

Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 10 September 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 great first week back at St Katherine's with a safe return for all students. Thank you to all families for your patience with this return.

A few reminders:

- Your child's confirmation test result may have been delayed this week as the national system has been slow reporting for some families.
- We have had two positive cases this week through our internal testing and have taken steps inline with guidance and our [risk assessment](#).
- We will review the use of masks at the end of the month. In the meantime, please ensure your child has a clean mask with them when they set off for school.

Thank you for your patience and tolerance with getting your uniform at the start of this year. We recognise this has been less than ideal for the start of the new academic year and be reassured we will continue to make adjustments and will support all families until the supply issues are resolved.

Term dates for next year have been amended to reflect the additional day given to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen so Term 6 will end on Thursday 21 July 2022. [Term Dates 2021-2022](#)

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

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

Mr Francis Black	Bus Users	Users of the X4/X3 First Bus service can find the full timetable here . Details of the services that best suit school times are selected here alongside the full route map and timetable for all six of our Turner's services. We now have waiting lists for all but the SK-6 service so if you would like to add your details to these lists please contact francisblacka@skdrive.org .
Miss Cave	All	If your child is entitled to Free School Meals they are entitled to a free breakfast (cereal and toast) from the canteen before 8.30 am.
Miss Richards	All	Please support your child in completing their lateral flow tests at home. Students should begin to test on Monday and Thursday as follows: Year 7 - Monday 13 September Year 8 - Thursday 16 September Year 9 - Thursday 16 September Year 10 - Monday 13 September Year 11 - Monday 13 September Years 12 & 13 - Thursday 9 September

		Results should be recorded on classcharts and on the government test and trace website.
Miss Adams	All	<p>We are excited to be running Trailblazers this year which is a great opportunity for your child to consider a musical instrument along with the joy and benefits this brings to young people. Full details below and there is a sign up form within the letter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A letter introducing the scheme • A video from Mr Nicholls, Director of Music Specialism across the CST Trust • Some demo videos from some of the instrumental teachers <p>Our plans for concerts and events next year are underway and we are really looking forward to putting these events back on the calendar.</p>
Miss Adams	All	Instrumental lessons re-start in the week commencing 13 September . Please check here for the relevant timetables and support your child to ensure they know when their lesson is and to remember their instrument and music. Any questions please contact me at: adamsa@skdrive.org
Mrs Slater	All	<p>A letter was sent to the parents of pupils with SEND this week with updates about SEND.</p> <p>Years 8-13: Please remind your child to collect coloured books and overlays from Engage during breaks and lunches if they use them due to their dyslexia.</p>
Student Support Office	All	Please ensure that all items of uniform are labelled with your child's name so we can return any items handed into lost property.
Ms Wylde	All	The Library Resource Centre will open to all students before school & during breaks from Monday 13 September. Numbers will be limited to begin with. Year 8 & Year 10 students will need to pop in to collect any English revision guides still outstanding.
Mr Fey & Mr Simmons	Year 11 Engineering	<p>As coursework continues and due to the disruptions of covid on contact time with students, the department is now offering additional sessions for those looking to catch up and extend their grades. These will run:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Before school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 7:30-8:30. - Tuesday lunch times - After school on Tuesday (week 1 and 2) and Wednesday (week 1) from 15:00-17:30.
Mrs Collins	Year 10/11 performing arts	A reminder that students are to be in school uniform during the school day and to bring their PA kit in with them to change into at the start of the lesson. Students are not to come into school wearing their kit already. Thank you.
Mrs Collins	Year 10/11 performing arts	Please ensure students are wearing appropriate kit for their performing arts lessons. This can be any St Katherine's School named kit - (PE or Performing arts) hoody/ t-shirt with plain black leggings or joggers and lightweight trainer or dance shoe.

		Students who are still wanting to purchase PA kit have until Friday 17 September to do so. Any questions please email me at: Collinsl@skdrive.org
School	Year 7	On Monday this week we held our parent/carer information evening for Year 7. If you were unable to attend you can see a recording of the session here .
Mrs Jenkins (Miss Sutton)	Year 7 Enrichment	Please ensure students who are taking part in the 'Ready, Steady, Cook' enrichment sessions bring a clean apron and a named container to each session. The first session is on Monday 13 September. Any problems, please let me know at: jenkinse@skdrive.org
Mrs Jenkins (Miss Sutton)	Food and nutrition students	Ingredients for practical lessons. Students will be expected to bring ingredients, a clean apron and a named container to practical food and nutrition lessons. The lessons have been set on ClassCharts as homework. Please let me know if you require financial support when providing ingredients for Food and nutrition practical lessons. Please provide us with 48 hours notice. Any questions, please contact me at: jenkinse@skdrive.org
Mrs Jenkins (Miss Sutton)	Food and nutrition students	Practical lessons for next week: Tuesday 14th September - 10D Vegetable soup Wednesday 15th September - 10C Vegetable soup Thursday 16th September - 11C Glamorgan sausages Thursday 16th September - 10D Pineapple cake Friday 17th September - 7I Fruit salad Friday 17th September - 9r Soda bread

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

All Years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lateral Flow Tests in School and Home Testing • SEND Support and Intervention 2021-2022
Year 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 7 Trailblazer Scheme
Year 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award
Year 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award

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

14 September 16 September	School Photographer - Sixth Form Year 10 HPV(2) Vaccinations 19:00-20:00 Post 16 Parent/Carer Virtual Information Evening 19:00-20:00 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Launch
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