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Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 22 January 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.

HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

Dear Parents/Carers

We are halfway through Term 3 today which has been productive but not without its challenges as I am sure you will agree. We continue to 'check in' with all our families to offer support, encouragement and boost wellbeing where we can. We continue to evaluate our Learning@Home and will share a survey for completion next week. Thank you for all the messages of gratitude - it means an awful lot to all staff.

Our Parent/Carer Association has proved to be an invaluable forum over the last two years and all parents/carers are welcome to attend. With these meetings now being remote, they are more accessible for a number of families. Our next [Parent/Carer Association meeting](#) takes place next week - join us online if you can. See below for more details.

We recognise remote provision is far from ideal and it creates challenges for families and teachers. As parents/carers, we appreciate the support you continue to provide and empower you to make adjustments where you feel this is necessary in discussion with your child's Head of House. We are all working in the best interests of your child/children and for those with multiple children, we appreciate the challenges are amplified each day. We all hope we will be back to normal routines soon and the government announced this week there will be two week's notice to schools reopening.

I was delighted to watch how Harry in Yousafzai House has been extending his local and national reach through his dance videos - a wonderfully creative way to keep active and well done to Harry for making us all smile.

Year 11 | Year 12 | Year 13

The Department for Education is currently consulting on the summer exams and awarding process. Year 11, 12 and 13 Parents/carers along with students are encouraged to respond

Details

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-on-how-gcse-as-and-a-level-grades-should-be-awarded-in-summer-2021>

Link to online response - <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/8BYI4T/>

Year 9 options

An exciting time for students in Year 9 as they begin to make some choices about the subjects they wish to study. Mr Francis Black is launching this with the students as we look to engage students in this important process remotely. Further details below with more to follow in the coming weeks and we look forward to you joining subject leads and leaders at our virtual evening where you will be able to find out more.

Keyworker School

Reminder around possible symptoms for families accessing our KEYWORKER school. **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 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](#).

Best wishes

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 Wylld	wylld@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
Anonymous way to report a concern about a student: Tell Someone Form		

MESSAGES

School	All years	<p>Parent Association Meeting - Wednesday 27 January 18:30-19:30 Open to all parents and carers where we discuss parent/carers topics. Previous meeting agenda and notes are on our website. This will be a virtual event - please click on the link to join the Zoom meeting.</p>
Mrs Slater	All years	<p>Bristol Local Authority would like feedback about their service from parents / carers of young people with SEND. Each survey takes about 15 minutes to complete and all those taking part will have the opportunity to be entered into a draw to win one of two £10 'Love to Shop' vouchers that can be spent on-line or in store at more than 20,000 shops, restaurants and attractions. The survey will be live for 7 weeks (18 January – 5 March). Click here to take part in the parent carer survey Click here to take part in the children and young people's survey</p>
Mrs Slater	All years	<p>'Supportive Parents' have just launched their Wellbeing Hub for young people with SEND. The Wellbeing Hub - What is it? The Hub is an online portal which provides young people with access to information about local services which can support wellbeing. The Wellbeing Hub is based on the 5 Ways of Wellbeing - a national initiative that focuses on the 5 steps we can take to improve our wellbeing: CONNECT - BE ACTIVE - KEEP LEARNING - TAKE NOTICE - BE CREATIVE</p>
PE	All years	<p>Screen Free @ 3 Government guidelines are for children to be physically active for at least 60 minutes per day. We are encouraging students to build some physical activity into every day, not just when they have PE lessons.</p> <p>Students can find suggested activities that they can complete at the end of each day here. If students have found something that they enjoyed then please let us know, we want to know about it so we can share it!</p>
Ms Wyld	All years	<p>Here are our Library Links - including instructions and links for AR quizzing, the eplatform and a range of other resources to use while working at home. This updated version includes 2 step-by-step videos on how to quiz on Accelerated Reader and how to access & use the eplatform.</p> <p>I've also just heard the exciting news that the incredibly popular 'Heartstopper' series of graphic novels by Alice Oseman is to be made into an 8-part series for Netflix - one to look out for!</p>
Mr Francis Black	Year 11	<p>All families of Year 11 students should have received an invite to the Year 11 progress evening in a letter this week. The online booking system is now open for you to make appointments. Please check your IT systems ahead of time to ensure the evening runs smoothly and use this template to record some details of the discussions.</p>
Mr Francis Black	Year 9	<p>Year 9 Options evening will take place on Wednesday 10 February from 7 pm to 9 pm. This will be a virtual event with a short talk followed by a chance to ask questions of subject leaders about the courses that we offer. All meetings will be hosted on Zoom with access here. Full details of the</p>

		<p>evening along with our options booklet will be issued next week following the options assembly.</p> <p>To streamline our communications we will not run a dedicated Progress Evening for Year 9 but will enable lines of communication between families and subject staff that aim to support students in the choices that they must make. I will be sharing next week an online resource with messages from all subject leaders about the courses that we offer and this will include contact details so that students and families can focus the feedback that they seek in subject areas that are likely to be important to them and will assist them in making their choices. Tutors will also continue to make their regular phone calls and should you have any concerns about a particular subject you should discuss it with the tutor and they will initiate contact with subject teachers.</p>
DofE	Year 9	<p>There will be a short meeting on Thursday 28 January for DofE participants. It will be online and will start at 3.30pm. The link to the meeting will be on the classroom. If you are not able to attend, the meeting will be recorded.</p>
Ms Wild	Year 7	<p>In English all year 7 students are reading A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle. Here are some resources to support their developing learning strategies: an audio book version and two study guides, here and here.</p>
Miss Adams	All students who have instrumental lessons	<p>You should now have received a letter from North Somerset Music Service regarding the arrangements for the organisation of online instrumental lessons during this period of school closure. Please contact me on adamsa@skdrive.org if you have not had this information or if you have any questions.</p>

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

Year 11	Year 11 Virtual Progress Evening
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UPCOMING EVENTS - click [here](#) to see all upcoming events

<p>Wednesday 27 January Thursday 4 February Wednesday 10 February</p>	<p>18:30-19:30 Parents Association meeting (Virtual) 16:00 - 19:00 Year 11 Progress Evening (Virtual) 19:00-21:00 Year 9 Options Evening (Virtual)</p>
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