

## Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 16 September 2022

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 Francis Black	Whole School	All families should now have access details for both student and parent apps in Class Charts. If you are missing these details please contact your child's tutor who can provide them. Class Charts is an essential means of keeping up to date with your child's school experience. For help in using Class Charts please see this handy guide: <a href="#">Class_Charts_for_parents_guide.pdf</a>
Mr Francis Black	Year 7	The year 7 information evening took place on Wednesday 7 September. If you were unable to attend please take the time to review the recording of the event which answered many frequently asked questions. <a href="https://youtu.be/BPPYImHkrFg">https://youtu.be/BPPYImHkrFg</a>
Mr Francis Black	Whole School	It has come to my attention that some students have travelled on school buses without having a valid bus pass. All bus users should show their bus pass on boarding the bus and report directly to me anyone who they believe is travelling without a pass. In order to maintain a safe and reliable service for all those who have paid for their bus pass, further consequences will be introduced for those who misuse the service.
Miss Cave	Whole School	<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.
Mr Dawes	Year 7	Year 7 students who are interested in representing school sport teams this year should join SLACK. We use slack to communicate messages about teams. Students can sign up via this link <a href="https://stkathspe.slack.com/join/signup#/domain-signup">https://stkathspe.slack.com/join/signup#/domain-signup</a> for free via their school email address.
Mr Dawes	Year 7	Year 7 Boys rugby practice every Wednesday @ 15:00 - 16:45 after school. All students are welcome, just turn up! On week 2 Wednesday, students are encouraged to access the library on site from 14:00-15:00 to complete homework or daily reading time.  Information on clubs and practices can be found on Twitter and Snapchat @stkathspe
Mr Dawes/Mr Cook	Year 8-11	A reminder that you need to be on SLACK to receive messages about sports teams, if you are not on SLACK from last year then you can join via this link <a href="https://stkathspe.slack.com/join/signup#/domain-signup">https://stkathspe.slack.com/join/signup#/domain-signup</a>
Mr Dawes	Year 7	Please remind students that they need to bring their studded boots to PE lessons.

Mrs Jenkins	Food and nutrition students	<p>The practicals for this week are:</p> <p>Tuesday 20th September - 7L - Deli salad                      Wednesday 21st September - 11C Mini sandwich cakes                      Thursday 22nd September - 10A Cauliflower and broccoli cheese                      Thursday 22nd September - 7R - Deli salad                      Thursday 22nd September - 11D Mini sandwich cakes                      Friday 23rd September - 8L Shortbread                      Friday 23rd September - 9L Chow mein                      Friday 23rd September - 9r Chow mein</p> <p>Please ensure ingredients are weighed.</p>
Mrs Collins/Miss Adams	Years 7-13 School musical	<p>Reminder for students wanting to be involved in Grease are to attend <b>whole cast rehearsals every Monday P6 enrichment until 5pm</b>. If your child did not attend last Monday they have until the Monday 26th Sept to join! Any questions please email staff in the performing arts faculty.  <a href="mailto:Collinsl@skdrive.org">Collinsl@skdrive.org</a> <a href="mailto:Adamsa@skdrive.org">Adamsa@skdrive.org</a></p>
Mrs Robinson	All years - Christian Union	<p>St Katherine's Christian Union is starting back up. It is led by students and facilitated by teachers. It happens every Wednesday break time in room 83. It is open to all students - both to Christians and those interested in the Christian faith.</p>
Ms Tallis	Y10 & 11 GCSE art students	<p>There will be a catch-up session every lunchtime for GCSE art students in rooms 10 &amp; 12 on Mon/Wed/Thurs/Fri &amp; after school on Thurs in room 10. Please encourage your child to attend to aim for the very best outcome for their art GCSE coursework (60% of the final grade).</p>
Ms Keir	All years	<p><a href="#">Weekly Careers Bulletin</a></p>
Miss Adams	Trailblazers	<p>If your child has signed up for the trailblazers scheme information will be coming out about this very shortly. Apologies for the delay whilst we try to source the correct number of instruments required for the 38 students who have signed up to the scheme.</p>
Miss Adams	All years	<p>Music co-curricular groups are now up and running:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Choir on a Monday in room 26 8.30am-9am</b></li> <li>● <b>Trailblazers orchestra on a Wednesday in room 26 8.30am-9am (to start in a few weeks time)</b></li> <li>● <b>Orchestra on a Thursday in room 26 8.30am-9am</b></li> </ul> <p>We had a wonderful first choir rehearsal on Monday 12th September. Singing is a brilliant way to start the week!</p> <p>Please encourage your child to come along and get involved.</p>
Miss Adams	All years	<p>Instrumental lessons are now up and running with <b>the exception of singing lessons. These should start on Wednesday 21st September</b>. I will confirm this via a message on the instrumental lessons google classroom and through tutors.</p>
Mr Davies	Year 12 and Year 13	<p>Thank you to those of you who attended our Post-16 Parents/Carers Information Evening, and huge apologies to anyone who was unable to access the link. Please find a recording of the online event <a href="#">here</a>, and access the slides <a href="#">here</a>.</p>

Ms Jefferson	Year 10 and Year 11 GCSE English	<p>Apologies for any confusion over revision guide purchases. To clarify, <b>Year 11</b> students are studying the <b>Eduqas language and literature courses</b>. The texts they are reading are <i>Romeo and Juliet</i>, <i>An Inspector Calls</i> and <i>Pride and Prejudice</i>.</p> <p><b>Year 10</b> students are also studying the <b>Eduqas literature course</b> and will be reading the same texts. However, Year 10 students are studying the <b>AQA language GCSE</b>. There was a revision guide error last year. If your child has brought home Eduqas language guides, please return them to Ms Wyld in the library and we will exchange them.</p>
Ms Jefferson	Festive Book Bonanza	<p>Following the success of our summer Book Bonanza, we would be grateful for donations of unwanted books in preparation for our Christmas giveaway. Students will then have the opportunity to take home free books for themselves, or as gifts, before the holidays. For this reason, we also welcome younger children's books, which students may wish to give to siblings. Please bring any donations to the English Office.</p>
Mr Hodgson	Duke of Edinburgh	<p>We will soon be launching the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award for students in Year 9, Silver for Year 10s and Gold for Sixth Formers. There will be an online information meetings at the start of October. You can join the classrooms for more information using the codes:                  Bronze (Year 9) <b>ijjtus</b> or click <a href="#">here</a>                  Silver (Year 10) <b>qytb2m6</b> or click <a href="#">here</a>                  Gold (Sixth Form) <b>l6qo6jj</b> or click <a href="#">here</a></p>
Mr Hodgson	Adventure Training Club (Year 9-13)	<p>Throughout the year, the Adventure Training Club aims to get St Katherine's students outside and having adventures. Whether we are climbing, hiking, caving, surfing, abseiling, biking or kayaking, we hope to give you a chance to try something new, meet new people and have amazing experiences. If you are interested in taking part in trips this year, please complete <a href="#">this form</a> and <a href="#">join the google classroom</a> using the code <b>whwymkh</b>.</p>

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

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

19 Sep	School closed as a mark of respect for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II
21 Sep	1800-1900 Y8-Y11 Parent/Carer information evening ( <a href="#">link</a> )
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
4 Oct	Open morning
5 Oct	Y7 Parent/Carer meet the tutor
6 Oct	Open morning
14 Oct	083:0-10:00 - Coffee with the Headteacher (note date change from 13)
21 Oct	End of Term 1