



Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | 3 July 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.

HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a very busy and rewarding week, welcoming more Year 10 and Year 12 students back on site along with welcoming our new Year 7 cohort during our first virtual transition evening. Students have enjoyed being back on site, being inspired by their teachers and reconnecting with school friends and our community they know and love. This has been reassuring and lovely to observe. Equally, feelings of frustration with all Year 10s understandably keen to return on a more frequent basis. Regrettably, we are unable to achieve this within the guidance and the model we are pursuing. With the latest government guidance issued yesterday, we are now making plans for all students to return in September. Full details for the first and second week will be shared before the end of term. [Term dates](#) for next year are available on our website.

We have been collating the details of our sporting success stories and personal achievements in sport this week along with our house celebration successes. Sadly we were unable to run our usual House Celebration evenings but we will still be recognising these personal triumphs from this year. We will be writing to many students over the coming weeks to congratulate them on their success.

The next academic year will be a very different experience in school for our whole community. We remain committed to ensuring the safety of all students and staff at Katherine's and will expect the cooperation of our whole community in achieving this. It is important we all recognise our personal responsibility within the community. Please discuss this with your child(ren) over the coming weeks. We will share a video with you outlining our plans and expectations along with a discussion around how the new school day will look.

We remain fully committed to delivering our rich and broad curriculum for all our students and will endeavour to do this within the new guidelines. We will inevitably have to make changes and will do so with careful consideration in each year group, taking advantage of all our facilities and open space on our site.

Our Learning@Home curriculum will continue to develop into next year and we will continue to support you in helping your child(ren) develop and sustain more effective routines at home. Learning@Home in terms of homework has always been an important part of education and the current closure period has shone a light on this. My references to the importance of routines at home from two weeks ago will be cropping up time and time again as we support all our families with the Learning@Home programme.

We recognise that you will have many questions and we are keen to ensure we give you the clarity and reassurance expected. We monitor our feedback form each week and please continue to share your feedback with us using this [form](#).

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

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Curriculum	francisblacka@skdrive.org
Learning@Home resources	stewarda@skdrive.org
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General queries	school@skdrive.org
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MESSAGES

School	All Years	Earlier in the week we sent out a link to our annual travel survey. Thank you to all families who have already submitted their preferences via this short questionnaire. In order to plan for September we need to know the travel preferences for <u>all</u> students so if you have not yet completed the survey please follow this link and it will only take 2 minutes to provide us with this important information.
School	All Years	The Parent guide to Learning@Home has been updated and now includes a link to our Summer Catch-Up resources. Should you feel that your child has struggled to keep up with school work over the last two terms then these resources will help them to fill the crucial gaps in knowledge by engaging in a small amount of work every week over the summer break.
Mrs Collins	Year 10 Performing Arts	Mock C2 performance exam to work on during the last 2 weeks of term. See google classroom and class charts. Please remind students to email for support if needed. Next zoom lesson to catch up/ check in - Wednesday 8 July 12:30 pm.
Miss Adams	Instrumental lessons in school	A reminder that payments for instrumental lessons for terms 1 and 2 are due by Friday 3 July. Please see this letter for further details regarding the situation for September.



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

No letters this week