



Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | 20 March 2020

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.

HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

Thank you to all parents/carers for your understanding this week along with your messages of support. Over the coming weeks it will remain important for us all to continue working effectively together as we adjust to new ways of working. Our goal is to engage all learners with our curriculum via Google Classroom and thank you for your support with this.

To retain our sense of community Miss Robinson has created a useful website to celebrate student interest, reveal staff interests in film, music and books along with looking after our wellbeing. Please take a look with your child/children.

<https://sites.google.com/skdrive.org/st-kaths-school-community/home?authuser=0>

Take care and best wishes

Justin Humphreys
Headteacher

MESSAGES

Mrs Crocker	Online Safety	Our students will certainly be spending more time online during this extended time away from school. This will include academic work of course but it seems likely that our students will have the opportunity to spend more time on social media and gaming sites. There are superb resources, tips and advice available or parents on the UK Safer Internet Centre that allow parents to be well informed and therefore equipped to keep our children safe online.
Mrs Ball	Foodbank	We have referral forms for both the North Bristol and Clevedon District food bank that we can use to get help for families facing financial hardship. If you are worried about the additional pressure school closure will place on your family and would like to access this support, please email ballj@skdrive.org and we will do what we can to help.
School	All	If you have any queries during the school closure please email school@skdrive.org as the school switchboard will not be operational.
School	All	We are currently updating our pupil data records and will be asking parents/carers each week to complete a data capture sheet to enable us to do this. This week we would like Year 7 parents/carers to complete the online Pupil Data Capture Form. Many thanks for your support with this.



School	All Years	Further updates to our guidance for learning from home can be found here. This will be updated regularly and shared every week via this communication.
Ms Wyld	All Years	Reading resource list If you are looking for some great reads during this extended time at home why not take a look through these highly recommended titles on the website?
Finance	All Years	Following the closure of the school many events will be cancelled and ParentPay accounts will have funds that need to be returned. This is being processed by the finance team. Please bear with us as we process the refund payments. Thank you for your patience and understanding.
Ms Wyld	Years 7 & 8	While students are away from school, it is now possible to take book quizzes at home. Please use this link to access the site - and use your normal AR login details. If you are having any difficulty logging in please let me know and I will do my best to help. Don't forget, the book you quiz needs to be in your range!
School	Year 11 & 13	In light of the decision taken by the government to cancel examinations for Year 11 and Year 13 this summer, we are asking teachers to adjust the tasks set to these students. We have asked colleagues to follow these principles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where courses feature coursework elements, it is vital this work is finalised, as we anticipate this may be used to secure final grades. • Where the course content has not yet been completely delivered, resources and assignments should be shared to enable students to complete their study of the whole course. • Where course content has been completed, resources and tasks should be set to support students with their future study. The expectation will be students choose which work will be most related to their interests. • Additionally, in Year 11, we will provide resources and tasks for continued study of functional skills in maths and English.
SC	Year 12 & 13	Given the current decision to close schools and the uncertainty ahead of us, we have taken the decision to cease all planning for a sixth form prom this year. I shared with students in school yesterday that we would very much like to recognise the end of their study with us in some way in the future, and once we are able to, we will make arrangements to do so. Year 13 students who have returned lanyards will be refunded their deposits - any further lanyards can be posted to school or returned when we reopen. Refunds of deposits for lanyards prom will be processed by the finance team, but please be patient as the team are operating in difficult circumstances.
SC	Year 11	Further to Mr Colebourne's announcement to students last week, please find information linked regarding the St Katherine's Scholars Award. Our course information and application form is available on our website and can be submitted electronically .



SC	X5 Carmel Coaches	We are aware that Carmel Coaches have communicated with their families this morning advising parents to cancel their standing orders and stating it is unlikely they will continue to operate the route from September. We recognise these are uncertain times for small businesses - we will continue to work with Carmel and our other coach providers to ensure continuity of service when we are able to reopen school.
SC	Careers Advice Year 11 & 13	Students can continue to access careers advice and guidance even though the school site is closed. If students do not yet have a firm destination for September or require general careers advice, please email hayerr@skdrive.org who will be in touch to arrange a telephone appointment.

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

All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Covid-19 Daily Updates to Parents/Carers (16-20 March) ● Students working from home (17 March) ● CST Letter to Parents/Carers (19 March) ● CST Letter to Parents/Carers (20 March)
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