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Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 12 February 2021

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.

HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers

St Katherine's is a superb community, filled with wonderful people. During these times of Learning@Home and social distancing, the kind gestures and calls we make to check in on each other, make each other laugh has made a difference.

Wellbeing within our community is very much in our consciousness during this time and our screen free day last week was warmly received within our community. A huge thank you to those who shared their days and these will be shared and celebrated online and in assemblies. The day reminded us of how easy it is for all of us to become ingrained in a cycle which, like everything after a period of time, becomes tiring. With this in mind, we will be confirming further plans for Term 4 to break the cycle and help support us all.

The focus on fitness this term has rewarded many and no doubt reminded some of the importance of exercise within a daily and weekly routine. We all know the science with exercise makes sense but sometimes motivation is the barrier. Thank you to Mr Thomas and Mr Dawes for making us get up and get out and logging our miles, and for those already out, to go even further. Great to see a mix of staff, students and parents/carers taking part - it is never too late to get involved!

The Parent/Carer Association have asked on more than one occasion how they can support the school and we are pleased to share that we have established a [St Katherine's Hardship Fund](#). We are passionate about making sure all students have a broad experience at St Katherine's and any support through the fund will go towards helping a student who might have otherwise gone without, ensuring that each student's time at St Katherine's is their best time ever and without barriers to their daily enjoyment. We will share how the money has been spent along with the difference it is making throughout the term.

We are here to support all our young people with their learning at all times and please do not hesitate to get in touch if you need further support in any of the adjustments we are making. Please refer to the 'Who to contact at St Katherine's' table below. We are always keen to hear your feedback and please share this using this [form](#).

We look forward to receiving news on how schools will return at the very beginning of Term 4 and are very much looking forward to reuniting our community.

Wishing everyone an active and restful February half term.

Best wishes

Mr Humphreys
Headteacher

WHO TO CONTACT AT ST KATHERINE'S

For queries about:	Name	Contact:
Safeguarding	Mrs K Crocker	crockerk@skdrive.org
Courses, assignments or resources		Subject Teachers
Access to online library resources	Ms Wyld	wylidl@skdrive.org
Technology related	Mr A Francis-Black	francisblacka@skdrive.org
SEND	Mrs F Slater	slaterf@skdrive.org
Curriculum	Miss K Richards	richardsk@skdrive.org
Learning@Home resources	Miss K Richards	richardsk@skdrive.org
Personal well being		Tutor or Head of House
General queries		school@skdrive.org
Free School Meals		kilgallond@skdrive.org
Reading logs	Immalee Wild	wildi@skdrive.org
Sixth Form	Geraint Davies	daviesg@skdrive.org

Anonymous way to report a concern about a student: [Tell Someone Form](#)

MESSAGES

Miss Richards	All years	<p>Following the overwhelmingly positive feedback received from last week's screen free day, we will be planning three further days for term 4 as follows:</p> <p>Wednesday 3 March Tuesday 16 March Thursday 25 March</p> <p>As previously, a range of activities will be shared for students to complete on the day. These will be shared next term.</p> <p>If your child currently attends our Keyworker School on site, they can attend school on these days and will be completing a range of activities away from the screen in school. School buses will leave at the earlier time of 2pm on these days.</p>
Ms Wild	All years	<p>Reminder that our e-platform has a huge range of e-books and audiobooks for all to enjoy. Find the links in our library links document, along with a handy guide. All queries please email wylidl@skdrive.org</p>

School	All years	Term dates 2021-2022
Mrs Crocker	All years	<p>Young Minds Supporting Mental Health and Wellbeing Young Minds have some fantastic, accessible resources for parents supporting their children with mental health and wellbeing challenges. You may find these links helpful.</p> <p>https://youngminds.org.uk/supporting-parents-helpfinder/</p> <p>https://youngminds.org.uk/media/4291/when-emotions-explode-poster.pdf</p> <p>The website also has a messenger system for Young People to access in a crisis https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/get-urgent-help/</p>
Mrs Crocker	All years	<p>Child Sexual Exploitation and Child Criminal Exploitation You may be aware that Avon and Somerset Police have been running webinars for parents for the last few months. These have proved to be very popular and it may be that you tried to book a place but were unable. The team behind the webinars have made recordings available on YouTube for parents and carers to view in their own time. The videos include: Exploitation of children online What settings parents can apply to keep their children safe Tips on starting a conversation with children and how to use it safely.</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCf41oqL0DZCDK0mdj6ulSDg</p>
Mr Francis Black	Years 12 & 13	<p>All families of Year 12 and 13 students should have received an invite to the Year 12/13 progress evening in a letter this week. The online booking system is now open for you to make appointments. Please check your IT systems ahead of time to ensure the evening runs smoothly and use this template to record some details of the discussions.</p>
Miss Gardiner Mr Davies	Year 12	<p>Unifrog - https://www.unifrog.org Unifrog is going to be launched to all Year 12 students and Year 12 parents/carers on Wednesday 24 February. Unifrog is the complete destinations platform for whole-school careers guidance. It brings into one place every apprenticeship, university course and college course in the UK, as well as career opportunities. Unifrog brings all the available information onto a user friendly platform that helps students make the best choices. This will be launched in a Year 12 assembly and students will receive emails on how to set up a profile on the website. A parental letter and presentation will go out to all Year 12 parents/carers to explain what Unifrog is and how it can help their child. Any questions please email gardiniers@skdrive.org daviesg@skdrive.org</p>
Mr Francis Black	Year 9	<p>It was great to see so many Year 9 students and their families in attendance at the KS4 options evening on Wednesday. If you couldn't make it then you can still watch a recording of the presentation here. All essential documents for the options process have been shared with students via their tutor group Google Classroom. Please ask them to log on and show you that they have submitted the options form by Friday 5 March.</p>

