

Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 10 February 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Here are the latest school messages and updates for your information, wishing you a restful half term.

MESSAGES		
Whole School	Reception	Lost property: We have a multitude of clothing in our lost property drawers, please remind your child to have a look through if needed.
Y7	Mrs Ball	<p>We are delighted to be able to offer our students Bikeability Level 3, advanced on-road cycle training, free of charge. The course is funded by North Somerset Council and the Department for Transport and delivered by Life Cycle UK.</p> <p>Week beginning Monday 27th March during the school day, students will complete a one-off 3-hour session. Allocation of time and dates will follow.</p> <p>To access Level 3 training, every student must have already completed their Level 2 training, usually in primary school, and will need a helmet to take part.</p> <p>Bikes can be borrowed and used from the Bikeability team for the session. Places on this valuable training are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. After an initial assessment of their riding skills, they will be riding on busy and challenging roads, with qualified instructors. Please ensure that your child has suitable clothing, especially if the weather is wet/change of clothes/ gloves for cold weather coats.</p> <p>Please return the consent form by Monday 20th February, hard copies are also available in reception.</p>
School	All years	North Somerset Council have advised us that there will be a temporary road closure and vertical traffic calming during half term. A new 20mph limit will be in force from Monday 20 February.
School	All years	This week in tutor time students have been learning about the important messages associated with this year's safer internet day which was on Tuesday. Their learning has been supported by resources from the UK Safer Internet Centre . This website is an excellent source of support for children of all ages and their parents and carers.
School	All years	Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility at St. Katherine's School and we are always grateful when parents and carers inform us when they are worried about a child in our community. One way you can do this is to use the Tell Someone form on the school website. You can complete this anonymously if needed however it is important that you include enough information for us to act on your concern. Please include as much detail as possible. This can include student's names.
School	Y8	Sirona Immunisation Team will be in school on the 28 February to administer HPV vaccine to Y8 students. Please remember to complete the consent form by Thursday 23 February.
School	Y9	Sirona Immunisation Team will be in school on 25 April 2023 to administer Meningococcal ACWY vaccination and Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio

		<p>vaccination in school. Please remember to complete the consent form by Thursday 20 April.</p> <p>It is important that you complete the consent form even if you do not want your child to receive the vaccinations; you are able to consent for none, either or both vaccinations.</p>
Miss Adams	All trailblazers students	<p>Trailblazers band camp day is on Friday 24th February at Trinity School. This will involve a series of workshops and joint rehearsals with musicians from the Royal Welsh and other trailblazers students from across the trust. There will also be an evening concert at Trinity School. All trailblazers students from Y7-9 will be invited. Please look out for your letter via ParentPay.</p>
Mrs Weatherson	Year 11 photography	<p>Year 11 photography students should be working independently on their ESA and the main priority during half term is: photoshoots. Many students have yet to complete their own shoot and this is essential.</p>
Mrs Ivey	Year 11	<p>There will be physics revision Tuesday after school (21/02/23) with Miss Ardell in lab 1 from 3-4pm to help year 11 prepare for their mocks.</p>
Miss Cave	All years	<p>Free School Meals - if you think you are entitled to claim a free school meal benefit because of your income or circumstances it's essential you apply. For each eligible child, the school receives funding for the next six years, even if their parents go back to full-time paid work. You can apply to North Somerset here. If you have any queries or would like the school to support you with your application please contact reception.</p>
Miss Cave	All years	<p>Free School Meals - if your child is entitled to a free school meal they can receive breakfast in the canteen before 8.30. They will be able to choose from the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2 pieces of toast with jam ● fresh fruit with a juice drink ● porridge with honey/syrup with a juice drink ● cereal with milk ● 1 crumpet with jam.
Ms Tallis	Year 11 Art GCSE students	<p>For their GCSE art exam project, students now have 3 school weeks working on artist research. They should aim to complete 6 A3 pages researching three artists. You can support your child by talking through their work with them & supervising them to complete at least two hours of art homework a week. The deadline for this work to be completed is Fri 10 March. I will lend students any equipment & media for the break that they need; some students are planning a day or two focusing on their art work for the exam project.</p>
Ms Keir	Whole school	<p>This week's careers bulletin</p>
Miss Nattress	House competitions	<p>Wow! What can I say? What an incredible array of entries into this year's first whole school photo competition. Oh my, did St Katherine's deliver. If only I could send you all a framed photo of each and every entry, I have no doubt you would all be as in awe of our students' talent as I am. However, we're incredibly lucky to be able to call upon the expertise of the experienced and creative eye of Mrs Weatherson to help judge the unenviable job of the point distribution. It was a decision full of deliberation and questioning, however no matter how hard a decision, we have one! Mrs Weatherson is always available for advice and feedback (please contact Miss Nattress for this)</p>

		Every entry contributed towards the house championship, well done and thank you! Look out for the Easter competition launch....
Mrs Duncan	Year 10 & 12	Please read this important letter regarding Work Experience here . Please also look out for the WOW! on Class Charts.

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

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

20 Feb	1615-1730 Y11 information evening
22 Feb	1645-2200 Lionesses trip, Aston Gate
24 Feb	1830 Y7 and Y8 Trailblazers Evening Concert
28 Feb	Y8 HPV vaccine, The Leaf
1 Mar	1600-1900 Y12 and Y13 Progress evening
2 Mar	NEU proposed strike day
6 Mar	DofE Bronze after school training
9 Mar	1500-1600 Parent/Carers Association
10 Mar	Morocco training weekend
15 Mar	NEU proposed strike day
16 Mar	NEU proposed strike day
23 Mar	1500-1600 Morocco team Expedition Life
23 Mar	1500-1615 Tea with a scientist
25 Mar	DofE Bronze/Silver/Gold weekend practice walk
w/c 27 Mar	Y7 Bikeability
30 Mar	North Somerset Dance Festival
31 Mar	End of term 4