

Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 1 March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

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

MESSAGES		
School	Whole School	If you have not received a response from the school within two working days please email school@skdrive.org with "no response" in the subject line and we will chase up your enquiry.
School	Whole School	Please find letter from Mr Humphreys with regards to SKYFund. Thank you to those who have made contributions, this is gratefully received. We have been able to set up this on ParentPay if you would like to also donate that way.
School	Whole School	Thursday 7th March is WORLD BOOK DAY! Celebration events run all week, starting with the Waterstones bookfair on Mon 4th & Tue 5th. There will be loads of titles for students to browse and buy if they wish - please note this is a cash only event. There will be a tutor group house competition to take part in through the week, and on the day itself the Book Brunch runs during morning reg - what better way to start the celebrations than by coming to the Library to enjoy a read & a breakfast roll!
School	Whole School	Futures Careers Bulletin Please see the latest bulletin featuring opportunities for Year 9 to Year 13. Webinars, open events, apprenticeships, universities and much more
School	Whole School	Date for your diaries: CST presents Music Makers - the concert will take place at the newly opened Bristol Beacon on Tuesday 26 March 2024 at 6.30pm. This will involve a range of students from across all year groups. There will be a letter home with full details including ticket information.
School	Whole School	Booking and payment details for instrumental lessons for terms 5/6 will be showing on your parentpay this week. Please make the relevant payment by 13th March in order to secure your booking. Any questions to musicadmin@skdrive.org please.
School	Whole School	The SEND team will be supporting with Exam Access Arrangements in the current round of mocks so may not be able to support in their usual lessons / deliver their usual interventions. Please make your children aware of this.
Ms Wild	Years 7-9	One of the best ways you can support your child's education is to read aloud to them as often as possible. This applies to any young person, regardless of reading ability. For more information and ideas about how to do this, drop me an email: wildi@skdrive.org
Miss Adams	Year 7	A big thank you to all the parents of our trailblazers students for your support of the bandcamp day and concert last week. Thank you for getting them to Trinity Academy in the evening and for being such a supportive audience. I hope you enjoyed it!
Miss Adams	Year 7	There are still some outstanding payments for trailblazers lessons. Please log into your parentpay account and make the relevant payment by Friday 8th March 2024.

Mrs Jenkins	Year 7	Here are the practical lessons taking place next week. The ingredients list is set as homework on Classcharts. Any problems, please let Mrs Jenkins know as soon as possible. Monday 4th March - 7I Deli Salad - 7r Deli Salad
Mrs Jenkins Food	Year 8	Here are the practical lessons taking place next week. The ingredients list is set as homework on Classcharts. Any problems, please let Mrs Jenkins know as soon as possible. Tuesday 5th March - 8r Shortbread
Mrs Lewis Biology	Year 9	Folly Farm trip will be running for all of year 9 in June 2024. Please check that payment has been made via parentpay. If you have issues paying this please contact me and we will see if we can get support financially.
Mrs Jenkins Food	Year 9	Here are the practical lessons taking place next week. The ingredients list is set as homework on Classcharts. Any problems, please let Mrs Jenkins know as soon as possible. Thursday 7th March - 9r Chow mein 9I Chow mein
Mrs Ivey Science	Year 9	Please be aware that there will be a small number of class changes in science. If a student is moving class they will be informed on Friday 8th March, and move class on Monday 11th March.
Sirona	Year 9	All Y9 children will be offered the Meningococcal ACWY vaccination and Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio vaccination in school on Tuesday 23 April 2024. Please complete the consent form . It is important that you complete the consent form even if you do not want your child to receive the vaccinations; you are able to consent for none, either or both vaccinations. If your child has received the Men ACWY vaccine as a travel vaccine since the age of 10 they do not need an additional booster at this time. Please indicate whether they have received MenACWY as a travel vaccine on the consent form and contact your GP surgery who will be able to confirm the date it was given. If you have any questions, please contact the Immunisation Team at sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net or 0300 1245515.
Mrs Jenkins Food	Year 10	Here are the practical lessons taking place next week. The ingredients list is set as homework on Classcharts. Any problems, please let Mrs Jenkins know as soon as possible. Monday 4th March - 10B Risotto
Mrs Duncan Work Experience	Year 10	Congratulations to the 115 Students that have secured a WEX placement. This is a huge achievement and I fully appreciate how difficult it can be. Please note that the deadline has now passed . If your child has not yet secured a placement, please may I ask for your continued support in helping them find an employer as soon as possible. If you need advice with this, please do not hesitate to contact me on skworkexperience@skdrive.org

		<p>All information including an employers database, past WOW's, template email and the Unifrog process is located in the Work Experience Google Classroom that all Year 10 students have been given access to.</p> <p>Once a placement has been secured, the details need to be added to the students Unifrog account. The process for this is here: How to add a placement onto Unifrog</p> <p>This week's WOW! is here.</p>
R Cameron Art	Year 11 Art students	<p>Reminder that the GCSE Art exam is Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th April. They will be completing their final pieces on these two days. All their folder work to prepare for this and their final piece make up 40% of their final grade. It is very important that students are completing 2 hours of Art homework a week out of lesson time.</p>
S Lomax	Year 11 Drama students	<p>Reminder: the GCSE Drama practical exam is on Wednesday, March 20th. Students should bring in all costumes and props now and ensure they are rehearsing intensively (and learning any final lines they still don't know), to complement the extra rehearsals and lessons taking place in school: as a guide, your child should be spending at least an hour per day outside of school time on this urgent work.</p>
Miss Adams	Year 11 GCSE music students	<p>During terms 3 and 4 I am running additional composition support sessions after school on selected Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3pm-4.30pm. The sign up sheet has been shared with students on their google classroom. Please ensure your child has signed up to attend at least 2 sessions. A reminder that composition coursework forms 30% of the final GCSE grade and the deadline for completion of BOTH compositions is Wednesday 27th March.</p>
Mrs Duncan Work Experience	Year 12	<p>Please note that the deadline has now passed.</p> <p>If your child has not yet secured a placement, please may I ask for your continued support in helping them find an employer as soon as possible. If you need advice with this, please do not hesitate to contact me on skworkexperience@skdrive.org</p> <p>I still have places for the Lloyds Work Experience Week. Please contact me if you are interested.</p> <p>All information including an employers database, past WOW's, template email and the Unifrog process is located in the Work Experience Google Classroom that all Year 12 students have been given access to.</p> <p>Once a placement has been secured, the details need to be added to the students Unifrog account. The process for this is here: How to add a placement onto Unifrog</p>

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

SPORT - click [here](#) to see updates via our X page or [here](#) for the PE @ SK calendar

UPCOMING EVENTS

4 & 5 Mar	Waterstones Bookfair, Library (cash only event)
5 Mar	0835-0900 Y12, Y13 Careers in the Space Sector assembly with Matt Tovey from Evona, 6th form common room
5 Mar	0900-1000 Space Sector STEM workshop with Evona with class 8R1
7 Mar	1220-1630 Y13 Weston College, Biology (A-level practical)
6 Mar	1220-1400 All years 'Police pop up shop' in the canteen for 1st and 2nd lunch. The police will be on hand for students to speak to them all about career and pathway routes into the police force
7 Mar	World book day
13 Mar	1430-1630 Y11 Drama students BathTheatre Royal Trip; The Woman in Black
20 Mar	0900-1500 Y12 UWE Campus trip
20 Mar	1400-1500 Y10 Barrett Homes Careers Talk, Canteen or LT
22 Mar	0900-1500 Y7 Future Brunels - Selection day, Sixth form common room, 6th form common room
25-28 Mar	Y7 bikeability
26 Mar	0915-1445 KS3, KS4 Trust concert, followed by an evening performance at 1830
26 Mar	Y8 STEM Enthuse competition