (Virtual) 07:15-21:00 Year 12&13 Art trip to the Tate Modern & National Portrait Gallery 12.20-16:00 Year 12 Maths Inspiration, Bristol Hippodrome
-------------	--

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>
Equality, Diversity & Inclusion	Ms J Jefferson	<a href="mailto:jeffersonj@skdrive.org">jeffersonj@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>
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: [Tell Someone Form](#)