

Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 11 November 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Here are the latest school messages and updates for your information, wishing you all a restful half term.

MESSAGES		
School	School	St Katherine's School act of remembrance. On Friday at 11:00 our whole school community will observe 2 minutes silence together to show our respects for those that have made sacrifices for our freedom.
Mr Francis Black	Year 11	Mock exams begin next week for year 11 and will last for two weeks. All students have been provided with an individual timetable that includes the seat allocation. We would appreciate the support of all parents in ensuring that students arrive promptly and fully equipped for all exams. A checklist of the required equipment can be seen here: Exam Equipment Checklist.pdf
Computer Science. Mr. Bates	Year 9	I understand that there were challenges to being able to make bookings for the Year 9 parent / carer meetings this year. If you wish to know more about Computer Science throughout the year and into GCSE in Year 10, I will be running the following googlemeet between 16:30 - 17:00 on the 17th November. I hope this will help you with any questions that you may have. The link to join is here
School	All years	Our next Parent/Carer Association will be on 23 Nov from 1500-1600 , in H1 (in The Leaf). Please let us know if you would like to attend by emailing school@skdrive.org . The agenda items we have so far are here please let us know if you would like anything further added by 16 November. We look forward to seeing you.
School	Y7, Y8 and Y9	Monday 12 December - Sirona Immunisation team will come into school to administer Flu vaccination to students Y7 to Y9 whose parents consented for their child to have the vaccine. Please complete the online consent form by Tuesday 6th December. Link for laptops/pc and Link for mobiles
Mr Davies	Year 11	Our Sixth Form Open Evening takes place on Wednesday, November 16th, from 6-7.30pm . This is an excellent opportunity to find out more about Sixth Form life, the courses we offer, and all the exciting options available for you post-16. Places are filling up quickly, so please ensure you have registered on Eventbrite .
Computer Science	Year 11	Computer Science catch up, revision and coding practice sessions are held every Friday after school from 3pm. All students are welcome and I will be sending out individual invites to students who may benefit from additional time with their teacher.
Miss Cave	Whole School	Free School Meals - 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 here . If you have any queries or would like the school to support you with your application please contact reception.
Miss Cave	Whole School	Free School Meals - if your child is entitled to a free school meal they can receive breakfast in the canteen before 8.30. They will be able to choose from the following; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 pieces of toast with jam

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● fresh fruit with a juice drink ● porridge with honey/syrup with a juice drink ● cereal with milk ● 1 crumpet with jam.
Mrs Collins	Whole school	<p>Grease is the word! Tickets are now available to buy on ParentPay for this years annual Christmas musical Grease!</p> <p>Performance dates and times</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Wednesday 14 December 7pm ● Thursday 15 December 7pm ● Friday 16 December 2pm <p>Tickets are selling fast so hurry and purchase yours to avoid disappointment! This is most definitely the one that you want this Christmas!</p>
Mrs Jenkins	Food and nutrition students	<p>The practicals for this week are: Monday 14th November - 7r and 7l Bread rolls Wednesday 16th November - 10A Cheese scones Thursday 17th November - 8l and 8r Afternoon tea practical Friday 18th November - 9l and 9r Street food practical</p> <p>Please ensure ingredients are weighed.</p>
Reception	Whole school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Please remind students to look in the lost property drawers in reception. ● Paracetamol is available at break time and lunch time only. ● Please make sure students have a water bottle each day.
Miss Gardiner	Whole School	<p>Students, parents and carers are invited to attend the St Katherine's School Careers Fair on Thursday 17th November 4-7pm. We will be hosting a mixture of different employers from a range of industries as well as post 16 and 18 education providers. This is a great opportunity to speak in person with potential employers and representatives from Higher Education institutions to find out about career pathways. In addition the University of Bath will be running 'Understanding Student Finance' sessions in the sixth form common room at 4.30pm, 5.15pm and 6pm. Sign up using this link. Please arrive between 4-6pm. The event is open to all students and parents. We would recommend in particular year 9, year 11 and year 13 to attend as they have key decisions to make in regards to yr 9 options and post 16 and 18 career pathways. Any questions please email gardiners@skdrive.org</p>
Pastoral Team	Whole school	<p>As part of our ever growing pastoral support for our pupils we are now running a bereavement support group on a Thursday morning, this is totally optional and something that we hope will be beneficial to any students who have experienced loss of any kind and who would benefit from a safe place to talk, share or just listen.</p>
Miss Duncan	Yr 10	<p>If you have any queries about Work Experience (WEX) or securing a work experience placement please use the email skworkexperience@skdrive.org</p>
Ms Keir	All years	<p>Weekly careers bulletin here</p>
Miss Adams	Drum lessons	<p>Please be aware that drum lessons have now moved from a Tuesday to a Thursday. Lesson times remain unchanged.</p>

Miss Adams	Singing lessons	I now have a confirmed start date for the new singing teacher: Wednesday 16th November . Lessons will be between 9.30am and 11am. Please check the timetable on our google classroom for your exact lesson time. Please be assured that you will be refunded for the lessons not delivered.
Miss Adams	Trailblazers brass lessons	We have now appointed a new brass teacher but are waiting on confirmation of his start date. Once the start date is confirmed I will make sure students are informed via our google classroom and messages to tutors.
Mr Hodgson	Morocco 2023	True Adventure is coming in for our second team meeting on Thursday 17th November 3-4pm . Please meet after school in Lab 4 .
Mr Hodgson	ATC Year 9-13	The Adventure Training Club is planning two exciting trips this term! Please keep checking the classroom for updates and information. If you are in Year 9-13 and not in the Adventure Training Club and would like to join, please click on this link HERE or use the code whwymkh.
Ms Jefferson	Whole school	Just a reminder that we are welcoming donations of any pre-loved books for our Christmas Book Bonanza. We want every child at St Katherine's to be able to take a pre-loved book home for Christmas, if they wish! Many of our young people have younger siblings, so we also welcome books for younger children that our students may be able to take home and gift at Christmas. The latest research suggests that almost 1/3 children aged 5-8 do not have any books at all in their home. In addition, children who own a book of their own at home are six times more likely to read above their expected age - and we all know that confident reading leads to success both at school and beyond the school gates. Please help, if you can.
Ms Jefferson	GCSE English student parents	Please do not hesitate to contact me, in my capacity as Head of English, at jeffersonj@skdrive.org , if you need help to support your child with their GCSE English studies.
Facilities Team	Water Stations for Students	Over the last half term, we undertook some investment in providing more students with water stations to fill their reusable bottles - We are also scheduled to invest in 2 more additional stations in the canteen. The locations for the water stations are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Outside of the Changing rooms, by the bottom courts. - Inside the Sports centre, in the gym corridor. - 2 by the table tennis area - 3 in the canteen with an additional 2 awaiting installation Please see map with the locations also shown with stars

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

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

17 Nov	Careers Fair
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21-24 Nov	Y13 Geography field trip, Devon
23 Nov	1500-1600 Parent/Carer Association, H1 (in The Leaf)
25 Nov	Cookery workshop, Square Food Foundation
25 Nov	Y13 Biology field trip, Kenfig Beach, Wales
30 Nov	Y8 Virtual Progress evening
30 Nov	GCSE and A Level Art and Textiles trip
12 Dec	Harry Potter Photography trip
14-16 Dec	Grease - school show