

## Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 17 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

Another smooth week at St Katherine's as we adjusted to our new timings on Wednesday. A thoroughly productive afternoon with staff focusing on effective modelling in the classroom. We subscribe to the view we can all improve and the conversations, practise and adjustments made on Wednesday afternoon will have impacted on modelling this week and beyond. This is a new powerful model to ensure we deliver our whole curriculum in the most effective way. Our updated school development plan is on our website.

Onsite testing is complete and still please continue to test twice a week at home until further guidance is issued. We have had a number of positive cases spread across our year groups and classes and we very much hope this allows us to continue safely this term and beyond. A huge thank you to our parent/carer helpers who worked flat out in the testing centre to help process all our young people safely. A real sense of community in our testing centre which we have hopefully now taken down for the last time.

**Please ensure your child brings a clean face mask with them to school each day.** We are looking forward to assemblies returning to our lecture theatre next week and we will ask all students to wear a face mask (unless exempt) while positive cases are still occurring.

Our new late tutor group is highlighting how good punctuality is across the school and we want all students to value this. Thank you for your support in helping us achieve 0.003% late this morning, at the end of our second week. Our target is zero each day. Reminder: please ensure your child is on site by 8:30 each day.

Thank you for your continued patience and tolerance with getting your uniform at the start of this year. We recognise this is still not resolved for families and please be reassured we will continue to make adjustments and will support all families until the supply issues are resolved.

We have been disappointed with the reliability of the First Bus service and have shared this feedback with them with staff and students being let down in the mornings. We will continue to monitor this.

Interest in St Katherine's remains very high and we now have waiting lists in all years groups apart from Year 11. On Thursday 23 September we have our annual Open Evening which is sold out and we are running a number of open mornings.

#### Reminder

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	<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:wylidl@skdrive.org">wylidl@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: <a href="#">Tell Someone Form</a>		

## MESSAGES

Peer on Peer Abuse Policy	All years	<p>At the end of the last academic year our governors approved St Katherine's updated peer on peer abuse policy. It has been by staff and students and reflects our approach to bullying, sexual harassment and prejudice based bullying. A student summary of the policy has been written and all students have reviewed this in tutor time at the start of term in their tutor group. The policy aims to make clear that we do not tolerate all forms of bullying, sexual harassment, racist, sexist, homophobic or transphobic abuse and that we will support those that have been affected. The full policy is available on the school website and I am sharing the student summary <a href="#">here</a> in order for you to read and discuss with your child.</p>
Information Evening	Years 8 - 11	<p>On Wednesday 22 September from 7 pm we will hold the year 8-11 parent/carer information evening. This is an online event and can be accessed via Zoom using the following link.  <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83473825729?pwd=aFE1TnpYzkV1a1BneHITWVplcnp3QT09">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83473825729?pwd=aFE1TnpYzkV1a1BneHITWVplcnp3QT09</a>                      There will be a short presentation with a Q&amp;A session finishing before 8 pm.</p>
Bristol North West Foodbank	All years	<p><b>'Eat Well, Spend Less' Cookery Course.</b>                      Learn how to cook and eat healthily on a budget.</p>

		<p>A six week free course starts 2 November 9.30am - 12 noon at Bristol North West Foodbank, St Andrews Church, Avonmouth To book your place call 0117 9235343 or email <a href="mailto:office@bristolnwfoodbank.org.uk">office@bristolnwfoodbank.org.uk</a></p>
Mr Francis Black	All Public Bus Users	<p>I have this week spoken to the operations team at First Bus to share some of the concerns that you have raised with us about the new timetables. Should you wish to add your own voice and provide feedback, you can do so by calling 0345 646 0707 or by completing their <a href="#">contact form</a>.</p> <p>For users coming from Bristol the most reliable service will be the X4 departing the bus station at 07:40 am and arriving outside school at around 08:20 am.</p> <p>For users coming from Portishead the best service will be the X3 departing Down Road at 07:31 am and arriving at the end of Martcombe Road at around 08:05 am. This will leave an 800m walk into school allowing sufficient time for punctual arrival.</p> <p>The school has a legal obligation to accurately record attendance and punctuality and any students arriving after 08:35 am will be marked as late.</p>
NSPCWT	All years	<p>FAO parents of pupils with SEND This is the <a href="#">link</a> for the latest NSPCWT (North Somerset Parent Carers Working Together) newsletter for your information.</p>
Mrs Slater	All years	<p>If you have an urgent message about your child with SEND to be dealt with on that day please email <a href="mailto:SENDteam@skdrive.org">SENDteam@skdrive.org</a> so that any member of the SEND team can pick up the message and pass it on to the relevant key person to deal with.</p>
Miss Robinson	All Years	<p>There is an exciting Fairtrade event coming up in Pill! On 18 September the village is running the "Great Big Green Day" This event, taking place in Pill and other places across the country, will celebrate how communities are taking action to tackle climate change, protect green spaces and care for our planet. Here, in the village, there are lots of events going on across the day, based at different locations around Pill. There is an interactive map attached so that you can see all the information surrounding the events, locations and timings if you are interested in attending. <a href="https://pillandeastoningordano.org/our-great-big-green-day/">https://pillandeastoningordano.org/our-great-big-green-day/</a></p>
Student Support Office	All Years	<p>The Student Support Office has received a large number of lost blazers and ties which do not have names inside them. If your child has lost a tie or blazer, please ask them to check in at SSO. A reminder also to ensure that all items of uniform are labelled with your child's name so we can return any items handed in.</p>
Mrs Weatherson	Sixth Form	<p>We had a fantastic start to our leadership course on Monday afternoon with Chris Williams speaking to the students about his experiences and we look forward to welcoming Alan Furley next Monday.</p>
Future Quest	Year 11	<p>Future Quest are coming in on Tuesday 21 September to complete the profiling session with the Year 11 cohort that was sadly missed in Year 10 due to Covid. This is taking place in CR1 at 8.35-11.00am. Please can all Year 11 Future Quest students go to CR1 on Tuesday 21st for this session. Any questions please email <a href="mailto:gardeners@skdrive.org">gardeners@skdrive.org</a>.</p>

Mr Fey & Mr Simmons	Year 11 Engineering	Catch up sessions are still running in the department before school, during lunchtimes and after school. A sign up sheet can be found outside of the DT office.
Mrs Collins	Year 10/11 performing arts students	A reminder that students should be bringing their performing arts /PE kit into school with them to get changed for timetabled lessons. They are not to wear their kit into school. They must be in school uniform. Thank you for your support.
Mrs Collins	Year 10/11 performing arts students	If students wish to purchase performing arts kit, the deadline has been extended from last academic year to this Friday 17 September at midday. The optional kit is a tshirt and/or hoody in black with the PA logo and option to have your name on the back. Any questions regarding this please email me at <a href="mailto:Collinsl@skdrive.org">Collinsl@skdrive.org</a>
Mrs Cameron	Year 10/11 GCSE Art	Starting every Tuesday (from Tuesday 21 September), GCSE Art students can attend catch up sessions in Room 12 with Mrs Cameron from 2.50-3.50pm. Students do not have to stay until 3.50pm but can stay as long as they need to. This is a chance for students to catch up with their coursework in Art.
Mrs Jenkins (Miss Sutton)	Food and nutrition students	Practical lessons for next week: Monday 20th September - 7r Fruit Salad Tuesday 21st September - 9l Soda bread Tuesday 21st September - 8l Frittata Wednesday 22nd September - 10C Pineapple cake Wednesday 22nd September - 11C Chicken nuggets Thursday 23rd September - 8r Frittata Friday 24th September - 7l Deli salad Friday 17th September - 9r Pear tray bake
Mrs Lewis	Year 7 Science	All students will be completing an online science test next week. There is no need to prepare for this as this is just for your information.

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

Year 12 & 13	Post 16 Parents/Carers Information Evening
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**UPCOMING EVENTS - click [here](#) to see all upcoming events**

20 September	Year 11 Biology trip - Venture into Vets Day
22 September	18:30-19:30 Year 8-11 Virtual Parent/Carer Information Evening
23 September	18:00-20:00 Open Evening
1 October	INSET DAY- School closed to students