

Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 10 June 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		
Mrs Crompton	Whole school	Coffee with the Headteacher The next meeting will be held on 14 June at 1500-1600. Please contact Mrs Crompton via school@skdrive.org or reception on 01275 373737 if you would like to attend. Light refreshments will be provided, we look forward to seeing you.
Miss Cave	Whole School	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.
Mrs Kaur	Whole School	At St. Katherine's we aim to support students and parents in helping students to achieve better outcomes and success. Homework is important as it develops core skills in students that will serve them throughout school and working life. Discipline, time management, improved grades, using resources and improving communication are all vital life skills that will open the door to unique opportunities and help children to find success in their careers. Completing regular homework should be considered as an investment for your child's future. Homework acts as a bridge and can help teachers and parents learn more about how students like to learn, providing a deeper understanding of how to approach their metacognitive learning and development. Regular homework will make certain concepts easier to understand, helping to increase students' skills and understanding of a subject. Additionally, it helps children take control of their workload and increase their time management skills. Homework is set with a deadline and taking ownership of this deadline helps them think independently and develop problem-solving skills. These are fundamental skills to help students on their learning journey throughout higher education and their careers. It is therefore vital that we work collaboratively together to develop good routines. We are starting Homework Club week commencing 13 June. This is voluntary and will take place after school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3pm - 4pm in computer room 1. Homework club offers a calm and quiet space and a supportive learning environment for 1-1 support or small groups. This will bring excellent opportunities to reinforce the learning done during school time and help develop good work ethics and a positive attitude towards learning and the chance to develop skills involved in becoming an independent learner.
Mr Francis Black	Year 10	All students in year 10 have now signed up for their work experience placements and this will run from 4th to 8th July. Students are not expected to attend school at all during this week but will be provided with a work experience diary that they should complete in preparation for some reflection on return to school. If you have any questions about your child's



		placement please contact our careers leaders, Mrs Gardiner, gardiners@skdrive.org.
Mr Davies	Year 11	If students have applied for the Sixth Form, parents/carers will have received an invitation to Step Into Sixth Form Day on July 5th . This will be an all-day event for students, following the same times as the school day. Full details of the schedule will be shared soon.
Mr Davies	Year 12	Year 12 mocks will take place on the week commencing July 4th . Students should now be aware of the content of these mocks, and revision should now be fully underway.
Mr Davies	Year 13	Year 13 exams continue this week, and we see how hard all our students are focusing on their studies. Students are still welcome to attend school full-time, but only lessons and boosters are now compulsory. Find a schedule for exams and booster sessions here .
Mrs Ivey	Year 11	Year 11 revision continues next week for the remaining biology, chemistry and physics exams with lots of booster sessions during the school day. We are also offering revision after school as follows: Tuesday: Biology Mrs Ivey lab 6 Thursday: Chemistry Miss Rochards lab 3
Mrs Ivey	Year 10	Year 10 mock exams take place in science from 22nd-29th June, details of what is in each mock exam and revision help can be seen in this <u>presentation</u> . It is important that students are present for all of the mock exams.
Mrs Jenkins	GCSE FP&N students	Food Preparation and Nutrition mock practical exam Yr 10 students will be sitting a mock practical exam at the end of June/beginning of July. The students will be focusing on brunch and will be researching and planning their 3 dishes. The exam is 3 hours long and this will be really useful for students to understand the pressures of the exam before next year. The dates have been shared with students. If you have any questions, please do let me know.
Mrs Jenkins	Food and Nutrition students	Practical lessons for next week: Monday 13th June - 7L Tomato Ragu Monday 13th June - 7R Tomato Ragu Tuesday 14th June - 8R Scones Tuesday 14th June - 9R Bread rolls Wednesday 15th June - 8L Scones Thursday 16th June - 9L Bread rolls Please ensure all students bring in an apron from home. All practicals have been set as homework on ClassCharts.
SSO/Reception	Whole school	Please remind your children to bring their own water bottles as the hot weather approaches. Children must take hayfever tablets before school as we do not provide them. Paracetamol is only given during break and lunch times. Lost property Please check in reception for any missing belongings (jewellery, mobiles, keys).
Miss Bonora	Y9	On the 16 June , the school will host Sirona Immunisation Team for the Year 9 Meningococcal ACWY and DtP Vaccinations clinic, if you would like for your child to have the vaccine in school please complete the following consent form https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/dtp/2021/consent by Monday 13 June.



LETTERS - click <u>here</u> to see all letters

UPCOMING EVENTS - click <u>here</u> to see all upcoming events			
w/c 20 Jun	House celebration week		
23 Jun	Alan Turing's birthday		
25 Jun	Surf trip to Westward Ho!		
w/c 27 Jun	Jun Sports week		
28 & 29 Jun	Y6 induction days		
1 Jul	Sports day		
5 Jul	Step into sixth form		
7 Jul	Y11 leavers day and prom		
12 Jul	Malala Yousafzai birthday		
13 Jul	Geography trip to Bristol Harbourside		
15 Jul	Emmeline Pankhurst birthday		
21 Jul	End of Term 6		