

Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 5 November 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.

MESSAGES			
School	All Years	Check your child at least one clean mask with them for school and a spare in their bag Continue to test twice weekly recording any positive test result on Classcharts	
Mrs Crocker	Online Safety	The UK Safer Internet Centre provides a wealth of useful information and advice for parents about how they can keep their children safe online. Advice for parents and carers about social media platforms and apps can be found here .	
Mrs Ivey	All years	With current ventilation, it is sometimes cold in the science laboratories. Teachers will allow students to wear coats when the laboratory is too cold but students must be mindful there may be traces of chemicals and other substances on the surfaces which could stain a coat. No coats will be worn during practicals.	
School	All years	Attendance A reminder that parents/carers must ring Attendance by 7.30am if their child is going to be absent that day. Please ring the school on 01275 373737 and select Attendance or call 01275 376882. Parents/carers must also report their child's absence on every subsequent day that they are absent. Parents/carers can also email attendance@skdrive.org to report an absence.	
Mrs Ivey	All years	There are 156 fully-searchable books on the theme of the environment. The books are freely-available through the link below until the end of November 22nd. Please encourage your child to make use of this free resource. https://exacted.me/COP26ShowcaseGlasgow22Nov	
Mrs Collins	Year 11 Performing Arts	This term Year 11 will be completing a full mock of their component 3 examination. This includes 3 pieces of written log work and a performance. The mock will be completed in school. Please encourage students to discuss with you what they are creating and to make notes as this will help them with their exam process. Rehearsal outside of the classroom is a priority to ensure they develop their skills and techniques for performance.	
Miss Richards	Year 9	Following very positive feedback from parents/carers last year, we have refined our progress evening process. As a result, consultations with subject teachers are online, with some meetings with Heads of House taking place on site. To ensure that students, parents/carers and teachers fully utilise the meetings, we would value your feedback on how the process has worked for you.	



		Please complete the short <u>feedback form</u> by Sunday 7th November. Your feedback will help to shape any developments required for our next progress evening.	
School	Years 8 & 9	Uniform Years 8 and 9 have received their school trousers or skirts this week. For a very small number of students we have had to order different sizes and are waiting on delivery. If your child has not received theirs they should arrive within a fortnight. If your child has grown since measurement, please ask them to return their trousers/skirt to SSO for a swap.	
Mrs Ivey	Year 7-9	As a science faculty we have signed up to the Salters' Institute online Chemistry club aimed at 11-14 year olds. This includes lots of interactive activities which are updated every weekday at 8am. Activities will include videos, infographics, fill in the blanks, guess the element, word searches and quizzes. There will be a different topic each week. In 2021/22, the themes that will be explored include: medicine, cosmetics, the human body, explosions, food, emotions, materials, oceans, environment, metals and minerals. Students will be able to check their progress on each theme and can choose to complete the activities at their own pace. This is a great opportunity for students to learn more about Chemistry in real life examples and to learn more about the jobs that are available within Chemistry. Please use the following link to register: https://salterschemistryclub.co.uk/register. Your child will need to register with their school email account and make sure that St Katherine's School is selected in the school selection. Please let Mr Hake know if you have any questions. Mr Hake can be emailed at hakej@skdrive.org.	
Mrs Jenkins	Food and Nutrition students	Food practical lessons All food practical lessons are cancelled until further notice due to maintenance in the food room. Apologies for the inconvenience.	

LETTERS – click <u>here</u> to see all letters from this academic year				
All Years	- Welcome back to Term 2 - Internet Safety			

UPCOMING EVENTS – click <u>here</u> to see all upcoming events				
17 November	18:00-19:00 Sixth Form Open Evening			

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 <u>form</u>.



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	wyldl@skdrive.org
Technology related	Mr A Francis-Black	francisblacka@skdrive.org
SEND	Mrs F Slater	slaterf@skdrive.org / sendteam@skdrive.org for day to day issues
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: <u>Tell Someone Form</u>