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Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 19 March 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

A very successful first week back with visible signs of relief from staff and students across the school as face to face lessons have returned, albeit with masks on. With students and staff reunited once again after a long break, our community is back on its feet once again with smiles and laughter echoing through the corridors and around the site. It has been enjoyable to once again visit classrooms and observe the learning and levels of engagement which have been good overall. We now rejoin where we left off in Term 2 in making sure all students are engaged in their learning throughout, with a clear focus on the new knowledge they are acquiring. We have much to do as we can all appreciate.

Testing

Testing has been successfully completed this week and again I thank the team involved for processing over 3000 tests in the past fortnight. Please read the letters circulated to parents/carers this week.

[Letter to Years 7-10 and Year 12](#) [Letter to Year 11 and Year 13](#)

Year 11 and Year 13

We are finalising plans for the awarding of grades for Year 11 and Year 13 and a letter has been sent today to all parents/carers. In this week's video Mr Francis-Black, Assistant Headteacher on assessment and reporting, introduces an important portal where students, along with parents/carers can understand in more detail how each subject will be assessed.

We will continue to take time to talk with students to reassure them of this year's process to give each individual the best chance of success. In the meantime all students should continue to work hard across all their subjects.

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

Justin Humphreys
Headteacher

Year 11 and Year 13 Updates

Should you have any questions regarding the awarding of grades for Year 11 and Year 13 this year, please submit them [here](#)

Today we are launching the [Assessment Hub](#) which is where you will find all of the details about how each subject will be assessed. We have also made a [short video](#) to explain how to navigate the hub and find the information that you need.

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	wylidl@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	Years 8 & 9	<p>Update on HPV Vaccinations The immunisation team hope to do the Year 8 HPV 1st dose in Term 6. They will catch up with the Year 9 HPV second dose as soon as possible. Public Health England have confirmed there are no concerns with delaying the second dose and that the gap between the two doses can be delayed by up to 4 years.</p> <p>Year 9 MenACWY/DtP Vaccinations These vaccinations will take place on Thursday 13 May. Information leaflets and consent forms have been given to Year 9 students this week to bring home. Please return completed/signed forms to the Student Support Office.</p>
Finance	All years	<p>An important reminder as we return to school to please ensure lunch accounts are always in credit. <u>To assist in this 'low balance alerts' can be set up in Parentpay by selecting Communication, Alert, Setting.</u></p>
Mr Francis Black	All years	<p>During the latest period of Learning@Home we have loaned over 200 Chromebooks to support students in accessing work. With all students now returned to Learning@School we need to redeploy these devices to enable us to effectively deliver in year group bubbles in school. If your child has borrowed a school Chromebook please ensure that it is returned to the Student Support Office on Monday 22 March and that a receipt for its return is collected.</p>
Mr Francis Black	All years	<p>All normal school transport is now in full operation including St Katherine's services, North Somerset services the X4S with First Bus. Please be reminded of the three rules that must be followed on all services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wear a face covering at all times while on the bus. • Sit only in your allocated seat as shown on your bus pass. • Remain seated and wear a seat belt at all times <p>On arrival in school students should only disembark the bus when instructed to do so by a member of staff. Bus timetables can be viewed via our website.</p>
Miss McInerney and Miss Campbell	Year 7	<p>Year 7 Poetry Lunch Club began on Thursday 18 March. Please encourage students to take part if they show any interest in writing. It will eventually lead to all members entering a national poetry competition in July! See the slides here for more information.</p>
Miss Sutton	Food Preparation and Nutrition students	<p>The following practicals will be taking place next week: Wednesday 24 March - 10C - Chicken skewers and flatbread Thursday 25 March - 11C - Whisked sponge Ingredients have been posted on ClassCharts. Aprons are compulsory for the lessons.</p>



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

Year 11 and Year 13 Years 7-10 and Year 12 Year 7 close contacts All Years	Home LFD Testing Home LFD Testing Return to school and on site testing ● BAME Parent Forum ● Moving INSET day and additional afternoon
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UPCOMING EVENTS - click [here](#) to see all upcoming events

Thursday 1 April Monday 19 April	END OF TERM 4 - normal finish time START OF TERM 5
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