

## Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 23 April 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 beautiful first week back with glorious weather for us all to enjoy at St Katherine's. The fields have been in full swing with new resources for students to use and enjoy with friends within their bubble. Long may this weather continue.....!

Well done to Year 11 and Year 13 who have tackled some of their first assessments this week with many more to follow over the coming weeks.

At the end of last term a letter was shared highlighting [proposed changes to the school day for September 2021](#). Thank you for your feedback to date and please take time to read through the changes and view the video clips from the meeting held in Term 4. Please share your feedback by 30 April 2021 using the form highlighted in the letter. Once all feedback has been considered we will write to confirm all changes later this term.

We have been reminded this week of the need for us all to continue to be disciplined and vigilant within our communities. Please continue to test twice a week and report your results to help keep us all safe during Term 5.

We are pleased to share that we have established a [St Katherine's Hardship Fund](#) as part of our work with the Parent/Carer Association. We are passionate about making sure all students have a broad experience at St Katherine's and any support through the fund will go towards helping a student who might have otherwise gone without, ensuring that each student's time at St Katherine's is their best time ever and without barriers to their daily enjoyment. We will share how the money has been spent along with the difference it is making throughout the term.

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

## 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](#)

The [Assessment Hub](#) has been updated this week in the following subjects:

Year 11	Year 13
Biology	Biology
Chemistry	
Combined Science	Further Maths
Further Maths	
History	Maths
Maths	
Performing Arts	GCSE Maths
Physics	

A calendar is now available showing the dates of all [high control assessments](#) that will take place during term 5 along with a [template revision planner](#). Please watch our new [video](#) explain how to plan revision and the expectations for high control assessments.

### WHO TO CONTACT AT ST KATHERINE'S

For queries about:	Name	Contact:
Safeguarding	Mrs K Crocker	<a href="mailto:crockerk@skdrive.org">crockerk@skdrive.org</a>
Courses, assignments or resources		Subject Teachers
Access to online library resources	Ms Wyld	<a href="mailto:wyldl@skdrive.org">wyldl@skdrive.org</a>
Technology related	Mr A Francis-Black	<a href="mailto:francisblacka@skdrive.org">francisblacka@skdrive.org</a>
SEND	Mrs F Slater	<a href="mailto:slaterf@skdrive.org">slaterf@skdrive.org</a>
Curriculum	Miss K Richards	<a href="mailto:richardsk@skdrive.org">richardsk@skdrive.org</a>
Learning@Home resources	Miss K Richards	<a href="mailto:richardsk@skdrive.org">richardsk@skdrive.org</a>
Personal well being		Tutor or Head of House
General queries		<a href="mailto:school@skdrive.org">school@skdrive.org</a>
Free School Meals		<a href="mailto:kilgallond@skdrive.org">kilgallond@skdrive.org</a>
Reading logs	Immalee Wild	<a href="mailto:wildi@skdrive.org">wildi@skdrive.org</a>
Sixth Form	Geraint Davies	<a href="mailto:daviesg@skdrive.org">daviesg@skdrive.org</a>

Anonymous way to report a concern about a student: [Tell Someone Form](#)

<b>MESSAGES</b>		
School	All years	<p><b>Important Reminders</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The INSET day scheduled for Tuesday 4 May has moved to Monday 17 May</li> <li>We will be shortening the day on Tuesday 11 May meaning school will end at 12:40pm. There will be no lunch service on this day. Children entitled to free school meals will be able to collect their allocation at break time.</li> </ul> <p>These changes are to provide time for teaching teams to carry out important quality assurance processes with regard to the Year 11 and Year 13 assessments.</p>
Miss Richards	All years	<p><b>Please continue to support your child in completing their Covid-19 lateral flow tests on Monday and Thursday evenings.</b> The results are to be recorded in classcharts and with NHS test &amp; trace.</p> <p>We are currently awaiting a delivery of the further tests from the DfE. If you need tests at this time, lateral flow tests can be collected from most pharmacies. They can also be ordered online <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
Ms Jefferson and Mr Benchama	All years	<p><b>As we continue to observe Ramadan, we would like to remind our whole school community of the opportunity to share the Iftar experience online.</b> The event will be held on Wednesday 28 April, beginning at 7pm and ending just after sunset (8.29pm). If you would like to join us, please complete this <a href="#">Google Form</a>. You will be asked to include the email address of the student who attends St Katherine's so that the web link for the event can be sent to them for you to access. For further details, please see the letter sent home this week.</p>
Student Support Office	All years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A high number of students are still using disposable face masks in school. <b>Where possible, please supply your child with a reusable fabric face mask;</b> these are better for the environment and will reduce lost learning time as children come to the SSO to replace broken disposable masks.</li> <li>At the end of last term we noticed lots of students asking for water, particularly during warmer days. <b>Please ensure your child is sent to school with a water bottle/container that they are able to refill during the day.</b></li> <li>Any student missing any items of jewellery/keys/uniform/coats, please ask them to come to Student Support as we have a number of items in our lost property</li> </ul>
Mr Maw	All years	<p><b>Our new uniform supplier, Monkhouse, now has their website operational. You are able to purchase blazers and jumpers from them here: <a href="https://www.monkhouse.com/c/4644/St-Katherines-Uniform">https://www.monkhouse.com/c/4644/St-Katherines-Uniform</a> They are also now stocking St Katherine's uniform in their Bedminster store (please check store opening times before visiting if you intend to go in, they are currently</b></p>

		operating a limited schedule). We will be communicating with all parents over the change to trousers and skirts over the course of this term.
Student Support Office	Year 9	<b>Please return your vaccination forms as soon as possible to the Student Support Office</b>
The Story Cellar Youth Theatre in Pill	Years 7-11	<p>The Story Cellar Youth Theatre Group in Pill are welcoming new members. Please see details below of the productions they are currently putting together:</p> <p><b>Romeo &amp; Juliet production for children aged 11 &amp; 12</b>  Mondays 5.00-6.15pm  Pill Community Centre £7.50 a session (payable half termly)  Performance on Saturday 3 July.</p> <p><b>Bonnie &amp; Clyde production for children aged 13-16.</b>  Monday 6.30-8.00pm  £8 a session (payable half termly)  Performance on Saturday 3 July.</p> <p>If your child is interested in becoming involved, or if you would like further information, please contact <a href="mailto:liz@thestorycellar.co.uk">liz@thestorycellar.co.uk</a></p>

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

All years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Iftar 28 April 2021</li> <li>• Confirmed case of Covid 19</li> </ul>
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**UPCOMING EVENTS - click [here](#) to see all upcoming events**

Tuesday 11 May	<b>12.40pm Early Finish for Students</b>
Monday 17 May	<b>INSET DAY - school closed to students</b>