

**Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 09 September 2022**



Following the death of Queen Elizabeth II on Thursday 8 September 2022, the St Katherine's community offers its condolences to the royal family at this time.

We have this morning begun marking this historic moment, taking time to reflect on the life of Queen Elizabeth II and will now consider how we wish to commemorate her long service to our country.

We recognise staff and students will need different support during this time and will remind students of the support available within our community.

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>                      |           |  |
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| Mr Court<br>(Year 11<br>Coordinator) | Year 11   | <p>I would like to welcome year 11 back to school.</p> <p>Some key dates for your calendar:</p> <p>14 Nov-2 Dec    Mocks</p> <p>16 Nov            St Katherine's 6th form open evening</p> <p>6 Mar-24 Mar    Mocks</p> <p>2 May - 23 Jun   Exam season</p> <p>29th June        Leavers' Day and Prom (provisional date)</p> <p>There will be lots more exciting opportunities and events coming up over the coming months. Please feel to contact me with any queries <a href="mailto:court@skdrive.org">court@skdrive.org</a></p>  |
| Lockers                              | All years | Lockers that have been paid for will be allocated as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience.  |
| Mrs Collins<br>Miss Adams            | All years | <p><b>Grease is the word!</b></p> <p>We are so excited to be able to reinstate the annual school musical this academic year and we would love as many students to get involved as possible!</p> <p>If your child would like to take part in the chorus they need to attend rehearsals every <b>Monday 3pm - 5pm</b>. This means rehearsals will start in the allotted enrichment time period 6 and run into afterschool. This means your child will need to have transport organised from 5pm.</p> <p>The school show will take place <b>the week commencing 12th December 2022</b> further details on how to purchase tickets, timings and the runnings of this week will be shared as we get closer to the time.</p> <p>If you or your child has any questions please drop me an email or ask them to come along to the performing arts office during break or lunchtime.</p> <p><a href="mailto:Collinsl@skdrive.org">Collinsl@skdrive.org</a> <a href="mailto:Adamsa@skdrive.org">Adamsa@skdrive.org</a></p> |

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| School                | Year 10   | <p><b>HPV Vaccination</b></p> <p>Sirona School's Immunisation team will be on site on the 22nd September to administer HPV vaccine to Y10 students. Please return the form attached <a href="#">here</a> to the School reception either you accept or refuse the vaccine for your child (please ignore that refers to Y8-Y9 students).</p>  |
| Ms Tallis             | Years 7, 8 & 9 plus GCSE & A Level art students | <p>In art lessons we use a wide range of materials, many that are costly. If you are able to, and would like to, we would very much appreciate the payment of a <b>voluntary</b> contribution towards the media that your child will use this year in art lessons. The suggested amounts are £6 for a KS3 student and £9 for a GCSE or A level art student. Payments can be made through ParentPay. Many thanks.</p>  |
| Miss Cave             | Whole School                                    | <p><b>Free School Meals</b> if you think you are entitled to claim a free school meal benefit because of your income or circumstances it's essential you apply. For each eligible child, the school receives funding for the next six years, even if their parents go back to full-time paid work. You can apply to North Somerset <a href="#">here</a>. If you have any queries or would like the school to support you with your application please contact reception.</p>  |
| Mrs Jenkins           | Food and nutrition students                     | <p>The practicals for this week are:</p> <p>Monday 12th September - 10A Veg soup<br/>                 Tuesday 13th September - 11D Chocolate mousse<br/>                 Tuesday 13th September - 9R Veggie sushi<br/>                 Wednesday 14th September - 11C Chocolate mousse<br/>                 Wednesday 14th September - 7L Fruit salad<br/>                 Thursday 15th September - 8L Veg sticks and hummus<br/>                 Thursday 15th September - 8R Veg sticks and hummus<br/>                 Friday 16th September - 7R Fruit salad</p> <p>Please ensure ingredients are weighted</p> |
| Mr Simmons and Mr Fey | Engineering                                     | <p>The department will be open during lunchtimes this year for students to use the computer room and workshop facilities. We will run these sessions <b>Monday - Thursday</b> with the exception of Tuesday Week 2. Students should use these sessions to catch up on work, seek one to one support and get ahead on their coursework.</p>  |
| Miss Ball             | PE  | <p>Years 8 &amp; 9 girls PE lessons will include football for term one on a rotation with netball, so students need football boots and shin pads. Your child will know whether they are starting on Netball or Football first.</p>  |
| Miss Adams            | Instrumental lessons                            | <p>All instrumental lessons (through North Somerset Music Service) will <b>start the week beginning Mon 12th Sept</b>. Timetables have been added to the instrumental lessons google classroom and will be displayed on the noticeboard outside the music practice rooms. Tutors will also have copies. Please check that your child knows when and where their lesson is. Any questions please contact Miss Adams (<a href="mailto:adamsa@skdrive.org">adamsa@skdrive.org</a>) or Julie Kearsley (<a href="mailto:kearsleyj@skdrive.org">kearsleyj@skdrive.org</a>)</p>  |
| Miss Adams            | Trailblazers                                    | <p>If your child has signed up for the trailblazers scheme information will be coming out about this shortly.</p>   |
| Miss Adams            | Music co-curricular groups                      | <p>Music co-curricular groups start week beginning 12th Sept (with the exception of Trailblazers orchestra). <b>Choir is on a Monday morning during tutor time in room 26 (8.30am-9am). Orchestra is on a Thursday morning during tutor time in room 26 (8.30am-9am).</b> We register the students within the clubs. Please encourage your child to come along and get involved.</p>  |

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| Mr Francis-Black | Open evening | Our open evening is on <b>Thursday 29 September</b> . The school will therefore be closing early. <b>Buses will be at 1230</b> on this day.  |
| Mr Francis-Black | All Years    | Students are increasingly using IT facilities in their lessons and for many of these uses they require headphones. We would therefore ask that all students keep a small set of ear bud style headphones with a standard 3.5mm headphone jack in their pencil case at all times. If students require a set of headphones these can be purchased from the IT support office at £2 per pair. |
| Mr Francis-Black | All Years    | All details have now been issued for both parent and student accounts in Class Charts. If you need help in setting up either of these accounts please contact your child's tutor.  |

**LETTERS** - click [here](#) to see all letters

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

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| 13 Sep | Y12 & Y13 Parent/Carer information evening         |
| 15 Sep | Sports awards evening                              |
| 21 Sep | Y8-Y11 Parent/Carer information evening (virtual)  |
| 22 Sep | Y10 HPV vaccinations                               |
| 28 Sep | The Macmillan Big Coffee Morning                   |
| 29 Sep | Open evening, school closing early - buses at 1230 |
| 30 Sep | INSET DAY  |
| 5 Oct  | Y7 Parent/Carer meet the tutor                     |
| 13 Oct | Coffee with the Headteacher                        |
| 21 Oct | End of Term 1                                      |