



Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 22 November 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Here are the latest school messages and updates for your information plus details of any letters sent home during the last week.

| MESSAGES | | | | |
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| School | All years | We are committed to working in partnership with parents and carers, and effective communication between home and school is key. We recognise however that it can often be difficult communicating with teachers because they have a very full timetable, are running clubs or working with students during lunchtime or after school; and we recognise that parents and carers have very busy lives. Please read the <u>Communication Guidelines - School and Home</u> . Communication with parents and carers is important to us, and we will continue to monitor these guidelines and our approach to improve the process further. | | |
| Mrs Crocker | All years | We will hold a mock General Election in school on Thursday 12 December, where students will vote in their Tutor Groups. PSHE on Friday the 6 and Friday the 13 December will be turned over to the election and tutor time activities in w/b Monday 9 December will help students have the information they need to make an informed decision. The results of the election will be published on our website. | | |
| Mrs Crocker | All years | Mr Humphreys will be inviting students that have made a positive contribution to our school community to join him for Hot Chocolate Friday every Friday at break time as a way of recognising the amazing contribution our students make to our community. | | |
| Mr Francis-Black | All years | Food and healthy eating are integral to St Katherine's and Christmas is a fantastic opportunity for students to share a meal together and celebrate the end of term and the festive season with their peers and tutors. Please see the Festive lunch letter in 'Letters this week' which gives details of our Festive lunch on the 19 December. | | |
| Finance | All years | Low Dinner Account Balance Alerts In order to set up alerts on your Parentpay account, select Communication, Alert Setting. This facility allows you to set a balance below which Parentpay will e-mail out a reminder to top up. Please be aware that e-mail reminders are free but text messages are charged at 6p per message. Alerts can also be set up for new payment items. Bank Transfer Facility on Parentpay It can take up to 8 days for a bank to accept a new Parentpay mandate. Please do not make any payments using the bank transfer facility until the mandate has been authorised as this will lead to failed transactions. Dinner accounts can go overdrawn | | |





| | | as a result of failed transactions. Payments should be made using debit/credit card as these payments are authorised before they come down to the school. |
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| Mr Hodgson | All years | A few members of staff are trying to raise awareness for the men's health charity Movember. Those willing and able among the St Katherine's community are helping out by growing moustaches. We will need a lot of moral support! Please give generously to motivate us through this trying month! This is the justgiving page where you can support us. Thank you. |
| Mrs Weatherson | GCSE photography | Independent Learning Project 3 has now been set and the topic is family and friends. All details are available on class charts and via the website: https://hwmedia.wixsite.com/stkatherinesmedia/photography |
| Ms Tallis & Mrs Cameron | Year 10 art students | Year 10 art students are now working on their artist research for their Natural Forms project, part of their coursework which makes up 60% of their GCSE grade. They need to have completed six A3 pages by the end of term (two sheets on each artist, three different artists). Some students have fallen behind and are welcome to work any day in the Art Department at lunch to catch up with the support of their teachers. |
| Miss Sutton | Food Technology | Students who are currently doing food technology need to remember to bring the following ingredients: Monday 25th November - 9b Pizza - 7r Leek and Potato Soup Tuesday 26th November -8r Ratatouille - 8l Ratatouille Wednesday 27th November -7l Leek and potato soup Thursday 28th November - 7l Apple crumble - 7r Apple crumble Friday 29th November - 10C Panna cotta All ingredients have been set on Class Charts. If you have any issues with providing these ingredients, please contact me on: suttone@skdrive.org with at least 48 hours notice if possible. |
| Mrs Collins Miss Adams | Miss Saigon | Tickets are available via ParentPay for Miss Saigon . Reminder rehearsals this term every Tuesday and Thursday will finish at 6pm. |
| Miss Adams | Miss Saigon orchestra rehearsals | A reminder that there are orchestra rehearsals for Miss Saigon at the following times: Friday 22 November from 10am-3pm Friday 29 November from 2pm-7pm Friday 13 December from 10am-3pm (with lead singers) These are in addition to rehearsals during the weekend prior to the show. All details are included in the letter which went home last week. If your son/daughter is involved in the orchestra please remind them they must bring their instrument, music and a sharp pencil to each rehearsal. |





| LETTERS THIS WEEK- click <u>here</u> to see all letters from this academic year | | | | |
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| All Years | Festive lunch 19 December 2019 | | | |
| UPCOMING EVENTS - click <u>here</u> to see all upcoming events | | | | |
| 23 November | 09:30-13:00 Adventure Training Club trip to Burrington | | | |
| 29 November | 14:00-19:00 Cross Trust Orchestra rehearsals | | | |
| 05 December | 07:10-20:35 Years 12/13 Art trip to Tate Modern & National Portrait Gallery | | | |
| 06 December | 09:00 - 13:00 Y9 Future Quest trip to Bristol Old Vic | | | |
| 11 December | Yr 12/13 Trip to Chemistry Conference at Bristol Uni | | | |
| 12 December | 16:00-19:00 Year 10 Progress Evening | | | |
| 13 December | 09:00-15:20 Cross Trust Orchestra rehearsal | | | |
| 17, 18 & 19 | 19:00-22.00 School Production | | | |
| December | | | | |
| 19 December | Festive lunch | | | |
| 20 December | END OF TERM 2 - Early close at 1.00pm | | | |