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## Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 9 July 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

A very disruptive week for many within our community and we thank you for your cooperation and understanding. With almost daily positive reporting of positive LFDs within the school affecting both staff and students, the disruption has been significant. However, the strength of our community has once again shone brightly to ensure the school day has run smoothly.

The Department for Education shared guidance with schools on Wednesday regarding the return to school in September. I will write separately giving full details of the return for each year group. We are being asked to plan for testing all students upon their return and a huge thank you to those who are able to help. Please see note from Miss Richards below. If you are able to help and would like further information, please contact Miss Richards [richardsk@skdrive.org](mailto:richardsk@skdrive.org).

We are excited to be running Trailblazers next year which is a great opportunity for your child to consider a musical instrument along with the joy and benefits this brings to young people. Full details below and there is a sign up form within the letter.

- A [letter](#) introducing the scheme
- A [video](#) from Mr Nicholls, Director of Music Specialism across the CST Trust
- Some [demo videos](#) from some of the instrumental teachers

Our plans for concerts and events next year are underway and we are really looking forward to putting these events back on the calendar.

No mention from the Prime Minister about schools being granted a late start on Monday so for those attending, no excuse for being late! Wishing England every success on Sunday - surely this is it.

Have a great weekend.

Mr Humphreys  
Headteacher

## Year 11 and Year 13 Updates

Invitations were sent last week 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:
Safeguarding	Mrs K Crocker	<a href="mailto:crockerk@skdrive.org">crockerk@skdrive.org</a>
Courses, assignments or resources		Subject Teachers
Access to online library resources	Ms Wyld	<a href="mailto:wylidl@skdrive.org">wylidl@skdrive.org</a>
Technology related	Mr A Francis-Black	<a href="mailto:francisblacka@skdrive.org">francisblacka@skdrive.org</a>
SEND	Mrs F Slater	<a href="mailto:slaterf@skdrive.org">slaterf@skdrive.org</a>
Curriculum	Miss K Richards	<a href="mailto:richardsk@skdrive.org">richardsk@skdrive.org</a>
Learning@Home resources	Miss K Richards	<a href="mailto:richardsk@skdrive.org">richardsk@skdrive.org</a>
Personal well being		Tutor or Head of House
General queries		<a href="mailto:school@skdrive.org">school@skdrive.org</a>
Free School Meals		<a href="mailto:kilgallond@skdrive.org">kilgallond@skdrive.org</a>
Reading logs	Immalee Wild	<a href="mailto:wildi@skdrive.org">wildi@skdrive.org</a>
Sixth Form	Geraint Davies	<a href="mailto:daviesg@skdrive.org">daviesg@skdrive.org</a>
Anonymous way to report a concern about a student: <a href="#">Tell Someone Form</a>		

### MESSAGES

Mr Francis Black	All years	We have now finalised details of the six bus routes that Turners will be running next year and details of seat allocations have been sent to all families. Route maps and timetables can be seen <a href="#">here</a> . If you would like to add your name to the waiting list please email me directly with your home postcode. <a href="mailto:francisblacka@skdrive.org">francisblacka@skdrive.org</a>
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Bristol & North West Foodbank	All years	<p><b>Summer Treat Boxes for low income families</b> Includes items such as crisps, snacks, drinks and baking kits. <b>Call the Foodbank on 0117 923 5343 to book your box!</b> Available for collection between 1-4pm every Thursday from 22 July to 26 August from the Social Justice Hub in Avonmouth, BS11 9EN, while stocks last! <b>If you need an emergency food parcel during the holidays call 0808 2082138 for a referral.</b></p>
Miss Richards	All years	<p><b>Important: Covid-19 onsite testing in September</b> We have been informed by the Department for Education that we are expected to implement on site Covid-19 testing once again. <b>Each student will be asked to complete two tests, 3-5 days apart upon their return.</b> Testing will be carried out by students and supervised by a trained adult. Due to this, we will begin the year with a staggered re-opening to ensure that we can test students on their return. <b>We will share details of the staggered start shortly.</b></p> <p><b>Consent</b> To ensure that we have up-to-date consent records, we are asking for your consent for these tests to be carried out. <b>Even if you provided consent in March, please indicate <a href="#">here</a> again whether you consent to these lateral flow tests being completed on school site in September.</b> Please fill out one form per child.</p> <p><b>Parent Support</b> Our successful testing programme in March was only made possible thanks to the fantastic support of parent volunteers. We are currently preparing to test students on Friday 3 September, Monday 13 September and during the week commencing Monday 6 September. <b>If you are willing and able to support with this testing, please let us know below.</b></p> <p>Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our whole community as safe as possible.</p>
Mrs Cameron	Year 10 Art holiday work	<p><b>I have set summer holiday homework for all Year 10 art students to complete and improve their NATURAL FORM project.</b> It is due in the first lesson back in September. Attached is a powerpoint that outlines a checklist of all the work that must be completed. <a href="https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1GYIINLrtiDTDzw3ALHpd2JF8v-diDCxPFHdU0znI9uk/edit#slide=id.gdef86d2caf_0_5">https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1GYIINLrtiDTDzw3ALHpd2JF8v-diDCxPFHdU0znI9uk/edit#slide=id.gdef86d2caf_0_5</a></p>
Miss Richards	Years 7-10	<p>Parent Voice - Curriculum <b>Please share your views on the structure of our Curriculum at St Katherine's. Your feedback will help to shape our on-going curriculum development</b></p> <p>Click link to complete survey by Friday 16 July: <a href="#">Years 7, 8, 9 parents/carers</a> Click link to complete survey by Friday 16 July: <a href="#">Year 10 parents/carers</a></p>
Mr Maw	Year 6, 7, 8	<p>Our new uniform is now available via monkhouse.com and in their Bedminster store. <b>If you wish to visit the store, please book an appointment online in advance.</b> Current Yr7 and Yr8 pupils will be fitted for one pair of trousers or a skirt before the end of the academic year.</p>
Miss Adams	Parents of CURRENT Year 7	<p>We have now launched our new trailblazers scheme with all students in CURRENT Year 7. <b>Trailblazers is an exciting new project allowing students to learn a woodwind or brass instrument at a heavily subsidised rate and</b></p>

		including the <b>FREE</b> loan of an instrument. Please look out for the letter and google form to register your interest.
Miss Sutton	Miss Sutton's food technology classes *only*	<p><b>The following practicals will be taking place next week:</b></p> <p>Monday 12th July - 8r Apple cake 7l Rock cakes</p> <p>Tuesday 13th July 7r Rock cakes 9l Apple cake</p> <p>Wednesday 14th July- 9r Apple cake - 10C Picnic dish</p> <p>Thursday 15th July - 8r Apple cake</p> <p>Friday 16th July - 10C Decorating techniques</p> <p>Ingredients have been posted on ClassCharts. <b>Aprons are compulsory for the lessons.</b></p>
Mr Hodgson	DofE	<p>The <b>Duke of Edinburgh Award</b> is a fantastic life changing adventure. In September we will be looking to start signing up for <b>Bronze (start in Yr 9)</b> and <b>Silver (start in Yr 10)</b> Duke of Edinburgh Award. A video will be shared with <a href="#">Year 8</a> and with <a href="#">Year 9</a> in tutor time with some more information about what the awards involve. <b>Make sure to join the google classrooms (Year 8 - <a href="#">uwhr5wv</a> Year 9 - <a href="#">smf2imy</a>).</b> Those returning to <b>Sixth Form (Yr 12+13)</b> will also have the opportunity to start their <b>Gold Award</b>. Any questions or information, please contact Mr Hodgson, <a href="mailto:hodgsont@skdrive.org">hodgsont@skdrive.org</a></p>

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

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

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