

Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 7 January 2022

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.

MESSAGES

School	All years	<p>Communication with school</p> <p>Following the retirement of Mrs Moller, we welcome Mrs L Crompton as Headteacher's PA, who joins us from 17 January, alongside Mrs F Bonora, as our senior team administrator who joined us on 5 January.</p> <p>Please continue to use the table below for relevant contacts. All general enquiries and feedback can be sent to school@skdrive.org.</p> <p>Huge thank you to everyone for their cooperation with the return to school this week which has run smoothly and allowed us to ensure a safe return for all. Our parent/carers volunteers along with our redeployed staff are our Heroes of the Week.</p>
School	7-11	<p>Vaccinations (12-15 years of age)</p> <p>We are waiting for contact from the School Age Immunisation Service (SAIS) regarding the second dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine. We expect contact in January as they are booking revisits from Monday 10 January nationally. We will inform parents/carers once the date is confirmed. Parents/Carers can book vaccinations for their child through the NHS booking system.</p>
School	All years	<p>Coffee Morning with the Headteacher</p> <p>It's been a long time since some of us have had an opportunity to meet in person. Why not join us for a coffee/tea with the Headteacher on Tuesday 1 February, 9.30-11.00am in The Leaf. Please contact Miss Bonora if you would like to come along - bonoraf@skdrive.org, as there will be light refreshments. We look forward to seeing you.</p>
Mr Davies	Sixth Form Parents	<p>Sixth Form Mocks and Assessments</p> <p>Please be aware of the upcoming external assessments and Year 13 mocks. There will be external assessments for vocational subjects in January (Business, HSC, Year 13 Media). There will also be a 2 week period of Year 13 mock exams, starting on January 24th. The timetable will be shared with all students in due course. If you have any questions about these examinations, please feel free to contact Mr Davies.</p>
Mrs Collins	Year 11 PA	<p>Year 11 PA exam</p> <p>Year 11 will be starting their component 3 examination this term. This is their final exam for their BTEC performing arts. This is an external assessment. Letter with further detail regarding expectations of the exam process will be sent home next week.</p>
Mrs Collins	Year 10/11 PA	<p>Students are expected to wear PE/PA kit in all lessons. Please ensure your child has the following kit with them for all 5 lessons across their timetable. Any St Katherine's school logo PE or PA kit, or plain black joggers/leggings and top and dance shoes or lightweight trainers. Thank you.</p>

Science Mr Hake	Year 8	On the 10th January all Year 8 students will be completing their winter science assessment - revision resources are on their google classrooms for them and are linked here also: Year 8 revision list This has been rearranged from Wednesday 5th January.
Ms Huzzey	Year 9 students involved in the Tender Project	The Tender Healthy Relationships Project involving some students from 9S, 9T and 9P2 (parents/carers informed on 11th November) has been rescheduled for Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th January. Students involved will not be in their timetabled lessons for these two days.
Miss Adams	Students who have instrumental lessons	All instrumental lessons and trailblazers lessons will resume in the week commencing Monday 10th January . Timetables for both have been shared in the relevant google classrooms. Please note that we now have an instrument storage cupboard where pupils can leave their instruments during the school day until their lesson time. It is outside the practice room and is clearly labelled. Any questions about instrumental lessons or trailblazers lessons please email me: adamsa@skdrive.org
Miss Adams	Y11 GCSE Music students	Compositions are due on: Wednesday 23rd March . Compositions are worth 30% of the final GCSE grade. I am available for one to one composition support after school on Tuesdays between now and the deadline. Please encourage your son/daughter to make use of this support.
Mrs Jenkins	Baking Club Years 8, 9 and 10	Baking Club will begin after school on Tuesdays, 3pm-4pm. The first session is on the 11 January. This is open for all students in Years 8 and 9 and Food Preparation and Nutrition students in Year 10. If your child/ren would like to be involved please email Mrs Jenkins jenkinse@skdrive.org
Mrs Jenkins	Food and nutrition students	Practical lessons for next week: Monday 10th January - 9l Spring rolls Monday 10th January - 7r Tomato Ragu Tuesday 11th January - 8r Cheese and onion pasties Tuesday 11th January - 10d Bread Wednesday 12th January - 10c Bread Wednesday 11th January - 8l Cheese and onion pasties Thursday 13th January - 11c Recipe trails Please ensure all students bring in an apron from home. All practicals have been set as homework on ClassCharts.
Mrs Jenkins	Yr 11 Food Preparation and Nutrition students	Coursework and revision after school on Thursday will begin on 18th January, 3pm-4pm.
Mrs Ivey	Year 10 and 11	Science revision guides have now arrived for students who placed orders last term. Revision guides can be collected from the library.
Mrs Slater	All	Congratulations to our Literacy Intervention Mentor, Melissa Oram , who was nominated by one of her keyworkees for a Superstar Award from the charity, ' Bristol Autism Support '.

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

All Years	Updated return to school
All Years	Return to school
Year 9	Assessment arrangements for Year 9 Science
Year 10	Year 10 Progress Evening

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20 January	Year 11 Progress Evening
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MESSAGES

School	All years	<p>We are conscious we end Term 2 with some uncertainty regarding the latest strain of COVID 19. We will monitor this situation carefully during the break and will send out a communication on the 4 July after any updated Department for Education guidance.</p> <p>All students should take a test on Tuesday 4 January before returning on the 5 January as per our current return to school plan.</p> <p>Masks will remain essential for all students (unless exempt) so please ensure your child brings at least two clean masks to school each day.</p>
Mr Francis Black	All public bus users	<p>We have had some contact from members of the public who use the X4/X3 service, raising concern about the conduct of our students. Please be reminded that our values of respect and responsibility extend beyond the school gates and that whilst in uniform students are very visible representatives of our community. It is a requirement to wear a face covering, unless exempt, on all public transport and the expectation is that windows will remain open and passengers seated at all times.</p>
Mental Health and Wellbeing Mrs Crocker	All years	<p>At Christmas time we are expected to feel happy and festive and enjoy spending time with our family. For some of us it is not that simple and there may be some tricky moments or periods of feeling low as well. Students can access these support services throughout the holidays to help them feel safe, supported and understood. Please share these links with your child/children and encourage them to reach out if they need to.</p> <p>National services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Text 'SHOUT' to 85258 for free 24/7 mental health text support ● Kooth: online support through forums and live chats ● Samaritans: call 116 123 for 24/7 listening support ● Childline: call 0800 1111 for listening support or have a private online chat with a Counsellor <p>Useful apps / websites:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● For ME: info, advice, message boards, counsellor chats ● Clear Fear: how to manage anxiety ● Calm Harm: how to resist and manage the urge to self harm ● MeeToo: discuss any issue affecting your life ● Cove: express feelings through making music in a personal journal ● Move Mood: help with low mood and depression ● Smiling Mind: exercises to de-stress and stay calm ● What's up?: help with anxiety, self-esteem, anger & more ● Stay Alive: helping you manage suicidal thoughts ● Childline: help and advice on all areas of life ● The Mix: essential info for young people ● Young Minds: advice/info about things that matter ● Rise Above: info about lots of issues ● Stem4: advice about mental health issues we can experience

Miss Richards	All years	<p>Covid 19 Testing- Return to School</p> <p>Students will be tested once on site upon their return to school in January. Testing will be carried out by students and supervised by a trained adult. Students will be asked to come out of lessons during the first three days of term to complete the test. We will assume that the latest consent we hold on record for your child remains the same unless parents contact the school to inform otherwise. If your child has tested positive for Covid-19 since Wednesday 7 October, they will not be expected to complete the lateral flow test when they return to school. To ensure students are not asked to complete their lateral flow test where this is the case, please inform us via this form if your child has tested positive for Covid-19 since Wednesday 7 October. If your child tests positive between now and our return, please inform the school via email - school@skdrive.org</p> <p>Covid 19 Testing - Testing over the break</p> <p>Please support your child in continuing to test twice a week over the Christmas break. We also request that your child takes a lateral flow test at home on Tuesday 4 January.</p>
Ms Adams	All years	<p>All students in Year 7 have been working hard on the Christmas songs project during Term 2. Students composed their own musical and lyric ideas and these were put together by music staff to create a series of brand new, original Christmas songs. The whole of Year 7 came together to perform them alongside a professional band on Friday 10 December. We hope you enjoy their performance. Merry Christmas from the Music Department.</p>
Art Ms Tallis	Year 10 Art GCSE	<p>Year 10 art GCSE students have been working on AO1 during this term - artist research. Some students have sheets to finish off for the start of Term 3 and have been given the opportunity to borrow any media and equipment that they require. All students must have completed six research sheets by Wednesday 5 January, the first day of Term 3 for students.</p>
Mrs Jenkins	Baking Club Years 8, 9 and 10	<p>Baking club will begin after school on Tuesdays, 3pm-4pm. The first session is on the 11 January.</p> <p>This is open for all students in Years 8 and 9 and Food Preparation and Nutrition students in Year 10.</p> <p>If your child/ren would like to be involved please email Mrs Jenkins jenkinse@skdrive.org</p>
Science Mr Hake	Year 8	<p>On the 5 January all Year 8 students will be completing their winter science assessment - revision resources are on their google classrooms for them and are linked here also: Year 8 revision list</p>
English	Year 7	<p>By the end of this term all Year 7 students will have been issued with a copy of the classic science-fiction novel <i>A Wrinkle in Time</i> through the library. It is important they look after their own copy as it has been issued to them individually. Students are being asked to read chapters 1-4 over the holidays. There are various resources online to help the students with reading the story. Here are two that students can use to understand the plot and chapters:</p> <p>A Wrinkle in Time BookFiles Guide (PDF) A Wrinkle in Time: Study Guide SparkNotes</p>

Year 9 Year 10	Assessment arrangements for Year 9 Science Year 10 Progress Evening
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4 January 5 January 6 January	INSET Day - school closed to students START OF TERM 3 Year 10 Progress Evening
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Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 10 December 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

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MESSAGES

School	All years	<p>Please see the Headteacher's End of Term 2 letter to parents/carers which includes information on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School gates • Parent/Carer communication with staff • School uniform • January return to school
Mr Humphreys	All years	<p>A huge thank you to all students, staff, governors, parents/carers.</p> <p>Thank you to parents/carers who completed the Ofsted Parent/Carer Survey. Students were wonderful and articulate with inspectors and spoke highly of their school. Staff continued to do what they do day in, day out and we are no doubt looking forward to the official report being issued and shared at the end of February.</p>
Miss Richards	All years	<p>Covid 19 Testing</p> <p>We have been informed by the Department for Education that we are expected to implement on site Covid-19 testing once again for January 2022. Each student will be asked to complete one test upon their return. Testing will be carried out by students and supervised by a trained adult. Students will be asked to come out of lessons during the first three days of term to complete the test. Please ensure that you register the LFD barcode when your child returns home.</p> <p>We will assume that the latest consent we hold on record for your child remains the same unless parents contact the school to inform otherwise. If your child has tested positive for Covid-19 since Wednesday 7 October, they will not be expected to complete the lateral flow test when they return to school. To ensure students are not asked to complete their lateral flow test where this is the case, please inform us via this form if your child has tested positive for Covid-19 since Wednesday 7 October.</p> <p>If your child tests positive between now and our return, please inform the school via email - school@skdrive.org</p>
Mr Court	Year 11	<p>Over the coming week we will be asking students to pick three Sixth Form classes for taster sessions.</p> <p>These sessions will take place on Monday 10th and Monday 17th January during enrichment.</p>
Mr Dawes	Year 8 and Year 9	<p>If you are taught by Mr Dawes, Mr Cook or Mr Thomas and are in Year 8 or Year 9 then you will need studded boots and shin pads for PE lessons.</p> <p>Students have been told of the activity change in lesson(s) and this is a reminder that boots and shin pads (part of the compulsory kit list) will be required.</p>

Mrs Jenkins	Food and nutrition students	<p>Practical lessons for next week: Monday 13th December - 9l Chow Mein Monday 13th December - 7r Croque Monsieur Tuesday 14th December - 8r Dutch Apple Cake Tuesday 14th December - 10d NEA 2 assessed practical Wednesday 15th December - 10c NEA 2 assessed practical Wednesday 15th December - 11c Dutch apple cake Thursday 16th December - 11c Chocolate yule log</p> <p>Please ensure all students bring in an apron from home. All practicals have been set as homework on ClassCharts.</p>
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All years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ofsted School Inspection - End of Term 2 Letter to Parents/Carers
Year 9	PSHE (RSE) Lessons

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15 December 16 December 17 December	Years 10-13 Media Trip to Warner Bros Studios Festive Lunch END OF TERM 2 - Early Close. Staggered departure from 12.50. Coaches leave at 13:05.
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Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 3 December 2021

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MESSAGES

School	All years	<p>New school gates The new school gates provide an additional safety measure for our school community and will be fully operational from Monday 6 December.</p> <p>The gates are scheduled to be closed during the school day and visitors will need to push the call bell on the gate for reception. Our reception team will release the gate for access and visitors are asked to then proceed to reception as normal.</p> <p>We ask that you do not arrange to meet your child at the gates to pass on forgotten items such as lunch, PE kit etc. and to follow the usual procedure of reporting to reception in person. We will always pass on items or messages that come in during the day. We thank you for your support with this.</p>
Miss Richards	All years	<p>Covid 19 Testing We have been informed by the Department for Education that we are expected to implement on site Covid-19 testing once again for January 2022. Each student will be asked to complete one test upon their return. Testing will be carried out by students and supervised by a trained adult. Students will be asked to come out of lessons during the first three days of term to complete the test.</p> <p>We will assume that the latest consent we hold on record for your child remains the same unless parents contact the school to inform otherwise. If your child has tested positive for Covid-19 since Wednesday 7 October, they will not be expected to complete the lateral flow test when they return to school. To ensure students are not asked to complete their lateral flow test where this is the case, please inform us via this form if your child has tested positive for Covid-19 since Wednesday 7 October.</p> <p>If your child tests positive between now and our return, please inform the school via email - school@skdrive.org</p>
Mr Humphreys	All years	<p>Headteacher coffee morning It was lovely to meet and catch up with parents/carers yesterday at the Headteacher coffee morning. We are planning to make this a termly event so look out for future dates in the weekly communication to parents/carers.</p>
Miss Jones	All years	<p>If your child/ren has a medical appointment that can only be attended during the day, please remember we can only authorise a half day absence. We expect students to either attend the morning or afternoon session. If your child/ren are unable to attend for the whole day then please contact the attendance line explaining why. We ask that medical evidence is provided to support any absences.</p>
Ms Wylde	All years	<p>Readathon sponsorship - please do pay in online, or bring cash to the LRC as soon as possible. Huge thanks to everyone who took part!</p>

Mr Hodgson	Adventure Training Club Year 9-13	Brecon Beacons walk on Sunday 5 December. Providing the weather is fine, we are looking to start early on the Sunday to make the most of the light. Information and forms can be found on the ATC Google Classroom. Code for the classroom is whwymkh Link to join is here .
Miss Adams	Year 7	All of Year 7 have been working really hard on the Christmas songs project during their music lessons this term. They are going to be performing and recording these songs during the school day on Friday 10 December. Please support your child to learn the song lyrics. All song lyrics have been posted in their music google classrooms.
Mrs Lewis	Year 7 Science	All year 7 students will have a science test during the last week of term. Science teachers will post revision lists and revision materials on the science google classrooms. Please also ensure if you have purchased a science revision guide for your child that they collect this from the library to use as a revision resource. Link to the revision list is here .
Mrs Jenkins	Food and nutrition students	Practical lessons for next week: Monday 6th December - 7r Deli Salad Tuesday 7th December - 9l Swiss roll Tuesday 7th December - 8l Flapjacks Wednesday 8th December - 10c Spinach and ricotta ravioli Wednesday 8th December - 11c Sticky Toffee Pudding Thursday 9th December - 8r Flapjacks Thursday 9th December - 10d Spinach and ricotta ravioli Friday 10th December - 7l Deli salad Friday 10th December - 9r Swiss roll Please ensure all students bring in an apron from home. All practicals have been set as homework on ClassCharts.

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All years	Covid 19 - Important Reminders
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Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 26 November 2021

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MESSAGES		
Mr Humphreys	All years	<p>The impact of Covid 19 continued to disrupt our community this week, impacting on our staff team. We are grateful to the students affected for their cooperation as we have provided the best alternative programme for them to ensure the continuity of the delivery of the curriculum.</p> <p>Regrettably, this affected some staff presence at the Year 8 Progress Evening yesterday. We will make plans for the teachers to make contact with parents/carers whose appointments were missed.</p>
Mr Humphreys	All years	<p>Coffee Morning with the Headteacher It's not too late to sign up for the coffee morning next week. It's been a long time since some of us have had an opportunity to meet in person. Why not join us for a coffee/tea with the Headteacher on Thursday 2 December, 9.30-11.00am in The Leaf. Please let Mrs Moller know if you would like to come along - mollerj@skdrive.org, as there will be light refreshments. We look forward to seeing you.</p>
Mrs Crocker	All years	<p>We have been asked by the police beat team to share this message with all parents ahead of Christmas so that parents and families are well informed about the law and the risks associated with motorised scooters. A poster with more information has been provided by the police and can be found by clicking on this link.</p>
Mrs Crocker	All years	<p>A family agreement is a great way to start a conversation with your whole family about how you all use the internet, and to start discussions together around how to behave in a positive way when online, whether this is at home, at school or at a friend's. Childnet have put together a template for a family agreement that provides a list of things to consider when creating a family agreement, and some examples to get you started. You can find their advice and the template by clicking this link.</p>
Mr Davies	Year 11	<p>Thank you to all parents/carers/students who attended our Virtual Open Evening last week. We hope you found it productive. Physical prospectuses have been sent out this week, along with an email sharing further resources. If you have any questions about Sixth Form application, please email daviesg@skdrive.org. The application form can be found here.</p>
Miss Richards	Year 8	<p>Year 8 Progress Evening Following very positive feedback from parents/carers last year, we have refined our progress evening process. As a result, consultations with subject teachers are online, with some meetings with Heads of House taking place on site. To ensure that students, parents/carers and teachers fully utilise the meetings, we would value your feedback on how the process has worked for you.</p> <p>Please complete the short feedback form by Sunday 28 November. Your feedback will help to shape any developments required for our next progress evening.</p>

Mrs Jenkins	Food and nutrition students	<p>Practical lessons for next week: Monday 29th November - 9l Lentil Bolognese Monday 29th November - 7r Fruit salad Tuesday 30th November - 8r Frittata Tuesday 30th November - 10d Pasta Wednesday 1st December - 10c Pasta Wednesday 1st December - 8l Frittata Friday 3rd December - 7l Fruit salad Friday 3rd December - 9r Lentil Bolognese</p> <p>Please ensure all students bring in an apron from home. All practicals have been set as homework on ClassCharts.</p>
Mr Hodgson	Adventure Training Club Year 9-13	<p>Brecon Beacons walk on Sunday 5 December. Providing the weather is fine, we are looking to start early on the Sunday to make the most of the light. Information and forms can be found on the ATC Google Classroom. Code for the classroom is whwymkh Link to join is here.</p>

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All Years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CST Musical Advent Calendar - Festive Lunch - 16 December 2021
Year 11	Sixth Form Open Evening - follow up information

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5 December 15 December 16 December 17 December	Adventure Training Club Brecon Beacons Walk Years 10-13 Media Trip to Warner Bros Studios Festive Lunch END OF TERM 2 - Early Close. Staggered departure from 12.50. Coaches leave at 13:05.
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Mr Humphreys	All years	<p>Coffee Morning with the Headteacher It's been a long time since some of us have had an opportunity to meet in person. Why not join us for a coffee/tea with the Headteacher on Thursday 2 December, 9.30-11.00am in The Leaf. Please let Mrs Moller know if you would like to come along - mollerj@skdrive.org, as there will be light refreshments. We look forward to seeing you.</p>
School	All years	<p>We have received some enquiries about Covid drop in vaccination clinics. For advice please contact the Immunisation Team on 01275 373104 or email o.lee@nhs.net Alternatively you can book through the NHS website: https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/</p>
Mr Francis Black	All SK Bus users	<p>We have had occasions when buses have been late in the morning and communicating this with parents and students has been difficult. Please accept my apologies for the confusion and disruption that results from this. I would like to clarify the processes for dealing with any future lateness.</p> <p>1) Students should wait at their stop for up to 30 mins after the published time after which they should return home.</p> <p>2) If a bus has not arrived 15 mins after the published time, students should contact the school by text or phone on 07926 445430. They should clearly state the route and stop at which there is an issue.</p> <p>3) Once I have established with Turners the details of the late running service I will communicate it via a Class Charts announcement. This produces push notifications via the Class Charts app so please ensure that you have installed the app where possible.</p>
School	All years	<p>Please take a few minutes to update the consents that we hold for the use of your child's image using this form. It would be helpful if all families could complete this for each child so that we have a full and accurate record.</p>
Mrs Crocker	All years	<p>The vast majority of our students have mobile phones and use them appropriately and safely. For many parents their child's mobile phone is a way of tracking their location and making sure they are safe, especially on the journey to and from school. Spending time on mobile devices can expose children to harmful content and the UK Safer Internet Centre has a large range of resources for parents that can help them make sure their children are using their phones in a safe way. The resources they have published online can be found by clicking on this link.</p>

Ms Wylid	All years	E-Platform - we were able to offer access to support students during lockdowns and while isolating, but as the LRC is now fully open to students every day and we are a device-free school, we no longer subscribe to the service. If you are keen to access audiobooks at home, please look at this link for some great free alternatives.
Pill Food Bank	All years	We provide food parcels to feed a family for three days. These are available to anyone in need. Food parcels can be collected or delivered - whichever people prefer. If you need any toiletries added please ask. For a parcel call James on 07827 032219.
Mrs Slater	Parents / carers of pupils with SEND	The organisation, 'Supportive Parents' is now known as 'SEND and you' (SAY). They have updated their website: https://www.sendandyou.org.uk/ and have a new animation to promote their organisation: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s3rUkCdy_cU
Ms Tallis	Years 13 & 12 Art	All art A Level students have opted to participate in the life drawing session which will take place after school next Wed 24 Nov. We will have a visiting tutor from Weston College and the class is free of charge. The session will be finished by 4.45pm and students will need to arrange their own transport home.
Ms Tallis	Years 13 & 12 Art	We are delighted that all current art A Level students have taken up the opportunity to visit the Tate Modern & National Portrait Gallery in London next Thurs 25 November. We will be meeting outside Blacks on Bond St at 7.15am for the 7.40am bus and will return to the same point at 9pm. Please be on time, the bus will not wait. Students will need a packed lunch and a contactless option of paying for the underground journeys.
Mrs Weatherson	GCSE photography / A level media	We are thrilled to be able to offer the Warner Bros Studios tour again this year. This really is a magical trip for the digital creative arts students; providing the opportunity for a location photography project and for students to gain a better understanding of the world of filmmaking. It feels extra special this year to be able to offer this experience in the last week of term before the Christmas break.
Mr Davies	Year 11	A huge thank you to the parents and carers who attended our Sixth Form Open Evening on Wednesday. It was a pleasure to see so many attendees, and we hope you found it valuable. A recording of the event will be shared soon, and you can also find out more about St Katherine's Sixth Form on our virtual hub .
Mrs Jenkins	Food and nutrition students	Practical lessons for next week: Wednesday 24th November - Scones Thursday 25th November - Scones Please ensure all students bring in an apron from home. All practicals have been set as homework on ClassCharts.
Mrs Lewis	Year 9 - Science	All Year 9 students will be completing a science test on topics taught at the start of Year 9. This test will be during the week beginning 29 November in science lessons. Revision lists can be found here or on their

		google classrooms. Students need to use green KS3 revision guides and links within the revision lists.
Mr Dawes	Year 8 and Year 9	If you are taught by Mr Dawes, Mr Cook or Mr Thomas and are in Year 8 or Year 9 then you will need studded boots and shin pads for PE lessons. Students have been told of the activity change in lesson(s) and this is a reminder that boots and shin pads (part of the compulsory kit list) will be required as of next week.
Mrs Lewis	Year 7 - Science	KS3 revision guides purchased before half term are now available for collection from the library during break or lunch time.
Mrs Lewis	Year 7 - Science	All Year 7 students will be completing their first science test during the week beginning 13 December. Revision lists of what to revise can be found here or on their google classrooms. Students need to use green KS3 revision guides and links within the revision lists.
Miss Adams	Trailblazers students	I am delighted that all trailblazers lessons are now up and running. We have 48 students across Y7 and 8 involved in this exciting opportunity to learn a woodwind or brass instrument at a heavily subsidised rate. Please help support your child's learning by ensuring they know their lesson time, remember to bring their instrument and practice weekly.
Miss Adams	Instrument storage	Students who are bringing instruments into school now have a dedicated space to leave them. There is an instrument storage cupboard in the music department which will be left open so that students can drop off/collect their instruments at various times of day.
Mr Hodgson	Bronze DofE	If you have not logged on to eDofE or started adding your activities onto eDofE - please come to lab 4 at Lunchtime on Wednesday 26 November. If you have any questions or issues relating to DofE, please email Mr Hodgson hodgsont@skdrive.org

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Year 8	Year 8 Progress Evening
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UPCOMING EVENTS - click [here](#) to see all upcoming events

25 November	16:00-19:00 Year 8 Progress Evening (Virtual) 07:15-21:00 Year 12&13 Art trip to the Tate Modern & National Portrait Gallery 12.20-16:00 Year 12 Maths Inspiration, Bristol Hippodrome
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Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 12 November 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.

MESSAGES		
School	All years	Check your child has at least one clean mask with them for school and a spare in their bag. Continue to test twice weekly recording any positive test result on Classcharts
Mrs Crocker	All years	<p>Online Safety</p> <p>Childnet's Parent and Carers Toolkit is filled with quick, easy and practical things you can do to help protect your children on the internet. It includes help with how to talk to your child about how they spend their time online and how to communicate key online safety messages. The Toolkit is straightforward, easy to use and includes links to more detailed and specific information and support if you need it. Three useful resources in the toolkit are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Let's talk about life online gives you clear guidance and tips for building strong, open communication about life online. • Our Family Agreement. A useful tool to help households come together and decide and agree upon some rules around internet use. • Parents' and Carers' Resource sheet provides links to further information, support and organisations that are most relevant for parents and carers.
Mrs Crocker	All Years	<p>Mental health and wellbeing</p> <p>Kooth.com is available for all young people aged 10-18+ (up to age 25 if the young person is leaving care or has an additional need) in North Somerset with free, safe and anonymous wellbeing support and advice. Accessible from any internet enabled device, Kooth is available every day. Kooth are hosting a webinar for parents on 8 December at 4.00pm for parents and carers who would like to know more about Kooth. You can reserve a place by following this link https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/198299648587</p>
Sirona Care & Health School Health Nursing Team	All years	Please click here for the Parent/Carer School Health Nursing Team Webinar dates for December and details of how to book onto sessions.
Ms Tallis	All years	<p>Winter House Card Competition</p> <p>Please encourage your child/ren to enter the St Katherine's School House Winter Card Competition 2021 - Deadline Tuesday 30 November. Students to hand in entries to their Art teacher. 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize awarded to each House. Winners receive a pack of their printed cards.</p>
Miss McInerney	All Years	Young Writer Rotary and House Competition

Mrs Crocker	All years	<p>Mental health and wellbeing</p> <p>We are circulating information about the new National Sleep Helpline to school nurses and anyone responsible for child health and well being. One in four children in the UK are not getting enough sleep, this has an impact on their behaviour and ability to learn, as well as their physical health.</p> <p>The National Sleep Helpline is a free helpline, run by trained sleep advisors who can talk to young people directly, or their parents. The helpline is open 5 nights a week, Sunday to Thursday, 7-9pm and the number is 03303 530 541.</p> <p>You can read more here: https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/national-sleep-helpline/</p>
School	All years	<p>We have had some cases recently where children have contacted home on their own devices. We ask parents to support the school's mobile phone policy by reminding children that all communication with home must be carried out through reception. Children must not call/text home from their own mobile phones. If your child does contact you directly from their own phone, please call reception on 01275 373737 to let us know.</p>
Mr Francis Black	All years	<p>Progress Evenings - Many thanks to all those who completed feedback regarding the recent year 9 progress evening. The overwhelming opinion was that the online system was a very positive step, eliminating the need for travel and ensuring that all meetings run on time. Suggestions were made regarding how we can further improve things and this includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All meetings begin with teachers addressing the questions of parents/carers so that these do not get missed. • Clearer direction that students should be in attendance at all meetings • Should meetings not run as expected parents/carers can request a follow up phone call or email via school@skdrive.org • We will work with the provider of the online system to address some of the technical issues around joint meetings with parents/carers in different locations.
Mrs Jenkins	Food and nutrition students	<p>Practical lessons for next week:</p> <p>Monday 15th November - 9l Cheesecake Monday 15th November - 7r Mini fruit cakes Tuesday 16th November - 8r Fajitas Tuesday 16th November - Quiche Wednesday 17th November - Quiche Wednesday 17th November - Fajitas Friday 19th November - 7l Mini fruit cakes Friday 19th November - 9r Cheesecake</p> <p>Please ensure all students bring in an apron from home. All practicals have been set as homework on ClassCharts.</p>
Mrs Jenkins	Year 11 Food Preparation and Nutrition students	<p>GCSE revision club will be taking place after school Thursdays. This will finish by 4pm.</p> <p>All students in the class are welcome to join.</p>
Mr Mclean	Geography exam students	<p>There is an opportunity to purchase discounted revision guides for Y10, 11, 12 and 13 students on parent pay until 19 November.</p>

Mr Dawes	Year 9	A reminder that Rugby Practice is on Thursdays. This will finish at 16:30 due to light.
Miss Adams	Trailblazers scheme	I am delighted that all trailblazers lessons are now up and running. We have 48 students across Y7 and 8 involved in this exciting opportunity to learn a woodwind or brass instrument at a heavily subsidised rate. Please help support your child's learning by ensuring they know their lesson time, remember to bring their instrument and practice weekly. A summary of lesson times can be found here .
Miss Adams	Instrument storage	Students who are bringing instruments into school now have a dedicated space to leave them. There is an instrument storage cupboard in the music department which will be left open so that students can drop off/collect their instruments at various times of day.
Mr Hodgson	Adventure Training Club (Year 9-13)	I'm looking to recruit new members of St Katherine's Adventure Training Club for Year 9-13. Before COVID-19, we had started a great club with regular trips. The group went caving, surfing, hill walking and mountain biking with plans to do much more! I'm looking to start up trips again, with a trip to the Brecon Beacons at the beginning of December. If students want to be involved in Adventure Training Club, then please ask them to join the classroom with the code whwymkh Or follow the Link Here

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Year 11 Year 7	Sixth Form Open Evening Year 7 Girls' PSHE Lesson
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17 November 25 November	18:00-19:30 Sixth Form Open Evening (Virtual) 16:00-19:00 Year 8 Progress Evening (Virtual)
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MESSAGES		
School	All Years	<p>Check your child at least one clean mask with them for school and a spare in their bag</p> <p>Continue to test twice weekly recording any positive test result on Classcharts</p>
Mrs Crocker	Online Safety	<p>The UK Safer Internet Centre provides a wealth of useful information and advice for parents about how they can keep their children safe online. Advice for parents and carers about social media platforms and apps can be found here.</p>
Mrs Ivey	All years	<p>With current ventilation, it is sometimes cold in the science laboratories. Teachers will allow students to wear coats when the laboratory is too cold but students must be mindful there may be traces of chemicals and other substances on the surfaces which could stain a coat. No coats will be worn during practicals.</p>
School	All years	<p>Attendance</p> <p>A reminder that parents/carers must ring Attendance by 7.30am if their child is going to be absent that day. Please ring the school on 01275 373737 and select Attendance or call 01275 376882. Parents/carers must also report their child's absence on every subsequent day that they are absent. Parents/carers can also email attendance@skdrive.org to report an absence.</p>
Mrs Ivey	All years	<p>There are 156 fully-searchable books on the theme of the environment. The books are freely-available through the link below until the end of November 22nd. Please encourage your child to make use of this free resource.</p> <p>https://exacted.me/COP26ShowcaseGlasgow22Nov</p>
Mrs Collins	Year 11 Performing Arts	<p>This term Year 11 will be completing a full mock of their component 3 examination. This includes 3 pieces of written log work and a performance. The mock will be completed in school. Please encourage students to discuss with you what they are creating and to make notes as this will help them with their exam process. Rehearsal outside of the classroom is a priority to ensure they develop their skills and techniques for performance.</p>
Miss Richards	Year 9	<p>Following very positive feedback from parents/carers last year, we have refined our progress evening process. As a result, consultations with subject teachers are online, with some meetings with Heads of House taking place on site. To ensure that students, parents/carers and teachers fully utilise the meetings, we would value your feedback on how the process has worked for you.</p>

		Please complete the short feedback form by Sunday 7th November. Your feedback will help to shape any developments required for our next progress evening.
School	Years 8 & 9	Uniform Years 8 and 9 have received their school trousers or skirts this week. For a very small number of students we have had to order different sizes and are waiting on delivery. If your child has not received theirs they should arrive within a fortnight. If your child has grown since measurement, please ask them to return their trousers/skirt to SSO for a swap.
Mrs Ivey	Year 7-9	As a science faculty we have signed up to the Salters' Institute online Chemistry club aimed at 11-14 year olds. This includes lots of interactive activities which are updated every weekday at 8am. Activities will include videos, infographics, fill in the blanks, guess the element, word searches and quizzes. There will be a different topic each week. In 2021/22, the themes that will be explored include: medicine, cosmetics, the human body, explosions, food, emotions, materials, oceans, environment, metals and minerals. Students will be able to check their progress on each theme and can choose to complete the activities at their own pace. This is a great opportunity for students to learn more about Chemistry in real life examples and to learn more about the jobs that are available within Chemistry. Please use the following link to register: https://salterschemistryclub.co.uk/register . Your child will need to register with their school email account and make sure that St Katherine's School is selected in the school selection. Please let Mr Hake know if you have any questions. Mr Hake can be emailed at hakej@skdrive.org .
Mrs Jenkins	Food and Nutrition students	<u>Food practical lessons</u> All food practical lessons are cancelled until further notice due to maintenance in the food room. Apologies for the inconvenience.

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All Years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome back to Term 2 - Internet Safety
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17 November	18:00-19:00 Sixth Form Open Evening
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Dear Parents/Carers

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HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

Dear Parents/Carers

Term 1 concludes with a bumpy end but this should not distract ourselves from what has been a productive and purposeful first term. The changes we made for September are embedding and our curriculum experience is now both deeper and broader for all students, offering all students a great experience, full of opportunity. This is all captured within our newsletter which will follow shortly.

We have shared some recent assessment information with children and parents/carers this week. Please take time to digest this and consider how you can embed some of the strategies shared into your weekly routines.

We will continue to review our risk assessment at the beginning of Term 2 and very much hope for a smooth experience for all. It is vital that we all take our responsibility of twice weekly testing seriously and continue to report this each week through Classcharts, including during the holiday period. Please see Miss Richards' note below.

We look forward to students returning on Wednesday 3 November. For a smooth start to Term 2, please ensure your child returns with:

- A negative LFD
- No symptoms
- At least one clean face mask

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Thank you to all parents/carers for your support at the start of the year.

Wishing all families a restful half term break.

Kind regards

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Mrs Crocker	All years	<p>Internet Safety</p> <p>It is really important to chat with your children on an ongoing basis about staying safe online. Not sure where to begin? The UK Safer Internet Centre has advice for parents including conversation starters that can help open up communication with children. The UK Safer Internet has a huge range of support and guidance for parents too. You can find the conversation starters here.</p>
Miss Richards	All years	<p>Please support your child in completing their lateral flow tests at home. Twice weekly testing should continue during the half term break and students should also test on Tuesday 2 November, the day before we return to school. Results should be recorded on classcharts and on the government test and trace website.</p>
Finance	All years	<p>Recently a number of lunch accounts have gone overdrawn. To avoid this, Parentpay allows you to set a reminder to top up when the balance falls below a certain amount.</p>

		<p>To set an alert go to 'Communication', 'Alert Settings', 'Balance Alerts'. Set a threshold amount (say £5) and tick email box. You will then be emailed a low balance alert when your child's lunch account falls below £5. You can also set alerts for new items added to child's Parentpay account.</p>
Mrs Ivey	Year 11	<p>Today in science lessons we have discussed with Year 11 students how to revise and prepare for the November mock examinations. You can find a copy of the presentation with links to revision lists here. If you have any questions please contact your child's science teachers.</p>
Mr Davies	Year 11	<p>We have had some brilliant conversations with students over recent weeks regarding their future plans, and discussing St Katherine's' own thriving Sixth Form. Sixth Form Open Evening will be on site at St Katherine's on 17 November and parents/carers will receive a letter outlining how to sign up before the break. If you have any questions at all, please contact daviesg@skdrive.org</p>
Mr Francis-Black	Year 10	<p>We apologise for having to make this change in the calendar but due to logistical reasons, the Year 10 Progress Evening will now take place on Thursday 6 January 2022. Please click here for a reminder of the progress check dates for 2021/22.</p>
Miss Campbell,	Year 8-12	<p>Lightbox Theatre Company are offering free drama workshops for St Katherine's students in Years 8-12. Sessions are taking place on Saturday's from 10:30am - 12pm from 6 November until 11 December. They will be held in the Docklands Community Centre, St Pauls, BS2 8UF. If you have any questions at all, please contact: takepart@lightboxtheatre.co.uk.</p>
Ms Wylde	Years 7-9	<p>We are about to launch our very first Readathon event. For 1 month from 1st November students will be encouraged to be sponsored for all the fantastic reading they do. Not only do they get to enjoy brilliant books, the money raised will go to support reading and storytelling at Bristol Children's Hospital, and 20% of everything raised buys books for our school library!</p>
Ms Wild	Years 7-8	<p>All students follow the Accelerated Reader scheme. More details can be found here. Please encourage your child to quiz their book as soon as they finish reading - see link here. Students receive a P3 for every quiz, and this contributes towards the house competition for quizzing.</p>
Miss Adams	Trailblazers students	<p>The trailblazers scheme is now up and running with flutes, clarinets and saxophones having started already. Oboes are due to start this Friday from 12.30pm-1pm. Other instruments will be following shortly. I have set up a trailblazers google classroom to post information and notices and all trailblazer students and parents/carers have been invited to join. Please check your emails and accept the invitation.</p>

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Year 9	Year 9 Progress Evening 4.11.21
All Years	Partial School Closure on 22.10.21
Years 7-11	NHS Community Clinics Covid-19 Immunisation Programme
Year 11	Sixth Form Open Evening 17.11.21

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

1 November	INSET DAY
2 November	INSET DAY
3 November	START OF TERM 2
4 November	16:00-19:00 Year 9 Progress Evening
17 November	18:00-19:00 Sixth Form Open Evening

Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 15 October 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 wonderful climax to another great week with our Black Lives Matter football match involving Year 9 and Year 10s. An end to end game with a last second goal to seal victory, alongside entertaining commentary and music from our very own Mr Court and Mr Davies. The match was very well supported by students and we look forward to more events next week.

As a positive and productive term draws to a close, can I remind parents/carers not to arrange to meet their child/ren at the top of school during the school day. This is a safeguarding concern and all calls during the day must be made via the school. A reminder we have a school fence and entrance gates being installed over the coming weeks and all visitors will be required to press a buzzer at the new entrance gate to gain access through the new gates. The car park will remain outside of the perimeter fence.

Attendance continues to be impacted by illness and COVID-19 with all year groups affected by positive LFDs and PCR tests. Please continue to ensure your child brings a mask to school and test twice weekly, reporting this to school. Thank you for your cooperation.

Thank you to those parents/carers who attended last night's Parent/Carer Association Meeting. Minutes will be circulated shortly and posted on our website and we look forward to meeting in person for the next one at the beginning of 2022.

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Miss Richards	All years	<p>Vaccinations:</p> <p>As communicated previously, the Covid-19 and Flu vaccines will be delivered next week on Monday (Y7 & Y8), Tuesday (Y9, 11S, 11P1 & 11P2) and Wednesday (Y10, 11T, 11Y1 & 11Y2). If your child has tested positive for Covid within the last 28 days, they should not receive the vaccine at this time. If your child is absent, we have been informed that community vaccination opportunities will be made available.</p> <p>Our local SAIS provider, Sirona Care & Health, is legally responsible for the delivery of the Covid-19 vaccine and flu vaccine. Please complete the consent forms by midnight on Saturday 16th October. If Sirona Care & Health do not receive your completed consent forms, they may contact you in order to discuss your wishes for your child. The consent forms are linked below. St Katherine's is not delivering or responsible for the vaccines and so will not have access to any of the consent data that is gathered.</p> <p>Link to the COVID-19 consent form Link to the nasal flu consent form</p> <p>For further information, please see the letter shared this week.</p>
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Mrs Crocker	All years	<p>Internet Safety</p> <p>The UK Safer Internet Centre provides really useful resources for parents to help them support their children to keep themselves safe online. This article from their website sets out the issues for parents and their children as well as containing a link to the Childnet's Hot Topics. Please take some time to explore the UK Safer Internet Pages to find support and advice for your family.</p> <p>Link to the UK Safer Internet Article Link to Childnet's Hot Topics</p>
Mr Dawes	Year 9	<p>Year 9 Boys Rugby Practice has moved to Thursday evenings. All are welcome.</p>
Mrs Lewis	Years 7-9 Science (KS3)	<p>There is a link on Parentpay for all Year 7 parents to purchase a science revision guide to help students with assessments for the next 3 years. We have also added this to Parentpay for all Year 8 and Year 9 students who did not purchase them previously. Year 9 will have their end of KS3 assessment in January so this will be very useful for them to prepare.</p>
Mrs Jenkins	Food and nutrition students	<p>Practical lessons for next week:</p> <p>Monday 18th October - 7r Croque Monsieur Tuesday 19th October - 9l Pizza Tuesday 19th October - 8l Tuna pasta bake Wednesday 20th October - 10c Vegetable curry Wednesday 20th October - 11c Party food own choice Friday 22nd October - 7l Spicy bean burger</p> <p>Please ensure all students bring in an apron from home. All practicals have been set as homework on ClassCharts.</p>
Miss Adams	Trailblazers students	<p>The trailblazers scheme is now up and running with the flute group having had 2 lessons already. Clarinets and saxophones are due to start on Monday 18 October and students have been informed of their lesson time. Other instruments will be following shortly. I have set up a trailblazers google classroom to post information and notices and all trailblazers students and parents have been invited to join this. Please check your emails and accept the invitation.</p>

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All years Year 10	Covid and Flu Vaccine Consent Work Experience 2022
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UPCOMING EVENTS - click [here](#) to see all upcoming events

18-20 October 22 October 1 November 2 November 3 November	09:00-15:00 Flu/Covid Vaccinations END OF TERM 1 INSET DAY INSET DAY START OF TERM 2
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Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 8 October 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

We continue with the theme of COVID 19 which remains present within our community. We continue to monitor the cases across our community and thank you to everyone for testing and reporting regularly. Please read the [attached letter](#) which the Department for Education has promoted to all schools. It is critical that each of us plays our part. We are aware of some frustrations staff and families are experiencing regarding multiple positive LFDs followed by negative PCR tests and this appears to be prevalent in the South West. Please continue to follow the guidelines and test twice weekly.

Thank you for your continued patience and tolerance with resolving uniform at the start of this year. We recognise this is still not resolved for all families and please be reassured we will continue to make adjustments and will support all families until the supply issues are resolved. Once resolved, we will confirm the steps we are taking with families to ensure the experiences of this year are not repeated.

Next Thursday is our first Online Parent/Carer Association Meeting of the year. For new families who have joined us this year, all parents/carers are welcome. The meetings have become a valued and important forum for discussion on any current items raised by parents/carers. Full agendas and meetings are on the [school website](#). Should you have any feedback on this forum which has now been running for over two years, please do share it with us at school@skdrive.org.

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

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MESSAGES

Miss Richards	All years	<p>This autumn, all young people aged 12-15 are being offered a first dose of the Covid-19 vaccine at the same time as the annual flu vaccine.</p> <p>Children who are 12 years old and over on the day the School Age Immunisation Service (SAIS) team visits, will be offered a Covid-19 vaccination as part of the in-school vaccination programme. For those under the age of 12, they will be offered a flu vaccination. The SAIS team will visit on Monday 18th, Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th October. Students will only be vaccinated if consent has been obtained from parents.</p> <p>Our local SAIS provider, Sirona Care & Health, is legally responsible for the delivery of the Covid-19 vaccine and flu vaccine. Parents/Carers can provide consent for both the flu and the Covid-19 vaccine, for one or other of the vaccines or neither. St Katherine's is not delivering or responsible for the vaccines and so will not have access to any of the consent data that is gathered. However, we will share the consent links with you early next week.</p>
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School	All years	<p>Parent Carer Association A reminder of the Parent/Carer Association meeting on Thursday 14 October. Click here for the agenda and click here to join the meeting.</p>
Miss Gardiner	All years	<p>Careers Bulletin October 2021 This month there are some exciting opportunities for students across all school years to get involved in. Any questions regarding careers please email Miss Gardiner: gardiners@skdrive.org</p>
Miss Richards	Year 11	<p>We have now received confirmation of the structure of the 2022 Summer examinations. The summary of changes is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> There will be optional topics and content in GCSE English literature, history and geography. <input type="checkbox"/> Art and photography will be assessed via the portfolio only. <input type="checkbox"/> Exam boards will provide advanced information about the focus of the content of exams for all GCSE subjects except GCSE English literature, history and geography by 7 February 2022 at the latest. <input type="checkbox"/> Students will be given a formulae sheet for GCSE mathematics and a revised equation sheet for GCSE physics and combined science. <p>Usually, previous years are used to outline grade boundaries. However, this year, grades will be designed to reflect an average between 2021 and 2019. This means that results next year will be higher than in 2019 but not as high as in 2021.</p> <p>With these changes in mind, we will provide students with content lists to support with their mock preparation. Their first set of mocks will begin at the end of November.</p>
Mr Davies	Year 11	<p>We look forward to welcoming all Year 11 parents and carers to our Sixth Form Open Evening on 17 November. All being well, this will be done in person. Please keep an eye out for guidance in the coming weeks.</p>
Ms Jefferson	Years 7-10	<p>Next week, all students in Years 7-10 will have the opportunity to experience free, live theatre in school, a real treat since such enrichment has been limited during the pandemic. Please can you ensure that students bring a face mask into school to wear during the performance, which will take place in year group bubbles.</p> <p>Details of the show can be found here: https://www.roustabouttheatre.co.uk/productions/</p>
School	Year 7	<p>Thank you for joining us for the Year 7 Meet the Tutor evening. We hope you found the evening useful. Should you have any feedback on the evening, please share with us using this form.</p>
Mrs Lewis	Year 7 Science	<p>You will be able to purchase a science KS3 revision guide for your child to use from now until the end of KS3 in Year 9. These are available on parentpay for £6. Deadline for purchasing is 22 October. The order will be placed after this deadline and children will receive their guides after half term. Further details in the letter sent out this week..</p>

Mrs Jenkins	Food and nutrition students	<p>Practical lessons for next week: Monday 11th October - 7r Savoury crumble Tuesday 12th October - 8r Cheese and onion pasties Tuesday 12th October -10d Vegetable and halloumi skewers Wednesday 13th October - 10c Vegetable and halloumi skewers Wednesday 13th October - 8l Cheese and onion pasties Friday 15th October - 7l Croque Monsieur Friday 15th October - 9r Pizza</p> <p>Please ensure all students bring in an apron from home. All practicals have been set as homework on ClassCharts.</p>
Mr Francis Black	All SK Bus users	<p>I have now set up Class Charts so that it can be used to deliver announcements regarding the running of our bus services. Should any bus be delayed, I will use this system to notify parents of students on the affected service of the later departure time. To ensure you receive these notifications promptly it is best to install the Class Charts parent app on your mobile device of choice.</p>
Mr Hodgson	Duke of Edinburgh	<p>We will be starting to get eDofE accounts sorted for Bronze (Year 9) and Silver (Year 10). Information about enrolment can be found on the google classrooms - the code for Bronze is uwhr5vw and the Silver is smf2imy. If you are interested in starting or continuing your DofE Award, please join the classrooms and complete the enrolment forms. Please let Mr Hodgson know if you have any questions or need any more information. hodgsont@skdrive.org</p>
Mr Hodgson	Enrichment	<p>We will be using trangias again, this time with some food or drink! Please check class charts to see what students need to bring.</p>
Miss Adams	Trailblazers	<p>I am pleased to say that the first trailblazers group of flute players had their first lesson this week. Instruments are now beginning to arrive in school and so other instruments will start very soon.</p> <p>I have set up a trailblazers google classroom for ease of communication. I have added all trailblazers students to this and also parents/carers. Please accept the invitation and check for messages. Thank you.</p>

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Year 7 All years	Year 7 Science Revision Guide Home Testing
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UPCOMING EVENTS - click [here](#) to see all upcoming events

14 October	18:30-19:30 Parent Association (Virtual Meeting)
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Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 1 October 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

Our attention has turned to the number of positive cases creeping up within our community this week. We are determined to try and stay ahead of any rising infection line and this week assemblies reverted back to our online version. We have spoken to all students yesterday to remind them of their responsibilities:

- **Please ensure your child/dren has at least one mask with them each day, ideally a reusable one.**

Your child is responsible for having a mask each day and we will be considering detentions for those who repeatedly fail to bring a mask. From next week all students and staff must wear a mask in indoor spaces (canteen, corridors, buses) where large numbers of students from different year groups are mixing. We do not have sufficient supplies to provide them for students or staff. Should you have any problems sourcing masks please contact your child's tutor in advance so we can help.

- **Please ensure your child/children continue to test twice a week, regardless of symptoms**
- **If your child has any symptoms, please ensure you book a PCR test.**

We will continue to work with the Public Health England South West team and keep our guidance and risk assessment under review. We have been working with PHE regarding the roll out of the COVID vaccine for 12-15 year olds. Please see full details in the [letter sent to all parents/carers](#).

We have completed all national tests with Year 7-10 and will be sharing this information along with some strategies on how parents/carers can support their child/ren. Reading each day remains the single most important activity for all children and we will share our strategies for supporting this shortly.

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](#).

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MESSAGES

School	All years	<p>Uniform - Monkhouse: We are aware that a number of parents are still waiting for orders to arrive from Monkhouse and share your frustration that these orders are taking so long to reach you. Following a meeting with Monkhouse this week, we can confirm that the majority of orders are in stock and are ready to be picked and dispatched. We have informed them that we expect the backlog to be cleared before we reach the half-term break. Although many suppliers are struggling with supply chains at the moment, we are disappointed with the lack of communication to parents and to school and would like to assure you that we continually evaluate and review all suppliers to seek the best service for our community.</p> <p>Uniform adjustments - winter: As colder weather approaches, we will be taking a weather-dependent approach to wearing coats indoors. We continue to ask staff to keep windows open in line with our risk assessment for COVID-19 and this means that some teaching rooms may be colder than others. Where a teacher decides that the temperature in the room is not adequate, they will give permission for children to wear coats. Please note, hoodies remain prohibited on the school site. If your child does not have a winter coat and purchasing one would place you in financial hardship,</p>
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		please contact your child's Head of House and we will support where possible.
School	Year 7	A reminder of the Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening on Thursday 7 October. Please click here for further details.
School	All years	Parent/Carer Association Meeting (Virtual) - Thursday 14 October 2021 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 next week. We look forward to seeing you on 14 October.
Mr Francis Black	All SK Bus users	I have now set up Class Charts so that it can be used to deliver announcements regarding the running of our bus services. Should any bus be delayed, I will use this system to notify parents of students on the affected service of the later departure time. To ensure you receive these notifications promptly it is best to install the Class Charts parent app on your mobile device of choice.
Miss Adams Music	All years	If your child has instrumental lessons IN SCHOOL please could you take a moment to check the timetables for their lesson day and time to help them remember. Thank you.
Miss Adams Music	Trailblazers students (Y7 and 8 only)	We are really excited about the launch of the trailblazers scheme. Over 40 students in Year 7 and 8 have signed up for the scheme to learn a woodwind or brass instrument. You will have now received an email confirming the instrument allocation. Please can I ask that you complete the instrument insurance form if you have not already done so. Unfortunately we are experiencing some delays in the supply of the instruments we have purchased; please await an email with details of the start date. Any questions please email me: adamsa@skdrive.org
Mrs Jenkins (Miss Sutton)	Food and nutrition students	Practical lessons for next week: Monday 4th October - 7r Vegetable Soup Tuesday 5th October - 9l Chow mein Tuesday 5th October - 8l Dutch Apple cake Wednesday 6th October - 10C Fruit dish Wednesday 6th October - 11c Sweetcorn fritters Thursday 7th October - 8r Dutch Apple cake Friday 8th October - 7l Savoury crumble Friday 8th October - 9r Spring rolls All practicals have been set as homework on ClassCharts.
Miss Joseph	Year 7 Maths	Year 7 Maths newsletter
Miss Joseph	Year 8 Maths	Year 8 Maths newsletter
Miss Daniels	Year 9 Maths	Year 9 maths newsletter

Miss Daniels	Year 10 Maths	Year 10 maths newsletter
Miss Daniels	Year 11 Maths	Year 11 maths newsletter
Mr Davies	Sixth Form	We look forward to welcoming al Year 11l parents and carers to our Sixth Form Open Evening on November 17th. All being well, this will be done in person. Please keep an eye out for guidance in the coming weeks.

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Year 7 Years 7-11	Year 7 Virtual Meet the Tutor Evening Vaccinations for 12-15 year olds
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UPCOMING EVENTS - click [here](#) to see all upcoming events

	Please note the following parent/carers meetings are being held online:
7 October	16:00-19:00 Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening
14 October	18:30-19:30 Parent Association
4 November	16:00-19:00 Year 9 Progress Evening
16 December	16:00-19:00 Year 10 Progress Evening
20 January	16:00-19:00 Year 11 Progress Evening
3 February	16:00-19:00 Year 7 Progress Evening
3 March	16:00-19:00 Year 12 & 13 Progress Evening
28 April	16:00-19:00 Year 8 Progress Evening

Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 24 September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

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HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

Dear Parents/Carers

Please ensure your child brings a clean face mask with them to school every day.

Thank you to all parents/carers for your understanding on Wednesday when we were alerted by a parent/carer about an incident in Lawrence Weston. Once we had confirmation from the Police, coaches and students left the site. Students were very mature, showing patience and understanding throughout.

This week saw the return of our assemblies and how wonderful it was to see our houses back in the lecture theatre, being led by their Head of House and very important House Leaders. Interviews for our Head Students took place this week and we are delighted to share that Grace Newby and Sharmarka Mattan have been appointed. Congratulations to them both, along with all the other candidates who will form a strong leadership team across the sixth form and school. We look forward to seeing their positive impact on the school.

In the interests of safety, please use the overflow car park to collect your child from school. The congestion in the staff car park is becoming a concern along with parents/carers blocking access to cars leaving spaces including the spaces for those with disabilities. We will keep this under review and should the situation not improve we will close the staff car park during pick up time.

You will have heard in the news that all young people aged 12-15 are being offered a first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. Public Health England has shared some [resources](#) and [FAQs](#) and we will write to all parents with further details once confirmed

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MESSAGES

School	All	<p>Disabled parking bays</p> <p>Please note the disabled parking bays are allocated bays for blue badge holders only. Please do not park in the bays unless you have a blue badge.</p>
Miss Ardell	All	<p>Want to use science, technology, engineering & maths to make an impact? Sign up to the STEM summit here: https://www.youthstem2030.org/summit . It is a free online event over the weekend of 27th and 28th November about using STEM to be inspired, gain skills, and take action to tackle the world's biggest challenges. This is not run by the school but will be a great experience!</p>
Bristol North West Foodbank	All	<p>'Eat Well, Spend Less' Cookery Course</p> <p>Please note, this course is for adults only</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 office@bristolnwfoodbank.org.uk</p>
Mrs Weatherson	Years 10 & 11	<p>Room 36 will be open to all Year 10 and 11 GCSE photography students who would like some extra time to work or to catch up.</p>

	GCSE Photography	
Mrs Jenkins (Miss Sutton)	Food and nutrition students	Practical lessons for next week: Monday 27th September - 7r Deli salad Tuesday 28th September - 8r Flapjacks Soda bread Wednesday 29th September - 10C Cauliflower cheese Wednesday 29th September - 8l Flapjacks Thursday 30th September - 11C Choux pastry Thursday 30th September - 9l Pear tray bake
Ms Wild	Years 7-9 English	All students in Years 7-9 are expected to read for at least twenty minutes every day at home, and log their reading on their digital reading log via their English Google classroom. Any questions or requests for support with this, please email wildi@skdrive.org . Thank you.
Mrs Collins	Drama (Years 7, & 9)	KS3 drama club will be starting on Thursday 30 September during tutor time - 8:30 - 9:00am. Students will be registered here. Any questions please email Collinsl@skdrive.org
Miss Adams	Trailblazers students (Years 7 & 8 only)	We are really excited about the launch of the trailblazers scheme. Over 40 students in Year 7 and 8 have signed up for the scheme to learn a woodwind or brass instrument. You will have now received an email confirming the instrument allocation. Unfortunately we are experiencing some delays in the supply of the instruments we have purchased; please await an email with details of the start date. Any questions please email me: adamsa@skdrive.org
Miss Adams	Music	If your child has instrumental lessons IN SCHOOL please could you take a moment to check the timetables for their lesson day and time to help them remember. Thank you.
Mr Hodgson	DofE	Enrolment has started for Bronze (Year 9) and Silver (Year 10) Information about enrolment can be found on the google classrooms - the code for Bronze is uwhr5vw and the Silver is smf2imy . Please let Mr Hodgson know if you have any questions or need any more information. hodgsont@skdrive.org

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Year 9	Duke of Edinburgh Award Year 9
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UPCOMING EVENTS - click [here](#) to see all upcoming events

1 October	INSET DAY- School closed to students
7 October	16:00-19:00 Year 7 Tutor Evening (online)
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16 December	16:00-19:00 Year 10 Progress Evening (online)
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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](#)

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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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The full policy is available on the school website and I am sharing the student summary here 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.</p> <p>https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83473825729?pwd=aFE1TnpYzkV1a1BneHITWVplcnp3QT09</p> <p>There will be a short presentation with a Q&A session finishing before 8 pm.</p>
Bristol North West Foodbank	All years	<p>'Eat Well, Spend Less' Cookery Course.</p> <p>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</p>

		To book your place call 0117 9235343 or email office@bristolnwfoodbank.org.uk
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 contact form.</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</p> <p>This is the link 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 SENDteam@skdrive.org 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.</p> <p>https://pillandeastoningordano.org/our-great-big-green-day/</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 gardeners@skdrive.org.</p>
Mr Fey & Mr Simmons	Year 11 Engineering	<p>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.</p>

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 Collinsl@skdrive.org
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.

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Year 12 & 13	Post 16 Parents/Carers Information Evening
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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

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

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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

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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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