

Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 13 November 2020

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

So we end the week reflecting on our seven week challenge! This week has been disruptive and a reminder to us all of the importance of adhering to all the safety measures we have put in place. We must all be extra vigilant to help protect us all and thank you to those families who have acted on their vigilance this week.

Reminder: to minimise contact with individuals who are unwell, if you are showing symptoms of coronavirus or have someone in your household who is, you should not be in a childcare setting, school or college. You should be at home, in line with the [guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection](#).

We are encouraging all staff and students to wear reusable face coverings as a sustainable safety measure. We issue reusable masks at Student Support with replacements charged at cost and added to ParentPay (£1.10).

Each week we continue to evaluate our provision and plans and have taken the decision to postpone the Year 11 mock exams due to the ongoing disruption to bubbles and staffing. We were looking forward to launching the [401k Challenge](#) next week with students but this has been postponed this morning - Mr Thomas is determined to set up something to challenge us all and keep us active - more information to follow next week.

On the topic of fitness, it has been great to see so many students across the year groups (on their allocated day!) taking part in the PE extra curricular activities at lunchtime - a huge thank you to the PE department for creating as many opportunities as they can for our young people.

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 [form](#).

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Kind regards

Mr Humphreys
Headteacher

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
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

MESSAGES

Mrs Crocker	School	<p>Anti Bullying Week</p> <p>This week is Anti-Bullying Week and assembly and tutor time will be devoted to looking at bullying, its effects and what we can all do to make St. Katherine's School a safer environment. The theme of this year's Anti-Bullying Week is 'United Against Bullying' and we will talk to children about their role in eliminating bullying.</p> <p>Schools are well supported by the Anti-Bullying Alliance who also have resources for parents of children who are bullied, accused of bullying as well as information about keeping children safe online.</p> <p>At St. Katherine's we know children are at risk of harm from their peers as well as adults and staff therefore know that bullying is a safeguarding issue. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and therefore if you are concerned about a student at St Katherine's School, for whatever reason, you should tell someone. Parents can tell someone in a number of ways. They can contact their child's tutor, they can use the email address tellsomeone@skdrive.org or use the online reporting 'Tell Someone' form accessible from the home page of our school's website.</p>
Mrs Crocker	All Years	<p>House Championship Update</p> <p>Congratulations to Stephenson House who won last Friday's Keepy Uppy competition which provided a much needed injection of fun.</p> <p>Current House Point totals:</p>

		1st Turing (529) 2nd Pankhurst (472) 3rd Yousafzai (451) 4th Stephenson (343)
Mr Davies	Year 10 and Year 11	Sixth Form Open Evening will be held virtually on Wednesday 18 November from 6pm-7pm. If any students in Year 10 and Year 11 are considering their next steps, we would love to welcome you along. Both Mr Humphreys and Mr Davies will discuss the post-16 provision we offer, while you will hear from a range of students, teachers and tutors about what makes St Katherine's Sixth Form such a special place to continue their studies. For more information and to sign up, just head to this link, or contact daviesg@skdrive.org for more information.
Mr Francis Black	Year 9	With Year 9 Learning@Home it is vital that all are set up for IT access. This video explains how you can set up Google Chrome at home to provide seamless access to school work. We have also produced a video that explains to students how to use Google Classroom effectively. If students do not have an appropriate device on which to access Learning@Home please contact your child's tutor and we will do our best to support.
Miss Sutton	Food technology classes	Miss Sutton is starting practical lessons with her classes this term. The following practicals will be taking place next week: Monday 16th November - 8r Frittata Tuesday 17th November - 9l Spring rolls Thursday 12th November - Pizza wheels (after school) Friday 13th November - 10c Cheese and sage scones Ingredients have been posted on ClassCharts and emails have been sent to parents/carers of the classes. Aprons are compulsory for the lessons. If you have ordered one on parentpay, they will be given out to pupils in the lesson.
Ms Wylde	LRC	One of the most powerful things we can all do for students of all ages is to encourage them to keep up with reading regularly and widely. Please find links here to all the library services, including Accelerated Reader (Yrs7 & 8), the reading profile form (all years) and the eplatform (all years). There is also a Term 2 house competition for Yrs 7, 8 & 9! Please do contact me if there are any queries.

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

Year 11	Year 11 Exams Update
All years	Confirmed cases of Covid 19 in Years 12/13 and Year 9
Year 9	Year 9 Learning@Home

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

Wednesday, 18 November	18:00-19:00 Sixth Form Open Evening (Virtual)
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