

Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 2 July 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 week full of sports this week with some wonderful warm weather. Before school, during school and after school, long into the evening each day this week, students have been enjoying a whole range of sports and I hope your child(ren) thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated the offer. With huge thanks to our incredible PE team and staff who pulled this together alongside Mr Cook.

The Duke of Edinburgh Bronze expedition took place last weekend and while they didn't get the full camping experience due to restrictions, they certainly clocked up the kilometers across the Gordano Valley and on top of the Mendips. Tents and cooking took place largely back at school and having read the student comments from Mr Hodgson, it was a humbling reminder of the important opportunities the expedition provided students - having fun, joking and laughing, learning new skills and being outdoors. We are keen for the uptake to rise further next year after doubling last year, and look forward to students continuing on to complete the silver and gold awards. Please encourage your child to get involved if they are not already - any questions to Mr Hodgson - hodgsont@skdrive.org

We welcomed our new Year 7s with our [Virtual Induction Evening](#) this week, albeit with a frustrating technical Zoom hitch. Despite this, the evening has helped prepare Year 7 for September. They will be meeting their fellow tutees and tutors before the end of term.

COVID-19

We have had a further case reported in our community with some Year 10 students now having to self isolate. Please continue to keep testing until the end of term.

You will be relieved to know testing over the summer period will be paused and we are awaiting further guidance from the Department for Education before the summer break. We have taken the decision to remove our block bubbles from September as we take steps to return to faculty subject areas for all lessons. We will be talking with students about these changes before the end of term so we all know what to expect when we return in September.

To ensure we are fully prepared for a smooth return in September for all pupils, we are being asked to prepare for onsite testing. We would be grateful if you could complete a consent form, the same as requested in December 2019. This will be circulated by email.

Results Days

We look forward to celebrating results with students in August. Please could you take a lateral flow device test the night before to ensure you are not putting others at risk when collecting your results.

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

Invitations were sent last week for results days in both Year 11 and Year 13 along with details of this year's exams appeals process.

Results will be available for collection at the following times:

- Year 13 - Tuesday 10 August from 9 am
- Year 11 - Thursday 12 August from 9 am

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

Mrs Crocker	All years	<p>This week in tutor time, students were told about a new facility from the Internet Watch Foundation that helps children and young people who have shared nude photos or images of themselves get them removed. Students watched this video with their tutors and discussed the topic afterwards. Age appropriate information can be found on the childline website here.</p> <p>If you have any concerns about your child or someone else's, please contact me at school or use the link to the 'tell someone' form (above) if you need to do this anonymously.</p>
Student Support Office	All years	<p>Please remember to encourage your child to bring water into school as while it's not sunny, it's still very warm in the summer months. We've noticed a large number of students seeking first aid who are not unwell, but dehydrated, with most not having drunk any water all day. This has led to a disruption in their learning where they have missed large amounts of lesson time. Children with bottles are able to fill these up at refill points across the school campus.</p>
Duke of Edinburgh Award	Year 8-10	<p>A massive thank you to staff who supported the Bronze DofE Expeditions last weekend, and also to parents and assessors who have helped support and encourage the participants to complete it. The expedition was a great success, and many will be completing their Bronze Award soon - keep uploading those assessor reports. If you are interested in starting your Bronze Award (in Year 9) or moving onto the next challenge, information about the Bronze and Silver Award will be coming out before the end of term. Any questions please email hodgsont@skdrive.org</p>
Careers	Years 7-13	<p>St Katherines is planning a careers fair on Monday 15 November 2022. We would welcome anyone with a business or company who would like to come and talk to our students about careers and pathways within their industry. Please email Miss Gardiner gardiners@skdrive.org with details.</p>
Miss Richards	Years 7-10	<p>Parent Voice - Curriculum Please share your views on the structure of our Curriculum at St Katherine's. Your feedback will help to shape our on-going curriculum development</p> <p>Click link to complete survey by Friday 9th July: Years 7, 8, 9 parents/carers</p> <p>Click link to complete survey by Friday 9th July: Year 10 parents/carers</p>
Shine Active Leaders	Year 7-8	<p>Shine are running an Active Leaders course for children who are Year 7&8 for 4 days over the summer holidays. This was really enjoyed by the children who took part at Easter and so are running again this summer w/c 26 July at Coombe Dingle Sports Complex.</p> <p>This is a brilliant opportunity to take part in something fun and useful and not be at home bored! I have attached a poster and you will find more information at Active Leaders 4 Day course Shine (myshine.co.uk)</p>

