

Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 14 July 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

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

MESSAGES		
School	Whole school	<p>Changes for September 2023</p> <p>Please find attached letter from Mr Humphreys as sent previously and the school day for information. This will also be updated on our website.</p>
School	Whole school	<p>Thank you messages</p> <p>If you and/or your child(ren) would like to thank a member of the school staff as we reach the end of the academic year, you can email us on school@skdrive.org with a short message by Wednesday 19 July. We will make sure staff receive their messages by the last day of term.</p>
School	Whole School	<p>Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility</p> <p>Last week we met with the parents and carers of our new Year 7 students and spoke to them about how we work together to keep children safe. I wanted to take this opportunity to remind everyone in our community that we all have a part to play in safeguarding our students and the community.</p> <p>As a member of our school community, if you are worried about a child it is important that you share this concern with school. There are a number of ways that you can do this. You can email school@skdrive.org or contact Kat Crocker our Designated Safeguard Lead directly crockerk@skdrive.org. You can call the school on 01275 373737. Alternatively, you can complete our Tell Someone form that you can access from the home page of our school website. Please provide as much detail as possible when doing so in order for us to look into the concern and provide the necessary support.</p>
School	Whole school	<p>School Uniform</p> <p>Monkhouse have discounted many items of uniform, you can log on to their website here to take a look.</p>
School	Whole school	<p>New house ties</p> <p>If you child(ren) would like a new house tie, these are available on ParentPay for £4 and will be distributed every week via tutors.</p>
School	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>
School	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.

School	Whole school	Instrumental lessons for next academic year; if you would like your son/daughter to continue instrumental lessons next academic year payments are now due on parentpay.
School	Whole school	All bus users should by now have received their temporary ticket for use in the first week of September. Please check spam folders if you have not received yours. More permanent passes will be printed and ready for issue on the first day of school. There are still a small number of spaces available. Check Here . Booking for any service with spaces can be made here .
School	Whole school	Reading through the summer holidays, as well as being a fantastic way to relax, also keeps our brains active and ensures students are ready for the new year in September! Use your local public library for FREE book borrowing, and here is a list of ways to access audiobooks, also at no cost whatsoever!
School	Whole School	Next week, we will have our Summer Book Bonanza on Wednesday! FREE books, donated by staff and students, will be available in the English Faculty for students to take home. Did you know that 1 in 8 disadvantaged young people have no books at all in their home. We would like all of our young people to have access to books. There is still time to donate any pre-loved books for any age range. Bring your books to the English Office, if you would like to help out.
Miss Adams	Year 7	Trailblazers students please can you remind your trailblazer to return their loan instrument to the music department by Tuesday 18 July . Information will be coming out via email regarding continuing the trailblazers scheme next year.
Miss Bonora	Year 8	HPV vaccination catch-up clinics are available for students who did not receive their vaccinations in school. Clinics are running throughout the summer holidays. Book an appointment here . If you have any queries please contact the Immunisation team on 0330124 5515 or sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net
Miss Adams	Year 8	Trailblazers students; please can you remind your trailblazer to return their loan instrument to the music department by Tues 18th July . Information will be coming out via email regarding continuing the trailblazers scheme next year.
Miss Bonora	Year 9	Meningococcal ACWY and Diphtheria, Tetanus & Polio vaccination catch-up clinics are available for students who did not receive their vaccinations in school. Clinics are running throughout the summer holidays. Please book an appointment here . If you have any queries please contact the Immunisation team directly on 0330124 5515 or email sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net
Miss Bonora	Year 9	HPV vaccination catch-up clinics are available for students who did not receive their vaccinations in school. Clinics are running throughout the summer holidays. Book an appointment here . If you have any queries please contact the Immunisation team on 0330124 5515 or sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net
Mrs Ivey	Year 9	All students will be continuing with the biology, chemistry and physics exercise books in September. We are currently collecting the exercise books in so that we can store these over the summer. Please ensure that your child hands their

		biology, chemistry and physics books in to one of their science teachers before the end of term.
Miss Adams	Year 9	Trailblazers students; please can you remind your trailblazer to return their loan instrument to the music department by Tues 18th July . Information will be coming out via email regarding continuing the trailblazers scheme next year.
Miss Bonora	Year 10	HPV vaccination catch-up clinics are available for students who did not receive their vaccinations in school. Clinics are running throughout the summer holidays. Book an appointment here . If you have any queries please contact the Immunisation team on 0330124 5515 or sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net
Mrs Ivey	Year 10	All year 10 students will be continuing with their current biology, chemistry and physics exercise books next year. Students will be allowed to take these home to support their completion of their summer work. It is essential that the books are brought back into school in September.
Mrs Weathers on	Year 10	GCSE photography students will need to continue to take photographs this week and during the summer break to support their chosen ELP (extended learning project) theme.
Miss Richards	Year 10	Students will be set a series of home learning tasks to complete over the summer holiday. These should be completed ready for their first lesson back in each subject. These tasks are summarised in the document linked here .
Miss Bonora	Year 11	HPV vaccination catch-up clinics are available for students who did not receive their vaccinations in school. Clinics are running throughout the summer holidays. Book an appointment here . If you have any queries please contact the Immunisation team on 0330124 5515 or sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net
Mrs Weathers on	Year 12	Please note that A level media students should be working on their production schedules and making plans to use some time over the summer break to film parts of their music video for their NEA.
Miss Richards	Year 12	Students will be set a series of home learning tasks to complete over the summer holiday. These should be completed ready for their first lesson back in each subject. These tasks are summarised in the document linked here .

LETTERS - click [here](#) to see all letters

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

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

17 Jul	House Championship Celebration
20 Jul	End of Term 6, buses at 1230
1 Sep	Inset day
4 Sep	Inset day
5 Sep	Start of term for year groups 7,11,12 and 13
5 Sep	1800-1900 Y7 virtual parent/carer information evening
6 Sep	Start of term for all year groups
12 Sep	1800-1900 Y12 and Y13 virtual parent/carer information evening
14 Sep	1900-2130 Sports awards evening, Canteen
26 Sep	MacMillan biggest coffee morning
28 Sep	1600-2000 Whole school open evening
4 Oct	1600-1900 Y7 Parent/Carer virtual meet the Tutor evening
5/6 Oct	Y7 Mendip Outdoor trip
5 Oct	0900-1100 Open Morning
6 Oct	0830-1000 Coffee with the Headteacher
10 Oct	0900-1100 Open Morning
10 Oct	Hello Yellow - World Mental Health Day
12 Oct	0900-1100 Open Morning
17 Oct	0900-1100 Open Morning
17 Oct	Y11 futures day
19 Oct	0900-1100 Open Morning
20 Oct	End of Term 1