

Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 28 May 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,

As Term 5 draws to a close, we have been saying farewell and goodbye to Year 11 and Year 13. Their recent experience has been unique and we are grateful for the way they have embraced their GCSE and A Level experience, taking advantage of what has been on offer and working hard to prepare for their final assessments. The assessments have run smoothly and we look forward to celebrating in August on the earlier dates this year - A Level Results 11 August, GCSE Results 13 August.

It has been wonderful to see the Duke of Edinburgh and sporting fixtures return to the calendar at the end of this term and we look forward to more opportunities returning in Term 6. The students are honest in sharing just how much they miss this aspect of school life and how much this benefits their personal development. We are excited about the new school year as we leave our bubbles behind.

As we prepare for the new academic year, we have been reviewing the end of Term 6 arrangements, important training and curriculum development missed due to the dominance of Centre Assessed Grades this term and teachers returning to their classrooms within our faculty structure, as opposed to year group bubbles. **We have therefore decided that Monday 19 July and the half day on Tuesday 20 July will be INSET days. This means the last full day in school for students will be Friday 16 July.** We will be sharing summer projects during Term 6 with students which will allow students to consolidate learning from this year and provide insight into what they have ahead in September when they progress to the next year group.

For Term 6, we have updated our [risk assessment](#) which is now available. The main change is with regard to face coverings. **We expect staff and students to wear face coverings in corridors and communal areas, with them being optional in the classroom environment.** We will be reminding students of this when we return. Whilst new strains of the virus continue to appear, we will of course continue to monitor the situation and make any adjustments in line with Department for Education guidance. With this in mind, we have been reminded to continue testing over half term as lockdown eases, to help stay ahead of the virus. Around 1 in 3 people with COVID-19 have no symptoms and are spreading the virus without knowing. This includes those who have had their vaccine.

Wishing you all a restful break with your family and no doubt we are all relieved to see some fine weather in the forecast.

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](#)

All High Control Assessments have now been completed. Students who have yet to provide sufficient evidence will have received a letter to request their attendance in the first week of Term 6.

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

MESSAGES

School	All years	<p>Parent/Carer Association Meeting - Thursday 24 June 2021</p> <p>Open to all parents and carers where we discuss parent/carers topics. Previous meeting agenda and notes are on our website and the agenda and link for this meeting will be circulated after half term. We look forward to seeing you on 24 June.</p>
Miss Richards	All years	<p>Please continue to support your child in completing their Covid-19 lateral flow tests on Monday and Thursday evening during half term. The results are to be recorded in classcharts and with NHS test & trace.</p>
Ms Wyld	All years	<p>Keep up to date with all things library-related by checking out our new LRC twitter account @StKaths LRC</p>
Miss Richards	Year 11/13	<p>Year 11 and 13 students have conducted themselves excellently during their assessments this term and we are now in the process of finalising centre assessed grades (CAGs). If your child has not yet completed enough of the work required for our CAGs evidence, you will receive a separate letter to inform you of when your child is expected to attend school after half term. Unless you receive this communication, your child will not be required to attend school to complete any further work. If you are unsure of whether your child is expected to attend school, please contact Mr Francis Black (francisblacka@skdrive.org).</p> <p>During the weeks commencing 7th and 14th June, Year 11 students are encouraged to use their Unifrog account to complete their careers sessions. Further details of these sessions will be shared with parents shortly and can be found in the google classroom.</p> <p>Year 11 students who will be attending the St Katherine's Sixth Form are expected to attend the Step into Sixth Form days on Monday 14th and Tuesday 16th June.</p>
Mr Francis Black	Years 10 & 12	<p>During the first half of term 6 students in Years 10 & 12 will undertake a series of mock exams.</p> <p>Year 10 - All mock exams will take place in normal timetabled lessons and will be conducted in their normal classroom. Subject teachers will provide detailed revision lists.</p>

Date	Period	Subject	Description
11th June	5	PB	Christian beliefs and teachings (30 minutes)
16th June	4	GCSE psychology	Paper 1
16th June	4	FP&N	Practical assessment
17th June	2	GCSE History	10A - Paper 2: Henry VIII and his ministers 1509-1540
17th June	4	GCSE History	10D - Paper 2: Henry VIII and his ministers 1509-1540
18th June	5	PB	Matters of Life and Death (30 minutes)
18th June	3	FP&N	Practical assessment
22nd June	1	Performing Arts	Year 10 will be completing their Practical Assessment in Performing Arts and will need two lessons to rehearse in the space.
22nd June	3	GCSE Music	Section A listening and appraising mock paper
22nd June	2	FP&N	Written assessment (Science of cooking and eggs)
23rd June	1	Maths	Non Calc Paper
23rd June	2	FP&N	Written assessment (Nutrition and food provenance)
23rd June	2	GCSE Geography	10C - Urban Challenges & Coasts
24th June	1	GCSE Geography	10A - Urban Challenges & Coasts
24th June	2	GCSE Geography	10 B - Urban Challenges & Coasts
25th June	2	Chemistry	Chemistry paper 1
25th June	3	Maths	Calc Paper
25th June	5	Performing Arts	Year 10 will be completing their Practical Assessment in Performing Arts and will need two lessons to rehearse in the space.
28th June	5	Physics	Physics paper 1
29th June	1	Performing Arts	Year 10 will be completing part of their practical for their BTEC qualification
1st July	4	Performing Arts	Year 10 will be completing part of their practical for their BTEC qualification
2nd July	5	Performing Arts	Year 10 will be completing part of their practical for their BTEC qualification
9th July	5	GCSE Computer Science	Paper 1 content - mock exam (45 minutes)

Year 12 - All mock exams will take place in normal timetabled lessons and will be conducted in the lecture theatre. Subject teachers will provide detailed revision lists.

Date	Period	Subject	Description
8th June	4	Physics	Physics 1 paper A
9th June	4	Physics	Physics 1 paper B
11th June	2	History	Unit 1 - The Tudors
17th June	4&5	Biology	Biology paper 1
22nd June	5	Chemistry	Chemistry Paper 1 Breadth
23rd June	4 & 5	Psychology	Psychology paper 1
24th June	1	Maths	Applied P1
24th June	4	Maths	Applied P2
24th June	3	History	Unit 2 - Democracy & Dictatorship in Germany 1918-1963
29th June	4	Maths	Pure P1
29th June	5	Maths	Pure P2

Mrs Ivey	Year 10	Year 10 science mocks start after half term. Students have been given topic lists with revision lists to support their revision. Details of the mocks and links to the revision lists can be found here . Students will need scientific calculators for all three mock examinations.
Mr Benchama	Year 10 French and Spanish	Intervention sessions will start after half term for all Year 10 students studying French or Spanish. The sessions will take place each Wednesday morning 8.30-8.55am. Please encourage your son/daughter to attend.

Miss Sutton	Miss Sutton's food technology classes *only*	<p>The following practicals will be taking place after half term:</p> <p>Monday 7th June - 8l Chow mein Tuesday 8th June - 9r - Chow mein Wednesday 9th June - 7l Fruit cakes 8r - Chow mein Thursday 10th June - 7r Fruit cakes Friday 11th June - Chow mein Ingredients have been posted on ClassCharts. Aprons are compulsory for the lessons.</p>
Mr Hodgson	Bronze DofE	<p>Route Planning Meeting on the 10 June 3.30-4.30 (based in the Year 9 and Year 10 blocks). See google classrooms for details. The practice walk will be on 12 June (meet at school, 08.50 for a 09.00 start). Expedition will be 26-27 June, see google classrooms for details. Please contact Mr Hodgson (hodgsont@skdrive.org) if you need any information or have any questions.</p>

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

No letters this week

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

Monday 7 June	START OF TERM 6
Thursday 24 June	Year 8 HPV Vaccinations 18:30-19:30 Parent/Carer Association (Virtual) Meeting