



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	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.		
		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.		
		<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.		
School	All years	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 <u>website</u> . We look forward to seeing you on 27 January.		
School	All years	A reminder of our <u>Parent/Carer Survey</u> . 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 <u>Careers Talk Form</u> . 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 <u>online booking system</u> 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 lvey	Year 11	 Science revision continues next week for Year 11. Revision sessions will be held as follows: 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; 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_9Hq5dDSUcwesvoyiQ8FcI3H a2JpGP6oVE/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





Ms Wyld	Author event for all Year7 students	We are really excited to be able to offer the opportunity for all our Year 7 students to attend an event with well-known author <u>Tom Palmer</u> . This will take
		place on Wednesday 5 February in the lecture theatre, and promises to be a lively, and interactive session! We will be giving students the opportunity to buy some of the books Tom will be talking about ahead of the event, so look out for the letter next week - details will be going on ParentPay very soon. Books will be available for students to collect after the talk, when Tom will be signing them!
Miss Sutton	Food Technology	Students who are currently doing food technology need to remember to bring the following ingredients: Monday 27th January - 9a Veg lasagne Tuesday 28th January - 9b Veg lasagne - 8l Granola bars - 8r Granola bars Wednesday 29th January - 7r Scone based pizza Thursday 30th January - 7l Scone based pizza Friday 31st January - 10c Fish cakes All ingredients have been set on Class Charts. If you have any issues with providing these ingredients, please contact me on: <u>suttone@skdrive.org</u> with at least 48 hours notice.
UWE	All years	 Could you be a host family for a Project Zulu child this summer? In May and June 2020, UWE Bristol will be welcoming 20 children and their teachers from Madadeni Township, KwaZulu Natal, South Africa for the fifth Project Zulu Choir Tour. The Project Zulu Choir Tour is part of a suite of educational development projects run by UWE Bristol that also includes student volunteering placements and academic research/capacity building work in South Africa. During the Choir Tour, the children will fundraise for their schools in South Africa through schools workshops – including a day and a half with Cathedral Schools Trust – alongside busking and concerts. The Project Zulu Choir will perform a joint concert with CST on Thursday 4 June at St. George's (tickets available online soon). Their finale concert will be at St. George's in Bristol on Friday 5 June. We are looking for host families for our Project Zulu children. Such families are key to a successful tour - they provide the children with comfy bed and a loving home where they feel safe, cared for an able to rest during this busy time. Hosting is an incredible experience for all involved. It takes time and effort to accommodate your guests, but the rewards are immeasurable. Many of the families we've worked with since 2013 are still in contact with their guests today and remain long term friends of the project. The PZ Choir Tour is comprised of English-speaking children aged 10-14 who are accommodated in single sex pairs. Having your own children can make it easier to host other children but is not an essential requirement. You must, however, live in Bristol, have a spare room, and be available from 16 May–8 June 2020. For more info, contact Sarah Unsworth, Project Zulu Coordinator at UWE Bristol: sarah.unsworth@uwe.ac.uk





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
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