



Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 24 January 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Here are the latest school messages and updates for your information plus details of any letters sent home during the last week.

MESSAGES		
School	All years	Thank you for your cooperation with collecting your children at the end of the school day from the overflow carpark and for supporting the safety of all our children. We have seen a huge improvement this week and are really grateful for your support.
School	All years	<p><i>South West Grid for Learning has published advice for parents on staying safe when using PlayStation. We know that gaming has changed a lot in the last decade or so. Games are now primarily designed to be played online, in-game purchases and microtransactions are commonplace, and skins and customisation have given players even more to love about their gaming experiences.</i></p> <p><i>Gaming can form a significant part of young people's identity and it is important that we find ways to protect and encourage the healthy parts of it while being mindful of the associated risks.</i></p> <p><i><u>This 5 in 5 safety check-up</u> is all about staying safe when playing PlayStation. South West Grid for Learning will be uploading an Xbox guide in the next few weeks with advice specific to that console.</i></p>
School	All years	<p>Parent Association Meeting - Monday 27 January 2020 Open to all parents and carers where we discuss parent/carer topics. Please see agenda for this meeting. Previous meeting agenda and notes are on our website. We look forward to seeing you on 27 January.</p>
School	All years	A reminder of our Parent/Carer Survey . We would be grateful if you could spend five minutes of your time completing the survey as this will help support and shape our work in 2020 and beyond. Thank you in advance for your help with this.
School	All years	We are committed to showcasing to our students all the varied careers they may choose to follow. We would like to arrange a series of lunchtime or after school career talks and would be interested in hearing from any parents/carers who would be prepared to come and talk to a group of students. The setting will be fairly informal and each session will last for half an hour at the most. If you are interested in volunteering for this please complete the Careers Talk Form . This information will be shared directly with a parent volunteer who will be in touch with further details.
School	Year 7	A reminder of the Year 7 Progress Evening on Thursday 30 January. Please make appointments using our online booking system or call our reception team on 01275 373737 who will be able to make appointments with you over the phone. We look forward to seeing you on 30 January.



Mrs Skeates	Year 11	Revision - drop in revision sessions are available to all Year 11 students in room 32 on Wednesday and Friday lunchtimes. This will be a calm, quiet place to revise with resources available (revision textbooks/past papers etc).
Ms Tallis	Year 11 art students	The GCSE exam project is now fully underway and Year 11 art students should now have evidence of quality observational drawing and artist research completed over the last three weeks. Students should spend at least one hour a week on homework on their art exam preparation. All students have personal targets to work towards, inside their paper folders kept in their portfolios. Please ask to see these targets and discuss them with your child. Your suggestions and conversations are very valuable to your child's progress. This exam project forms 40% of students' art GCSE grade. As well as working sessions every lunchtime in the Art Department, we are now offering after-school sessions on a Monday and Tuesday.
Mrs Collins	Year 11 drama students	Rehearsal schedule for component 2 external performance exam has been shared with students to plan dates/times they will be rehearsing. Please ask students to fill it out and also mark on the drama board in the PA corridor when they will be at school rehearsing. After school time slots are 3:30pm - 5:00pm. Thank you
Mrs Ivey	Year 11	Science revision continues next week for Year 11. Revision sessions will be held as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monday 27 January after school physics revision with Mr Arden in lab 4 - Tuesday 28 January after school chemistry revision with Mrs Brooke in lab 5 All students should attend one session.
Miss Adams	Year 11	Year 11 GCSE music students should be; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Rehearsing their ensemble performance ready for 5 March 2) Signing up for composition one to one support on this document https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/18Nr9stRPU_9Hq5dDSUcwesvoviQ8FcI3Ha2JpGP6oVE/edit#gid=0
Mr Hodgson	Year 9	Students wishing to do their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award - On Tuesday 28 January we will be logging on to eDofE, which is the online tracking system for Duke of Edinburgh. Students will need to attend this AFTER SCHOOL SESSION - which will be in Room 61 and CR 4 (Sixth Form Computer Rooms) from 3.30 - 4.30. If students have not handed in their enrolment form they must take this to Mr Hodgson or to SSO on Monday. They will not be able to log on to eDofE if they have not done this. To secure a place, please make deposit payments on Parent Pay. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions..



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

No letters home
this week

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

27 January	18:30-19:30 Parent/Carer Association Meeting
28 January	08:30-15:30 Year 8 STEM trip to Ashton Gate Stadium
29 January	09:00-15:20 Hospitality trip to Berwick Lodge, Penny Brohn and McDonalds
30 January	HPV Vaccinations - Second Dose for Year 9 girls 16:00-19:00 Year 7 Progress Evening
04 February	09:30-16:00 Years 10/11 GCSE Science Live trip to Bath
12 February	19:00-21:00 Year 9 Options Evening
14 February	Professional Development Day - School closed to students END OF TERM 3