

Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 8 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	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 shortly.
School	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 through North Somerset here . If you have any queries or would like the school to support you with your application please contact reception.
School	Whole School	Free School Meals 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; <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	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.
Mrs Jenkins Food	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. Wednesday 13th March - 7r Pizza toast Thursday 14th March - 7l Pizza toast
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.
Ms Wild	Year 7 -13	Neurodiversity Celebration Week is fast approaching. This organisation has lots of interesting events including some aimed at parents and families of neurodiverse young people.

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 12th March - 8r Cheese scones 8l Cheese scones
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. Monday 11th March - 9l Falafel Tuesday 12th March - 9r Falafel
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. Wednesday 13th March - 10B Victoria sandwich
Health and Social Care	Year 10	Public Health Promotions presentations: Students are now reaching the end of Ro35 their first coursework unit culminating in presentations on either Physical Activity or Alcohol Reduction. These are taking place on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 11th March Friday 15th March Wednesday 20th March Monday 25th March Your child will know which slot they have been allocated in. Attendance to this vital as it makes up 30% of their overall grade. They may well want to practice and run through their presentations and activities at home with an audience
Ms Tallis	Year 10 Art GCSE	The majority of students remained in the five hour mock art exam on Wed 6 March - quite a feat! A few students took breaks & returned to continue the exam. The vast majority showed incredible determination, resilience & tenacity throughout; please congratulate your child if they were involved. Final pieces now need to be completed - in lessons & at home - & then the first coursework project is complete! Many thanks for your continued support; it makes a real difference.

Mrs Duncan	Year 10 Work Experience	<p>Congratulations to the 129 Students that have secured a WEX placement. This is a huge achievement and I fully appreciate how difficult it can be.</p> <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>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 AMAZING WOW! is here.</p> <p>Last week's WOW! Is here</p>
Miss Robinson	Year 11	A reminder that Year 11 leavers hoodies and yearbooks are available to purchase on parentpay. The deadline for ordering is Thursday 28 March.
Mrs Jenkins	Year 11	The Food Preparation and Nutrition Practical examination will be taking place on the 18th and 19th March. Students knew when they will be sitting the exam, but if you need any clarity or support, please let me know.
Ms. Lomax	Year 11	<p>The live theatre trip to watch The Woman in Black at Bath Theatre Royal is on Wednesday 13 March 2024. We will be watching a matinee performance starting at 14:30pm, ending at approximately 4:30pm. Please note: we will be leaving school at 12:30 pm and returning to school at approximately 7pm, traffic permitting. Your child will call you when we are 30 minutes away from school.</p> <p>Students will need to bring a packed lunch and drink with them, and possibly some further snacks for our return journey. They are welcome to bring some money to buy food when we are in the theatre, but we cannot guarantee how much time there will be to queue for these. Students are allowed to wear non school uniform on this trip but are reminded that students must dress appropriately for this occasion as it can be cold in the theatre</p>
Mrs Weatherson	Year 11 GCSE PHOTO	Students have their GCSE photography 10 hour exam on Monday 22nd April and Tuesday 23rd April which will mark the end of their ESA. It is imperative that students are taking photographs each week towards this. GCSE support drop in is Thursdays 3pm-4pm.
Miss Adams	Year 11 GCSE music students	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.

Mrs Weatherson	Year 12&12	Elevate Education delivers high-impact workshops to our students that help to develop their study skills, motivation, and exam preparation. Over the next term, you're invited to join their parent webinar series, where you can help support your child at home by reinforcing the skills they're learning at school. How You Can Support Your Child During Exams: Tuesday 19th March 6:00-7:00pm Register here
Mrs Duncan	Year 12 Work Experience	<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. 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>

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

11 Mar	0835-0900 Y8 Virtual Assembly with SGS college, tutor rooms
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
20 Mar	1630-1900 8th Community Iftar Event: 'Ramadan Sharing Festival', Cresswell Theatre, Bristol Cathedral Choir School
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
28 Mar	End of term