

Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 29 March 2019

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	A reminder, for safeguarding purposes, all visitors to school should report to the visitor reception and <u>not</u> to the student support office. If you are collecting or dropping off your child or have any enquiry, please go to the visitor reception in the first instance.
School	All	We are asking parents/carers who need to pick up their child before the end of the school day, to report to the visitor reception to collect them. For safeguarding purposes pupils will not be permitted to wait in the car park for their lift or go up to the car park without their parent/carer coming down to the visitor reception. Thank you for your cooperation and supporting our safeguarding procedures.
School	All	The next Parent Association meeting will take place on Tuesday 23 April at the earlier time of 6.30-7.30pm in the dining room. The agenda will be circulated next week. If there is anything you would like to include for this or future agenda items, please email school@skdrive.org .
School	All	Lost Property - we have a large amount of lost property including coats, bags, uniform etc. Please ask your son/daughter to check with SSO if they have lost an item. SSO will return labelled items promptly to rightful owners. Lost property that is not labelled will be held for four weeks. Any lost property not claimed will be donated to a local charity. Please label clothes where possible.
School	All	New telephone system. We have upgraded our telephone system and wanted to remind you of the options available when you phone in. Option 1: Student Absence/Attendance Enquiries Option 2: Admission or Free School Meals Option 3: Finance Option 4: Student Support Office Option 5: Switchboard/Reception Please note that calls may be recorded for training and quality purposes.
Mr Southon	Whole School	Head Lice - It would be helpful if you could check your child's hair for this condition. If they have head lice this must be treated. However, there is NO reason for your child to be absent from school. Please read NHS information for more details regarding treatment.
Mr Francis Black	All Years	All students and teachers now have free access to Seneca - a revision and homework platform making studying more fun. Seneca is an interactive way to learn official course content. Their web app covers 150+ exam board specific courses condensing what students need to know for their exams. The software is able to identify gaps in learning. For instance, when you get a question wrong, the platform will repeat the

		topic in different formats and their smart algorithm has proven to make students remember topics 2x faster. Seneca is totally free for students, teacher and parents. You can sign up via senecalearning.com
Mrs Ivey	Year 7	Science club is on again next week (Thursday 4 April) with Mr Hodgson in lab 1 students will be looking at the crystals that they made in the last science club session.
Mrs Ivey	Year 11	Science revision for Year 11 continues after school next week, with physics revision with Mr Arden on Wednesday in lab 4 and biology revision with Mrs Brooke in lab 6 on Thursday. There will also be biology revision Monday lunchtime with Mrs Andrews in lab 8 and chemistry revision Thursday lunchtime with Mr Hodgson in lab 1.
Mrs Aubret	Year 11 French	Lunchtime and after school sessions continue to run on Thursdays . We are preparing for the GCSE Speaking exam taking place on 25 and 26 of April .
Miss Adams	Year 11 GCSE Music	Please remind and encourage students to sign up for extra coursework support sessions on the google doc that has been shared with students and parents. Deadline is 5 April .
Mrs Collins	Year 11 GCSE Drama	External practical exam . Reminder that students are to sign up to rehearse in preparation for their final performance exam. See google sheet.
Mr Francis-Black	Year 11	<p>Supporting Your Child During Exam Time</p> <p>As we start to move towards exam season, Young Minds have launched advice for parents about supporting their children.</p> <p>Tips include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage your child to take revision breaks and find a balance between studying and doing things they find enjoyable and relaxing. • Make sure they are eating and drinking at regular intervals. • Reassure them – reinforce that you are and will be proud of them no matter what happens. • Remain positive and hopeful! • Let them know their feelings are valid and normal, but also offer support and solutions where possible. • Anxiety is often worse at night and this means it is useful to encourage good bedtime routines <p>You can find out more here: https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/parents-guide-to-support-a-z/parents-guide-to-support-exam-time/ </p>
Mrs Weatherson	Year 11 Film Studies	Coursework must be complete by Monday 1 April - this includes both the 2 minute film and the 800 word evaluation.
Miss Brown	Year 7	Kangaroo Club will be starting in Term 5. Students will compete in national competitions with prizes which include trips abroad. A taster session will run on the first Wednesday back (24/04) in room 74
Mr Fey & Mr Simmons	Year 11 Design and Technology	Lunchtime (13.25-14:00) and after-school sessions (15:30-17:00) continue to run Monday to Thursday for all Design and Technology students. There are only <u>2 weeks remaining</u> to the deadline!

Mrs Shephard & Mrs Gardener	Year 11 Business Studies	Tuesday after school 3:20-4:30 & Monday, Tuesday and Friday lunchtime room 61 for Unit 1 improvements. Selected students to attend after school Monday - Thursday 3:20 - 4:30 room CR4. Monday 8 April 9.30 - 3pm - coursework catch up day for any student with outstanding coursework from Unit 1.
Ms Tallis & Ms Cameron	Year 11 Art students	Year 11 support sessions for the art GCSE exam project continue to run every lunchtime and after school on a Tuesday and Thursday. In the past, those students who attended one session a week improved their final GCSE grade against their prediction. Remember - only two and a half school weeks until the exam on 2 and 3 May!

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

Year 7 & 8 Food Technology	Food Technology letter from Mrs Butler
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UPCOMING EVENTS - click [here](#) to see all upcoming events

5 April	End of Term 4
23 April	Start of Term 5
	18:30-19:30 Parent/Carer Association Meeting
6 May	May Bank Holiday

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