

Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 6 May 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		
Mr Francis Black	All Years	<p>We are now beginning the process of planning school transport for 2022/23. We continue to work closely with Turners who are facing increased costs and competition with wage and fuel cost inflation. We have worked hard together to minimise any increased costs and an additional £5 per month is necessary to keep the service running smoothly. The cost for the full year in 2022/23 will be £900 payable in ten monthly instalments of £90 from September to June. We are able to offer discounts for pupils in receipt of free school meals or pupil premium funding so please contact bonoraf@skdrive.org if you would like to discuss your personal circumstances.</p> <p>All current bus users should have received a personal email asking you to confirm your requirements for next year via an online form. Please complete this even if you do not require a place for next year.</p> <p>If you are on the waiting list for a bus place or would like to be added to the list for next year then please complete this form for new users. We will then include this in our planning in the hope of accommodating all who require transport.</p>
Mr Court	Year 11	<p>As year 11 approach the end of their time at St Katherine's, I would like to share some key dates with you:</p> <p>Friday 6th May - World Food Day: We will have at least 6 stalls selling snacks from all over the world for between 50p and £1. This will help us to celebrate Eid and raise money for the prom.</p> <p>Thursday 23rd June - Final exam (Physics)*: For the vast majority of students, this will be their last compulsory day. We would ask that once students have completed their exam, they leave the site. There will be a space for students to wait if they require school transport to get home.</p> <p>Thursday 7th July - Leavers' day and prom: We are in the process of arranging a leavers' day to celebrate everything this cohort have achieved. This will be an opportunity to wear fancy dress, sign shirts, see friends and say goodbye to teachers, tutors and staff. It is likely to take place 09:00-12:00. In the evening we will be hosting our Prom at Leigh Court, details of which have been communicated previously and will be on Parent Pay soon.</p> <p><i>*Some students have a Polish exam the following week and there is a contingency day in place in case of any national issues with exam completion.</i></p> <p>As we enter the examination period, students are expected to attend school as normal. A series of booster sessions, as detailed here, are planned for students on the day of or prior to the exam. Other than these boosters, students will attend their normal lessons. If their course has finished, students will be expected to revise independently for their remaining exams whilst in their normal timetabled lessons. They should therefore attend school with the resources that they require but staff will be available to provide resources such as past papers on request.</p> <p>The full timetable including all lessons and exams can be seen here. You will note from the timetable that any two exams within the same subject are</p>

		<p>separated by a minimum period of 10 days. This is to allow for any absence due to COVID related illness. Should a student test positive for COVID and therefore miss an exam they would require confirmation of a doctor's note. Following the minimum period of absence they will then be able to return to any remaining exams and provided that at least one third of the scheduled examinations have sat a grade will be awarded on the basis of completed papers only.</p>
Mrs Crocker	School	<p>It is Paul Stephenson's birthday today! Paul Stephenson is the namesake of Stephenson house and we are using his birthday to celebrate his achievements and highlight why he is an inspiration to not only Stephenson House but all students and staff.</p> <p>Mr Thomas and the House Leaders have addressed the other House assemblies this week to remind everyone about Paul's achievements and what we can learn from his life, achievements and determined commitment to civil rights in Bristol. The Stephenson House Leaders are celebrating Paul Stephenson's birthday with balloons and a red carpet to welcome everyone to school this morning. This week's Fun Fix Friday is a Stephenson themed treasure hunt where students will search for clues around the school site that relate to key moments in his life. No birthday is complete without cake and there will be a cake sale at lunchtime hosted by Stephenson House and money raised will contribute to the prom committee's fundraising efforts.</p>
Miss Adams	Y9 students who have opted for GCSE Music	<p>All Y9 students who have opted for GCSE Music are expected to do a short performance on an instrument of their choice. It needs to be a complete piece of music from start to finish. Please remind them to bring their music and instrument on the day. Performances will take place on:</p> <p>Wednesday 18th May at lunchtime (1.20pm in room 26).</p> <p>Any questions please get in touch (adamsa@skdrive.org)</p>
Mrs Jenkins	Food and Nutrition students	<p>Practical lessons for next week: Tuesday 10th may - Chocolate brownies Wednesday 11th may - Chocolate brownies</p> <p>Please ensure all students bring in an apron from home. All practicals have been set as homework on ClassCharts.</p>
Mrs Ivey	Year 11	<p>Science revision continues next week to prepare students for the first science exam which is a biology exam. The revision sessions will take place as follows: -Tuesday Mrs Ivey lab 6 -Thursday Miss Andrews lab 2</p>
Mrs Ivey	Year 13 biology	<p>Biology revision continues after school on Thursday next week. Revision will take place every Thursday this term afterschool. Additionally there will be a revision day in half term on Wednesday 1st June from 10am-3pm.</p>
Mr Davies	Year 13	<p>The full timetable for year 13 exams can be seen here. You will note from the timetable that any two exams within the same subject are separated by a minimum period of 10 days. This is to allow for any absence due to COVID related illness. Should a student test positive for COVID and therefore miss an exam they would require confirmation of a doctor's note. Following the minimum period of absence they will then be able to return to any remaining exams and provided that at least one third of the scheduled examinations have sat a grade will be awarded on the basis of completed papers only.</p>

		<p>A letter has been emailed home regarding attendance after the half-term break, and giving details of booster sessions and exam breakfasts which are being put on ahead of exams to help support all students.</p> <p>A quick reminder that once the exams are over, there will be a Leavers' Party at Steam on Whiteladies Road on July 1st. Tickets are £20 including a meal, and are available on Parent Pay. Tickets for students in receipt of the bursary will be half price, which can be paid directly to Mrs Papworth.</p>
Mrs Crocker	All years	<p>Turners Coaches Ukraine Humanitarian relief</p> <p>Turners coaches who provide our school transport are working with the Lions Club to supply humanitarian aid to Ukraine and also to bring refugees back to the UK. Turners are donating the coach travel, fuel etc. and a number of their drivers have volunteered their time to drive the trips. Turners' first coach will depart on the 30th May.</p> <p>Turners have asked for our support to secure much needed supplies and staff, students and their families can donate items by bringing them to school which will act as a collection point. Turners have provided a list of items that they have been asked to provide which can be seen here.</p> <p>📄 Emergency Medical and food supplies</p> <p>If you are able to donate any of the items on the list, please bring them to school before Wednesday 25th May. Items should be left at reception.</p>

LETTERS - click [here](#) to see all letters

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

Term 5	BTEC GCSE AND A LEVEL EXAMS
Term 5	Primary Transition visits
16 May	Parents Association
25 May	Trust concert
26 May	Y7 Progress evening