

Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 12 March 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/Carers

The strength of our community has been on display in abundance this week as all year groups have returned to school to be tested with some years finally returning to face to face learning. The sense of relief all round has been palpable across the school. A huge thank you to our testing team of staff and parent/carer volunteers who have worked non stop, guiding our students sensitively through the testing process before processing each test swiftly and accurately. I applaud and thank you for your service alongside the students who were patient and mature in their approach.

Depending on the year group, students will complete their second and/or third test next week before testing at home. This video (<https://youtu.be/6dQHkHkN8wE>) explains how to complete a test successfully at home. Should you have any questions please contact school@skdrive.org.

The requirement of wearing a face covering at all times in indoor spaces has been very well observed by all students and all year groups and we are grateful again to everyone within our community for their support for the smooth return to school. All of this means we can focus on what really matters; the delivery of our curriculum in each classroom alongside the opportunities of school life.

Next week we can look forward to getting back to a more familiar routine with all students returning to school from Monday 15 March 2021 (Week 1). Our updated [Risk Assessment](#) is available on our website.

Year 11 and Year 13

We are continuing to work through the guidelines for the awarding of grades for Year 11 and Year 13 this summer. This is a pressing priority and we will be sharing updates throughout the coming weeks. In this week's video I am joined by Miss Richards, Deputy Headteacher focusing on curriculum and Mr Francis-Black, Assistant Headteacher on assessment and reporting. We outline our direction or travel and answer some initial questions you may have. We will continue to take time to talk with students to reassure them of this year's process to give each individual the best chance of success. In the meantime all students should continue to work hard across all their subjects.

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](#).

Best wishes

Justin Humphreys
Headteacher

Year 11 and Year 13 Updates

Should you have any questions regarding the awarding of grades for Year 11 and Year 13 this year, please submit them [here](#)

[Information Video - Awarding of Centre Assessed Grades for Year 11 and Year 13 2021](#)

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

Mr Francis Black	All years	During this latest period of Learning@Home we have loaned over 200 Chromebooks to support students in accessing work. With all students returning to Learning@School from 15 March we now need to redeploy these devices to enable us to effectively deliver in year group bubbles in school. If your child has borrowed a school Chromebook please ensure that it is returned to the Student Support Office on Monday 15 March and that a receipt for its return is collected.
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Mr Francis Black	All years	<p>All normal school transport will resume from 15 March including St Katherine's services, North Somerset services the X4S with First Bus. Please be reminded of the three rules that must be followed on all services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wear a face covering at all times while on the bus. • Sit only in your allocated seat as shown on your bus pass. • Remain seated and wear a seat belt at all times <p>On arrival in school students should only disembark the bus when instructed to do so by a member of staff. Bus timetables can be viewed via our website.</p>
Ms Jefferson	All years	<p>Kids read more when we Turn On The Subtitles</p> <p>This brilliantly simple, free, small change to children's existing TV viewing habits can drastically improve their reading skills. Here is Stephen Fry to explain the benefits of turning on the subtitles in more detail. www.turnonthesubtitles.org/parents</p> <p>Based on an academic study of 2,350 children, 34% became good readers with schooling alone. But when exposed to 30 minutes a week of subtitled film songs, that proportion more than doubled to 70% - a copy of the study can be found here</p> <p>There are lots of studies about the benefits of subtitles. This is just one. Go to turnonthesubtitles.org/research to find out more.</p>
Mrs Weatherson	All years	<p>A celebration video for International Women's Day this week: Malala</p>
Finance	All years	<p>An important reminder as we return to school to please ensure lunch accounts are always in credit. <u>To assist in this 'low balance alerts' can be set up in Parentpay by selecting Communication, Alert, Setting.</u></p>
School	All years	<p>Following the Parent/Carer Association meeting on 3 March, here is a transcript of the questions and answers from the meeting. If you were not able to attend and have not yet had the opportunity to catch up on the recording, here is the link again and the outline proposals for changes to the school day for September 2021. Full consultation papers will be circulated shortly with a final decision to be made this term.</p>
Mrs Crocker	All years	<p>18 March 2021 is the National Day for Child Exploitation. #STOPCE Exploitation Awareness for Parents - It can happen to my child!</p> <p>Have you heard of CSE (Child Sexual Exploitation)? Do you know about County Lines? Do you know what online grooming and exploitation is? Maybe you would like to know more about all the above or some of the above. The prevention officer from TOPAZ exploitation team, Avon and Somerset Police is bringing you 60 minutes virtual awareness/guidance sessions via MS Teams.</p> <p>This is a perfect opportunity to increase your awareness. To book a place, please follow Eventbrite links below.</p> <p>Tuesday 16 March 2021 - 07:00pm https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/child-exploitation-awareness-for-parents-it-can-happen-to-my-child-tickets-143071030303</p>

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Mr Cook	All Years	<p>From Monday 15 March, all PE clubs and practices will start as per the timetable below.</p> <div data-bbox="497 616 1508 1281" data-label="Complex-Block"> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="4">Adapted PE Clubs and Practices</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td colspan="4"> <p>Below are details for clubs & practices. Clubs & practices may be subject to change – please follow @StKathsPE on Twitter for the latest information. Clubs are for girls and boys in all years unless stated otherwise. If students wish to take part in any club they will need their full PE kit. Some clubs may require additional items i.e. gumshield or shin pads.</p> </td> </tr> <tr> <th>Day</th> <th>Arrival [0800 – 0845]</th> <th>Lunchtime [1240-1315]</th> <th>After School * [finish time]</th> </tr> <tr> <td>Monday</td> <td>PE Arrival Club: Year 8</td> <td>PE @ Lunch: Year 8 Boys PE @ Lunch: Year 11 Girls</td> <td>10 Boys Basketball – Indoor [1700]</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tuesday</td> <td>PE Arrival Club: Year 10</td> <td>PE @ Lunch: Year 10</td> <td>7 Girls Football – Outdoor [1645] 9 Girls Hockey & Netball – Outdoor [1700] 9 Boys Football – Outdoor [1700] 11 Boys Football – Outdoor [1700]</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wednesday</td> <td>PE Arrival Club: Year 11</td> <td>PE @ Lunch: Year 11</td> <td>8 Girls Hockey & Netball – Outdoor [1645] 8 Boys Football – Outdoor [1700] 11 Girls Games – Outdoor [1700] 7 Boys Football – Outdoor [1700]</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thursday</td> <td>PE Arrival Club: Year 9</td> <td>PE @ Lunch: Year 9</td> <td>7 Girls Hockey & Netball – Outdoor [1700] 7 Boys Rugby – Outdoor [1700] 10 Girls Netball – Outdoor [1630] 10 Boys Football & Rugby – Outdoor [1700]</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Friday</td> <td>PE Arrival Club: Year 7</td> <td>PE @ Lunch: Year 7</td> <td>9 Boys Basketball – Indoor [1700]</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4"> <p>Notes: Current adapted provision is in response to Government Covid-19 guidance.</p> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table> </div>	Adapted PE Clubs and Practices				<p>Below are details for clubs & practices. Clubs & practices may be subject to change – please follow @StKathsPE on Twitter for the latest information. Clubs are for girls and boys in all years unless stated otherwise. If students wish to take part in any club they will need their full PE kit. Some clubs may require additional items i.e. gumshield or shin pads.</p>				Day	Arrival [0800 – 0845]	Lunchtime [1240-1315]	After School * [finish time]	Monday	PE Arrival Club: Year 8	PE @ Lunch: Year 8 Boys PE @ Lunch: Year 11 Girls	10 Boys Basketball – Indoor [1700]	Tuesday	PE Arrival Club: Year 10	PE @ Lunch: Year 10	7 Girls Football – Outdoor [1645] 9 Girls Hockey & Netball – Outdoor [1700] 9 Boys Football – Outdoor [1700] 11 Boys Football – Outdoor [1700]	Wednesday	PE Arrival Club: Year 11	PE @ Lunch: Year 11	8 Girls Hockey & Netball – Outdoor [1645] 8 Boys Football – Outdoor [1700] 11 Girls Games – Outdoor [1700] 7 Boys Football – Outdoor [1700]	Thursday	PE Arrival Club: Year 9	PE @ Lunch: Year 9	7 Girls Hockey & Netball – Outdoor [1700] 7 Boys Rugby – Outdoor [1700] 10 Girls Netball – Outdoor [1630] 10 Boys Football & Rugby – Outdoor [1700]	Friday	PE Arrival Club: Year 7	PE @ Lunch: Year 7	9 Boys Basketball – Indoor [1700]	<p>Notes: Current adapted provision is in response to Government Covid-19 guidance.</p>			
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Miss Gardiner	All years	<p>Careers Bulletin No. 6 This month there are some exciting opportunities for students across all school years to get involved in. Any questions regarding careers please email Miss Gardiner: gardiniers@skdrive.org</p>																																				
Miss Sutton	Year 11 Food Preparation and Nutrition students	<p>The Year 11 Food Preparation and Nutrition practical exam has been postponed and will take place between the 26th, 27th and 28th April 2021. Students will only be sitting the exam on one of these days. The list of students and the date of their exam will be sent out before the Easter holidays. Any problems, please let me know - suttone@skdrive.org</p>																																				
Miss Richards	Year 10 Hospitality and Engineering students	<p>As a part of the Hospitality and Engineering courses, students are usually entered for one examined unit in Year 10. These are:</p> <p>Hospitality Unit 1 - The hospitality and catering industry 40% of the final grade 90 minutes</p> <p>Engineering Design Unit R105 - Design briefs, design specifications and user requirements 25% of final grade 60 Minutes</p>																																				

		<p>By completing these units in Year 10, students will cover less content in Year 11 and can be assessed following the teaching of the units. Therefore, we intend to continue to enter students for the noted examined units in Year 10. Whilst we appreciate that students have not had the ideal preparation this year, we feel that students will have received sufficient support to achieve highly. With the current outline for the awarding of GCSEs this summer and with exams not taking place, we will be able to provide a reflective centre assessed grade for students. Whilst we feel that all students will be able to evidence their work effectively, students will have an opportunity to revisit and resit this component at the end of Year 11 if appropriate. Please let me know if you have any questions - richardsk@skdrive.org.</p>
Miss Adams	All students who have instrumental lessons in school	<p>Instrumental lessons in school resume week beginning 15 March. We will continue with the model from Terms 1 and 2 with some lessons taking place face to face and some remaining virtual. I have shared the relevant timetables on the instrumental lessons google classroom so please check for your son/daughters lesson day/time and remind them to bring their instrument and music. Any questions - please email me: adamsa@skdrive.org</p>
Miss Sutton	Food Preparation and Nutrition students	<p>The following practicals will be taking place next week: Thursday 18 March - 11C - Quiche/Lemon Meringue Pie Friday 19 March - 10C - Whole fresh chicken</p> <p>Ingredients have been posted on ClassCharts. Aprons are compulsory for the lessons.</p>

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

All years	Return to school - Asymptomatic testing letters for each Year group
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