



Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 25 June 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

We paid tribute to Alan Turing this week on what would have been Alan's 109th birthday. A true pioneer code breaker in his day which had a significant impact on both the ending of World War Two from the headquarters at Bletchley Park along with the growth of computers. Mrs Price, Head of Turing House, shared a [summary video](#) with students this week as we reflected on his life and the circumstances of his sad and premature death in 1954. Students enjoyed celebrating his achievements and life with Turing students chalking positive messages across the tarmac and slabs at St Katherine's. The need for us to value each other for who we are has been further echoed this week during Pride Week and throughout the month of June as we celebrate and embrace our wonderful diversity at St Katherine's.

Governors and senior leaders met last week to discuss the School Development Plan for 2021-23, having taken time in Term 5 and Term 6 to reflect on the progress the school continues to make. Our challenge from last week is to ensure the school continues to make progress at pace and I have absolute confidence in the ability of the senior team and wider staff team to deliver on our plans for all the students at St Katherine's School. Once finalised, the new School Development Plan will be published on our website and shared in our Weekly Comms and may well be a topic of discussion at our Parent/Carers Association Meetings next year.

Thank you to parents/carers who have attended our Parent/Carer Association Meetings this year, with the last meeting of the year taking place yesterday evening. These have become a valued and important forum for discussion on any current items raised by parents/carers. Full agendas and meetings are on the [school website](#). Should you have any feedback on this forum which has now been running for two years, please do share it with us at school@skdrive.org.

As we end the term, a message has been shared from the Department for Education which I share with you, echoing my messages over recent weeks. Please continue to report accurately through Classcharts.

With the increase in cases with variants of concern, it is important to detect cases of coronavirus to keep covid out of the classroom. While robust measures remain in place to keep students and staff safe, it is vitally important that young people at secondary school and college continue to test twice weekly and report the results.

The Secretary of State for Education has written [an open letter](#) to parents/carers to encourage them to continue supporting their children to test twice a week. The result of a rapid test could be positive, negative or even void, but results should always be reported.

Tests can be obtained from schools and colleges, and to report results, parents and pupils can go to www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result or call 119 free from a mobile or landline. Lines are open every day, 7am to 11pm.

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

Invitations were sent today for results days in both Year 11 and Year 13 along with details of this year's exams appeals process.

Results will be available for collection at the following times:

- Year 13 - Tuesday 10 August from 9 am
- Year 11 - Thursday 12 August from 9 am

WHO TO CONTACT AT ST KATHERINE'S

| For queries about: | Name | Contact: |
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| 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

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| Mrs Weatherson | All years | Please do visit our virtual GCSE photography gallery. We welcome any feedback about the work: https://hwmedia.wixsite.com/stkatherinesmedia/gcse-photography-virtual-exhibition |
| Finance | Free School Meal Families | We have just been informed by North Somerset Council that there will be a final 'Local Covid Support Grant' of £75 of FSM vouchers per student for the 20/21 academic year. You will receive these within the next week via Wonde. |
| Mr Francis Black | First Bus Users | In a meeting this week First Bus have suggested that it is unlikely they will receive further funding to continue the X4S beyond July. This means that in September students will need to use the regular X4 service and no buses will access the school site. The X4 timetable will be reviewed over the summer and we have shared the new school day timings with First Bus and asked that they ensure suitable services are available. Should you wish to book a seat on one of our school buses please use the online form . |
| Miss Ivey | Year 10 | Year 10 students have their physics mock examination on Monday, it is essential that they bring a calculator to this examination. |
| Mr Maw | Year 7 & 8 | Our new uniform will be arriving at the Supplier, Monkhouse, on 5 July. Please see our website for guidance on uniform from September. The school will be providing replacement uniform (skirt/trousers) for students to comply with the updated uniform expectations. |
| Miss Adams | All students who have instrumental lessons | Please remember to book your son/daughters instrumental lessons for next academic year by making the relevant payment on parentpay. Please contact me if you have any questions: adamsa@skdrive.org |
| Miss Sutton | Miss Sutton's food technology classes *only* | The following practicals will be taking place next week: Tuesday 29th June - 7I Fruit Salad Wednesday 30th June - 8I Pizza -7r Fruit Salad Thursday 1st July - 8r Pizza Friday 2nd July - 9r Pizza - 10C Falafel and dip Ingredients have been posted on ClassCharts. Aprons are compulsory for the lessons. |

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

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| Year 11 | GCSE results day 2021 |
| Year 13 | GCE results day 2021 |



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

30 June

17:45-19:00 Virtual Induction Evening for Year 6 parents/carers.

16 July

END OF TERM 6 for students