

Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 5 May 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Here are the latest school messages and updates for your information.

MESSAGES		
School	Whole school	<p>Do you have 5 minutes?</p> <p>As a reflective trust and school, we value your feedback and would be grateful if you could complete our Parent/Carer Trust survey. Results will be shared during Term 6.</p>
Mrs Crocker	Whole school	<p>Happy Birthday Paul Stephenson</p> <p>This week we are celebrating the birthday of Paul Stephenson who is one of our House Icons. Paul was chosen to represent one of our Houses because of his life long work in Bristol with young people and communities as well as his civil rights activism. This year sees the 60th anniversary of the Bristol Bus Boycott that Paul led and paved the way for the Race Relations Act. Students have been learning about Paul's life and achievements in tutor time and assembly this week and the front of school is decorated red this morning in his honour. If you would like to learn more about why Paul is such an inspirational figure the BBC Points West website has stories, podcasts and videos that pay tribute to his work.</p>
Miss Cave	Whole school	<p>Free School Meals</p> <p>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	Whole school	<p>Free School Meals</p> <p>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.
Finance	Whole school	<p>Lunch accounts</p> <p>From term 6 the school will be moving from Aspens to a new external catering company, Innovate Services Ltd. In order to assist us with this transfer, all lunch accounts will need to be in credit on 26th May 23.</p> <p>Recently a number of lunch accounts have gone overdrawn. These accounts will need to be topped up to clear the debts. Parentpay allows you to set a reminder to top up when the balance falls below a certain amount.</p> <p>To set an alert go to 'Communication', 'Alert Settings', 'Balance Alerts'. Set a threshold amount (say £5) and tick the email box. You will then be emailed a low balance alert when your child's lunch account falls below £5. Lunch accounts should always remain in credit</p>
School	Whole school	<p>Thank you to all staff and students for their participation in Culture Day.</p>

		It was a fantastic show of love, unity & community spirit. All students truly immersed themselves in the day & supported each other unequivocally. The passion and energy was above & beyond. Thank you for making St Katherine's Culture Day a huge success!
Careers bulletin	Whole school	This week's careers bulletin
Mrs Weatherson	Whole school	We raised a whopping £850 during RAG week! Thank you so much to everyone that contributed. We cannot wait to let our chosen charities know! The student leadership team are just making their final decisions about how the money will be divided but THANK YOU!
Ms Maurier	Year 7	Food preparation group will be preparing a fruit salad. The ingredients and the method are on Classcharts. 7L: 10/05 and 7R : 15/05.
Ms Maurier	Year 8	Food preparation group will be preparing shortbread. The ingredients and the method are on Classcharts. 8L and 8R 12/05.
Ms Maurier	Year 9	Food preparation group will be preparing Jollof rice. The ingredients and the method are on Classcharts. 9L and 9R: 13/05.
Ms Wild	Year 9	<p>Wednesday 7th June - In class poetry anthology assessment to prepare for GCSE. Students should be revising the poems studied this term and last in their anthologies.</p> <p>16th June - In class Of Mice and Men assessment to prepare for GCSE. Students should be revising the text and planning essays.</p> <p>Friday 30th June PM - Exam conditions English Language GCSE Paper 1 - this will be graded so your child can see where they are now in terms of their reading and writing skills and can work out how to secure a top grade in Year 11.</p> <p>Email wildi@skdrive.org with any questions.</p>
Mr Hodgson	Year 9 Bronze DofE	<p>Thank you to those who made it to the first route planning on Thursday. There will be more route planning meetings afterschool on Tuesday 9th and Thursday 11th. Group kit will be issued on Thursday 11th for both expeditions.</p> <p>Please check emails for information relating to the expedition throughout the week.</p>
Ms Maurier	Year 10	Food preparation group will be preparing a Tofu and coconut milk curry. The ingredients and the method are on Classcharts. Please read the recipe and remember to bring a container and apron.
Ms Jefferson	Year 10	Year 10 students will sit a full literature Paper 2 mock at the end of Term 6. They will need to have revised <i>An Inspector Calls</i> , <i>Pride and Prejudice</i> and unseen poetry. Resources are available to support revision on Google

		<p>classrooms and Seneca has some good resources. Contact your child's English teacher, if you have any queries. You can help them by reading/watching the texts together, discussing the key themes and planning practice essays.</p> <p>Students will also complete a Paper 1 language mock. Email jeffersonj@skdrive.org, if you would like extra practice papers sent home for your child to complete.</p>
Mr Hodgson	Year 10 Silver DofE	<p>A reminder of the dates and locations for the practice and expedition for Silver:</p> <p>Quantocks 26th-28th May Exmoor 15th- 18th June</p> <p>There are route planning meetings on the 16th, 18th and 23rd of May and the 6th 8th and 13th June. I will keep you up to date with any changes or rearrangements of these as I am aware of conflicts with further Maths classes.</p>
Mrs Ivey	Year 11	Next week there is biology revision after school on Thursday with Mrs Ivey in lab 6.
Mrs Weatherson	Year 11	GCSE photography students have their final submission for their ELP on 9th May.
Ms Jefferson	Year 11	<p>A reminder that the English Faculty are happy to mark practice papers/essays. We do not provide after school study sessions as, at this stage, students need to apply their learning in extended writing. They can, however, complete essays in CR2 after school, if they wish.</p> <p>If you are concerned about your child's progress and wish to ask for advice on how to support at home, please email me at: jeffersonj@skdrive.org</p>
Mrs Ivey	Year 13	Next week on Tuesday there is physics revision afterschool in lab 1 with Miss Ardell.

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SPORT - click [here](#) to see all updates via our Twitter page

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

8 May	Bank holiday to mark King Charles III's coronation
9 May	DofE Bronze route planning, canteen finish at 1600
10 May	Virtual Y7 progress evening



11 May	DofE Bronze route planning, canteen finish at 1600
26 May	DofE Silver Practice weekend (Quantocks)