

Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 26 April 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

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

MESSAGES		
Attendance	Whole School	In line with updated government guidelines, we are changing the time that our registers remain open from Term 6. Children arriving at school after 9am will be marked as absent from the morning session of school. Those that arrive before 9am but after 8.35 will be marked late. Please support your child to arrive at school every morning by 8.30 ready for registration.
School	Whole School	RAG week returns next week - largely run and organised by the sixth form students with a bid to try and raise more money than last year! The week kicks off with a bake sale on Monday as well as students able to purchase raffle tickets to win a teacher pledge. Parentpay will have a donation option all week too.
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	Next Wednesday 1st May as part of Culture Day, Year 11 will be running a World Food Day stall which will be selling foods from different cultures around the world. These will be sold at break time to raise money for their prom. If you want to contribute by bringing in a dish that celebrates your culture, please email Miss Robinson (robinsona@skdrive.org) by Friday 26th April to say what you can bring in. Let's see how many dishes we can enjoy!
Finance	Whole School	Parentpay One-Click Payments (Bank Transfer) Parentpay is encouraging parents to use this payment method rather than card payment. As a school we do not like this as potentially a transaction can fail several days later causing lunch accounts to go overdrawn. The direct debits take 3 working days to set up before a payment should be attempted. The transaction can then take another 4 days to show on your bank statement. We would recommend continuing with card payment as these transactions are pre-authorised. This can be done by selecting the 'Add To Basket' button and then 'Other Payment Method' button.
School	Whole School	Parenting Support Parenting teenagers can be joyful as well as challenging and all of us may benefit from some support from time to time. In North Somerset, the

		<p>'Parenting Village' holds regular coffee mornings. The dates and venues of these sessions can be found here.</p> <p>In Bristol, there are also lots of opportunities for parents to access support and the Bristol menu can be found here.</p>
School	Whole School	<p>Use of school field at lunchtime</p> <p>In tutor time this week, we spoke to students about how they must behave if they play on the school field at lunchtime. Our school fields are closed to students during the winter but as the weather gets drier and warmer, we want students to be able to enjoy the beautiful open space we have at school if they wish.</p> <p>The top field will reopen to students at lunchtime shortly and they have received messages from their tutors about which parts of the field they can use.</p> <p>The field is close to an exam venue and students need to be respectful of this so that students in Yr11 and 13 can complete their exams undisturbed by noise.</p> <p>Students have also been spoken to about the importance of leaving the field litter free and respecting the final whistle so that they can arrive at their afternoon lessons on time.</p> <p>We are a no physical contact school and students have been reminded of this rule so that the field can be enjoyed safely by all.</p> <p>Students have been told, and have recorded that they have received and understood these messages, that if they choose not to follow these rules then they will not be allowed to use the field. They will serve a detention and their tutor will speak to their parents.</p> <p>Ahead of the fields reopening, please talk to your children about the importance of these rules so that everyone can enjoy the beautiful open space we have at school.</p>
Mrs Ivey	Year 7	<p>The week commencing 20th May all year 7s will complete a biology, chemistry and physics test. This test will assess the topics that students have been taught this year. The results of the test will be used to inform setting for year 8. We will be setting year 7 revision homework every week to help students prepare for their test. The following topics will be assessed:</p> <p>Biology - cells and body systems Chemistry - particles, states of matter, reactions Physics - forces, sound and light</p> <p>Many parents have asked for revision materials to support students with their revision at home. On this document you can find a list of revision links that your child can use.</p>
Immunisations	Year 9	<p>MenACWY and Td/IP vaccination catch-up clinics are available for all Year 9 students who did not receive their vaccination at school. Please book an appointment at https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/dtp/2023/book?v=2 If you have any queries please contact the Immunisation Team directly on 0300 124 5515 or email sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net</p>
DofE Bronze	Year 9	<p>We have the practice walk for the DofE on Saturday 4th May. The practice walk will start from school at 0830. Please ensure you are there for 0815 so we can start groups off at 0830.</p>

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Miss Robinson	Year 11	<p>Here is the document that links all after school revision sessions running during term 5. The timetable of lessons and exams for next week can be seen below.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>before school</th> <th>AM REG</th> <th>P1</th> <th>P2</th> <th>break</th> <th>P3</th> <th>lunch</th> <th>P4</th> <th>P5</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>WK1</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Option A</td> <td>Option D</td> <td></td> <td>English</td> <td></td> <td>Maths</td> <td>Option C PE</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mon 29 April</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td colspan="7">Art</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tue 30 April</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Option C PE</td> <td>Science</td> <td></td> <td>Maths</td> <td></td> <td>Option D</td> <td>Option B</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wed 1 May</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>English</td> <td>Science</td> <td></td> <td>Option C PE</td> <td></td> <td>Option A</td> <td>Enrichment</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thu 2 May</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Option C PE</td> <td>Option B</td> <td></td> <td>Maths</td> <td></td> <td>Science</td> <td>Option D</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fri 3 May</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Science</td> <td>Maths</td> <td></td> <td>English</td> <td></td> <td>S & C</td> <td>Option B</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		before school	AM REG	P1	P2	break	P3	lunch	P4	P5	WK1			Option A	Option D		English		Maths	Option C PE	Mon 29 April			Art								Tue 30 April			Option C PE	Science		Maths		Option D	Option B	Wed 1 May			English	Science		Option C PE		Option A	Enrichment	Thu 2 May			Option C PE	Option B		Maths		Science	Option D	Fri 3 May			Science	Maths		English		S & C	Option B
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GD	Year 12&13	Year 12 mocks continue next week. Find the exam schedule here .																																																																							
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Mrs Duncan	Year 12 Work Experience	<p>Congratulations to the 40 Students that have secured Work Experience for the 17th - 21st June.</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.</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>If you need support or have a question, please do not hesitate to contact me on skworkexperience@skdrive.org</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

24 Apr	Y7 virtual Progress Evening - letter sent via Parent Pay
30 Apr	0835-0900 Y12 & Y13 NHS Assembly talk with Josh Chambers, 6th form common room
1 May	0900-1530 Culture day - all years

1 May	1400-1500 Y10 x 90 Ask Apprenticeships and Boomsatsuma talk, LT/Canteen
1 May	1400-1500 Y12 & Y13 Michelmores - Successful Communication Strategies, 6th form common room
2nd May	GCSE Spanish speaking exams (foundation tier) - timetables will be shared on google classroom.
3rd May	GCSE Spanish speaking exams (higher tier) - timetables will be shared on google classroom.
4 May (Sat)	Bronze DofE practice walk, local area
6 May	BANK HOLIDAY
9 May	GCSE French speaking exams - timetables will be shared on google classroom.
9 May	1800-1830 - Barcelona information evening, online. Letter sent via ParentPay
10 May	GCSE French speaking exams - timetables will be shared on google classroom.
15 May	0830-1000 Coffee with the Headteacher
15 May	1400-1500 Y10 & Y12 x 90 Michelmores Law Firm - Power of Persuasion workshop, LT or canteen
17-18 May	Silver Expedition, Quantocks