



Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 10 January 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Here are the latest school messages and updates for your information plus details of any letters sent home during the last week.

MESSAGES		
School	All years	As we begin Term 3 our commitment to improving St Katherine’s School continues. An important part of our improvement journey is to listen to our stakeholders and we would be grateful if you could spend five minutes of your time completing a short 12 question survey. The survey results will help support and shape our work in 2020 and beyond and will be combined with other stakeholder feedback. Parent/Carer Survey
School	All years	Parent Association Meeting - Monday 27 January 18:30-19:30 Open to all parents and carers where we discuss parent/carers topics. Previous meeting agenda and notes are on our website . We look forward to seeing you on 27 January.
School	All years	New Parent Governor You will recall that we recently sought expressions of interest from parent/carers of St Katherine’s pupils to join our Local Governing Body. Due to the number of nominations received, it was not necessary to hold an election and the governors are pleased to welcome Caroline Smallwood, who has a daughter at the school, as a new governor. Caroline’s term of office is four years and she takes up her appointment this term. You can find out more about school governance on our website .
School	Year 9	Year 9 options evening will take place on Wednesday 12 February at 7pm . This an opportunity to talk to subject teachers about the courses that we offer in Year 10. There will also be a short talk with guidance on how to go about making your choices.
School	Year 9	Unfortunately we are unable to offer a Year 9 trip to Barcelona this year. We have been working with our tour company to finalise details for the trip but, due to sporting events, they have not been able to secure accommodation. We look forward to securing a trip for 2021.
School	All Years	Following feedback from parents/carers, staff and students, we will no longer run a dedicated Activities Week in which the timetable is collapsed for all students. Instead trips and activities with a clear educational value will be scheduled across the year. The Year 7 trip to Paris runs in the week 6 July - 10 July with Year 10 work experience taking place in the same week. Trips and activities taking place in Term 3 are: 11 Jan - Mountain Biking in Forest of Dean - All Years 13 Jan - Future Quest - Year 9 22 Jan - International Netball at BIA - All Years



		<p>22 Jan - RSC Top of the Bench Chemistry competition - Years 9-11 28 Jan - STEM at Ashton Gate Stadium - Year 8 29 Jan - Hospitality Visits - Years 12 & 13 4 Feb - GCSE Science Live! - Years 10 & 11</p>
Ms Tallis	GCSE and A Level art students	The life drawing class will now take place on Wednesday 22 January rather than 15 January. All other details, as outlined in the letter that students brought home, remain the same.
Mrs Maringo	Year 11	A reminder of the Year 11 Progress Evening on Thursday 16 January. Please see 'Letters this week' for further details. We are looking forward to meeting you to discuss the progress of your child.
Ms Tallis	Year 11 art students	Year 11 have now finished working on coursework in lessons and the GCSE exam paper was handed out during the first art lesson on Tuesday 7 January. The exam project will be taught in lessons and will culminate with a 10 hour exam in May over two days. Students must now fully focus on working on the exam project in and out of lessons; they should spend at least one hour a week on homework on their art exam preparation. This project forms 40% of students' art GCSE grade.
Attendance	Years 7-11	<p>If your child cannot attend school due to illness or for any other reason, please contact us by 7:30am on the day your child is absent using the Attendance Line: 01275 376882. Alternatively you can call the school on 01275 373737 and select the attendance option.</p> <p>Punctuality is a key factor for students in achieving their full potential. We expect students to arrive on site no later than 8:40am for morning tutor time. If your child is running late for school due to traffic or bus issues, please contact Georgie Jones (Attendance Officer) on 01275 376882. This helps us know when to expect your child to arrive at school. For safeguarding reasons, It is essential your child signs in at SSO if they arrive late.</p>
Mrs Slater	Years 7-11	As part of the National Award for SEN Coordination , I am continuing to collect research for an Evaluative Study of the Ready to Learn System. Email me if you would like to share your observations and feedback or if you would prefer for your son/daughter to not take part in the research. Email: slaterf@skdrive.org
Miss Sutton	Food Technology	<p>Students who are currently doing food technology need to remember to bring the following ingredients:</p> <p>Monday 13th January - 9a Tray Bake Tuesday 14th January - 9b Tray Bake - 8l Cookies Wednesday 15th January - 7r Rock Cakes - 9a Cheese straws Thursday 16th January - 7l Scones - 9b Cheese straws Friday 17th January - 10c bread</p>



		All ingredients have been set on Class Charts. If you have any issues with providing these ingredients, please contact me on: suttone@skdrive.org with at least 48 hours notice.
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LETTERS THIS WEEK- click [here](#) to see all letters from this academic year

Year 11	Year 11 Progress Evening
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UPCOMING EVENTS - click [here](#) to see all upcoming events

11 January	08:00-14:00 Years 9-13 Mountain Biking trip to the Forest of Dean
13 January	09:00-15:00 Year 9 Future Quest Bristol Old Vic Workshop
16 January	16:00-19:00 Year 11 Progress Evening
22 January	14:30-23:00 PE trip to Birmingham Arena to watch international netball
27 January	18:30-19:30 Parent/Carer Association Meeting
28 January	08:30-15:30 Year 8 STEM trip to Ashton Gate Stadium
30 January	HPV Vaccinations - Second Dose for Year 9 girls
	16:00-19:00 Year 7 Progress Evening