



Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | 17 July 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

Dear Parent/Carers,

The end of the academic year has arrived in unusual fashion and no doubt we all need time to reflect on recent months. Thank you for all you have done during this period and we really look forward to reuniting our community in September. We are all left craving a sense of greater normality and September is a new beginning for us all. [Mayor of Bristol Marvin Rees shares his gratitude to all parents/carers, students and teachers.](#)

We mentioned last week our approach to reopening in September and we trust you have had time to read the letter sent out earlier this week. Please discuss the changes with your child(ren) to help them understand and we have shared a video detailing some of the key changes to help everyone understand. Please continue to ask questions via the form below and we will endeavour to answer your questions during the holiday. We are aware that much could change during the summer period and we will keep all our families updated. Expect an update between the exam results days - 13 Aug - 20 Aug. We have responded to some questions received this week regarding September.

[Letter sent this week regarding September 2020](#)

[Video capturing key changes for September 2020](#)

Submit your questions regarding September 2020 using our [form](#)

[Responses to your questions](#) on our canteen, arrival and finishing times, buses, bubbles, PE kit, setting and breakfast club.

A reminder the first week in September will be as follows:

Tuesday 1 September	INSET DAY
Wednesday 2 September	INSET DAY
Thursday 3 September	Year 7 and Year 12
Friday 4 September	Year 7, Year 11, Year 12 and Year 13
Monday 7 September	All year groups

Full [Term dates](#) for next year are available on our website.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful summer break.

Kind regards

Justin Humphreys

Headteacher

WHO TO CONTACT AT ST KATHERINE'S

For queries about:	Contact:
Safeguarding	crockerk@skdrive.org
Courses, assignments or resources	Subject Teachers
Access to online library resources	wylidl@skdrive.org
Technology related	francisblacka@skdrive.org
Curriculum	francisblacka@skdrive.org
Learning@Home resources	francisblacka@skdrive.org
Personal, social-emotional	Tutor or Head of House
General queries	school@skdrive.org
Free School Meals	finance@skdrive.org
Key Worker / Vulnerable Children Provision	colebournes@skdrive.org

MESSAGES

Mrs Crocker	All years	As we continue to spend more time online, it is important that we continue to talk to our students about how to keep themselves safe online. The UK Safer Internet Centre is a fantastic resource for parents that provides information and resources for families and young people to help them stay safe online. In particular, the parents area of their Advice Centre contains high quality, easily accessible resources for parents that include how to guides and advice about how to set appropriate parental controls and monitor children's use of the internet. Please take some time over the holidays to view these webpages and have a conversation about internet safety.
Mr Maw	All years	Uniform and Equipment As you prepare your child for the coming academic year, please give consideration to the uniform and equipment they will need. A full equipment list was communicated in Mr Humphyey's recent letter. School shoes must be black, polishable shoes (not trainers/boots/daps). For the avoidance of any doubt, Nike Air Force Ones are not appropriate footwear for school. We are asking students to come to school in their PE kit on the days on which they have PE lessons; for comfort on buses and around the site during the day, boys and girls from Year 7 - 11 are allowed to wear black jogging trousers on those days.



Mrs S Robinson	All years	The student website includes a page of summer catch-up lessons for each year, mental health resources , lots of fun ideas in our creative corner , a page of equality, diversity and inclusion podcasts and much more!
Mrs Crocker	All years	<p>The winners of the 2020 House Championship are Yousafzai House!</p> <p>Congratulations to all of the staff and students in Yousafzai House who have been guided through a difficult year so expertly by Miss Andrews. Your consistency has been superb and you have managed to hold tight to your core values throughout whatever this academic year has thrown at us all. I am sorry that we are unable to present this trophy to you all in a final House assembly but the current circumstances do not, in any way detract from your achievements. Worthy winners indeed!</p> <p>It is notable that the points gap between first place and Turing House who finished second is a mere 3 points. Turing raise the Sports Cup this year and have engaged superbly with the House Championship in lockdown. Yousafzai were given a very close run by The Blues and Turing should be proud of their achievements this year. Congratulations to everyone in Turing House, not least Mrs Price whose ability to motivate the team during lockdown has been second to none.</p> <p>In a remarkable turn of events, no House finishes in fourth place this year and Pankhurst and Stephenson tie for third place. Both Pankhurst and Stephenson have cause to celebrate and a particular mention should go to Mr Thomas' Stephenson House whose commitment to accelerated reader is a credit to all. Similarly, Mr Murdoch's Pankhurst House have made great strides this year in focussing on the importance of being their best selves and earning their status positively. Well done one and all and thank you to everyone who has given their best for their House this year.</p> <p>It has been a delight and pleasure to share in the highs and lows of the House Championship this year and I look forward to the forthcoming academic year! Happy summer everyone and congratulations once again to Yousafzai House!</p>
Ms Wyld	All years	Encouraging students to keep reading through the summer is a really powerful way of helping them prepare for the return to school in September. All students have access to the eplatform , and further instructions if needed. Students in Years 7 & 8 will still be able to take AR quizzes through the summer, so keep on quizzing!
Mrs F Slater	All years Online learning hubs for pupils with SEND	<p>The organisation 'Supportive Parents' have launched a virtual hub – a marketplace aimed at young people with SEND in North Somerset full of support and activities available to access over the summer https://www.supportiveparents.org.uk/.</p> <p>There is a Bristol based online learning hub too. Bristol based parents go to https://www.wearebristol.co.uk/kids/ for online resources and activities for families.</p>
Mrs F Slater	All years Engage	Due to the current situation with Covid-19, we will need to adapt our Engage provision in line with current guidance for September. We will continue to support all



		pupils with SEND whilst adhering to guidance about social distancing and year group bubbles. In September the Engage facility will only be available for pre-timetabled interventions and appointments.
Mrs F Slater	All years Mental Health Support	Wellspring are running some virtual workshops for 11-18 year olds during the summer holidays about improving sleep, managing anxiety and wellbeing tips. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. HOW TO RECOGNISE IF YOU ARE FEELING LOW 2. TIPS TO BOOST YOUR MOOD 3. HOW TO IMPROVE YOUR SLEEP 4. WHAT IS STRESS & ANXIETY 5. BEATING ANXIETY IN SOCIAL SITUATIONS <p>Contact Krissie for more information e: krissie@wellspringcounselling.org.uk</p>
Mrs Shephard	KS4 Business Year 10 students from September 2020	For those Year 9 students who have chosen business as an option from September, I have invited them to join the new google classroom. There are a few short activities to help get students thinking about the subject, along with a brief course overview. This will help me to get to know the students a little bit better before we meet in September. The class code is: dssl2nw . If you have any questions please email me: shephardh@skdrive.org .
Mr Bates	KS4 Computing students from September 2020	I have signed the computer science students up to the learning support platform https://theeverlearner.com/ they should have received a joining email alongside some instructions from myself. This platform provides a full suite of videos and activities for the GCSE computer science course which they can use to deepen their knowledge and catch up on any areas they have missed. I would encourage students over summer to have a look and engage. I would appreciate feedback if they find it of use.
Ms Hughes	KS4 English students	It is important that our GCSE students are supported in continuing to read and engage with their key English Literature texts. I am running a chapter-by-chapter read through of Pride and Prejudice as a series of videos that will be updated regularly. The Google classroom code is ij24mjg and Years 7-9 students are welcome to join as well if they are interested. I welcome feedback from students as we trial this and see if it is useful.
Mr Mclean	GCSE geography students from September 2020	Please sign up to a new Seneca class with this code: 761vv6vmo1 There will be assignments set to help with your preparation for next year. These are optional but will help you to have a positive start in September.
Miss Douglass	GCSE history students from September 2020	Please join the google classroom using this code: p7vaudw There are some activities for you to complete over summer. These are optional, but will stand you in good stead when beginning the course in September.



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

All Years	Covid 19 - Update 14.07.20
Year 12 going into Year 13	Letter to students/parents and carers
Year 11 going into Year 12	Letter to students/parents and carers
Year 9	NHS Immunisation Team - Update on Immunisation Clinics for Year 9