


## Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 28 February 2025

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

MESSAGES		
Mrs Humphries & Mr Ovink	Whole School	<p><b>Respect and Resilience</b></p> <p>This term, we continue to emphasise our core value of respect. Pupils are encouraged to embody this value in everything they do—whether in lessons, around the school, or in their interactions with others. By consistently demonstrating respect, they contribute to a positive and supportive school environment.</p> <p>In addition, Mr Ovink has launched our Resilience Challenge this term, to inspire pupils to develop perseverance in their daily lives. This challenge encourages them to stay determined, overcome obstacles, and strive for success both in their lessons and the wider school community.</p> <p>The challenge is designed as an inter-house and inter-tutor group competition running throughout the term. Pupils will have the opportunity to earn resilience points, fostering a mindset of growth and determination. There will be prizes for the winning tutor groups at the end of the term!</p>
Mrs Crompton	Whole School	<p><b>Coffee with the Headteacher</b></p> <p>Our next coffee with the Headteacher will be held on <b>Thursday 6 March at 1500</b> in Mr Humphreys office. We will be ordering catering, so please do let us know if you intend on coming by emailing <a href="mailto:school@skdrive.org">school@skdrive.org</a> and we will add your name to the list.</p>
School Office	Whole School	<p><b>St Katherine's Ski trip to Sestriere, Italy</b></p> <p>We wanted to share with you some lovely feedback from Andy Hull, 321's company representative, following the success of the above trip.</p> <p><i>"I have just returned from the school's ski trip to Sestriere, Italy in the role of the 321 company representative. I wanted to tell you that it was a real pleasure working with your staff and students in a very successful visit to the Italian resort. The students were a credit to the school and made real progress in their skiing ability, with many of them being beginners.</i></p> <p><i>The staff team worked tirelessly to ensure the students enjoyed the challenges of the World Cup resort and all of the students skied for 5 hours each day. The attention to detail demonstrated their ability to ensure that the students had the best experience possible".</i></p>
School Office	Whole School	<p>Save the date: the CST concert is on <b>Tuesday 11 March 2025</b> at the <b>Bristol Beacon. Start time is 6.30pm.</b> Students involved will be those in choir and some students from orchestra. Further details and letter home have been sent via Parent Pay.</p> <p>If you would like to come and see this wonderful performance please see this <a href="#">flyer</a> and letter from The Trust that has been sent out via Parent Pay <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
Mrs Crocker	Whole School	<p><b>Ramadan</b></p> <p>As I am sure you are aware, the Holy Month of Ramadan is due to start this week. Ramadan is a period of prayer, self-control, charity and goodwill to others. For our Muslim and non-Muslim children, this is an excellent opportunity for them to think about the power of community, the consideration of other</p>

		<p>people and self-discipline.</p> <p>I have written to all parents to highlight how we mark Ramadan in school and how we support our students who are fasting. You can find the letter <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
Cathedral Schools Trust	Smartphone surveys	Please see <a href="#">letter</a> sent on Parent Pay with regards to the Smartphone survey for completion by 3 March 2025.
Mr Francis-Black	Whole School	<p><b>Progress Reports</b></p> <p>We understand that the information that forms part of our Progress Reports can be confusing and inconsistent in terms of reporting and language.</p> <p>With this in mind, Cathedral Schools Trust are completing a review across all secondary schools to align assessment and reporting. We intend on sharing these plans during Terms 5 and 6 and invite your thoughts and views on this as part of a working group.</p> <p>If you would like to be involved nearer the time, please email <a href="mailto:school@skdrive.org">school@skdrive.org</a>.</p>
School Office	Whole School	<p><b>Wildlife Group Photo and Nature data Collection Event</b></p> <p>Please see the flyer <a href="#">here</a>. This is open to students to take photos of nature in the local area during March. It would be great if any students would like to take part.</p>
Mrs Slater	SEND	 <p>The flyer is for the Bristol Parent Carer Forum event 'TOGETHER FOR SEND Change in Action'. It features a diverse group of people, including a person in a wheelchair. The event is on Monday 3rd March from 09:15 to 16:00 at 'WE THE CURIOUS MILLENIUM SQUARE, BS1 5DB'. It includes 30 talks and workshops and 50+ exhibits. A 'BOOK NOW' button is present. Logos for 'Supported by:' include the Quartet Community Foundation and the NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire. The website <a href="http://www.bit.ly/bpctogetherforsend2025">www.bit.ly/bpctogetherforsend2025</a> is listed at the bottom.</p>
Ms Wyld	Whole School	<p>World Book Day on 6 March sees us celebrating all things books and reading around school! Students are invited to take part in these events based around our theme of mystery books this year;</p> <p>House competition Cluedo event (from Mon 3rd) - entry forms from the Library or your tutor.</p> <p>Book Brunch - almost fully booked!</p> <p>Decorate a wooden spoon as a book character competition.</p> <p>Yr7 in class activity through the day - this one's a surprise!</p> <p>Waterstone's Bookfair - keep looking out for dates, this is coming soon.</p>
Attendance	Whole School	We require a minimum of 24 hours notice of any student appointments, please note we may request evidence of each appointment. Students that are being collected must make their way to SSO to sign out prior to collection.

		Please note we cannot guarantee the delivery of parent/carer messages and requests for early collection after 2pm.
Mrs Slater	Whole School	Please be aware that the SEND team will be supporting the Year 11s in their mock exams over the next two weeks so some of your children may not have all of their usual LSA coverage. Thank you for your support and understanding. Remind them that they can come to Engage for additional support at this time.
Finance	Whole School	<p><b>Parentpay One-Click Payments (Bank Transfer)</b></p> <p>We are currently experiencing a lot of failed payments. 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 skipping the first page asking you to set up a One Click payment then selecting the 'Add To Basket' button and then 'Other Payment Method' button.</p>
Ms Smith	Year 7	<p><b>Food preparation and nutrition</b></p> <p>Here are the practical lessons taking place next week for the following classes. All ingredients are set on Classcharts. Any problems, please let Miss H Smith / Mr Brochot know.</p> <p>Year 7L - Pizza toast (as per Class Chart) - Thursday 6th March P2 Year 7R - Pizza toast (as per Class Chart) - Thursday 6th March P3</p> <p>Please bring an apron and an airtight container to take your food with you.</p>
Ms Smith	Year 8	<p><b>Food preparation and nutrition</b></p> <p>Here are the practical lessons taking place next week for the following classes. All ingredients are set on Classcharts. Any problems, please let Miss H Smith / Mr Brochot know.</p> <p>Year 8L - Dutch Apple cake (as per Class Chart) - Monday 3rd March P4b</p> <p>Please bring an apron and an airtight container to take your food with you.</p>
Miss Robinson	Year 8 Paris Trip	If you have secured a place on the Paris 2025 trip, please complete the passenger information form linked <a href="#">here</a> by March 7th. If you have any questions, please email <a href="mailto:robinsona@skdrive.org">robinsona@skdrive.org</a> .
Ms Smith	Year 9	<p><b>Food preparation and nutrition</b></p> <p>No practical on Week 1</p>
Mr Lee	Year 9	<p>There have been some queries with the Further Maths course during the Options process. Further Maths is not an options subject, and is an invite only course for appropriate students.</p> <p>In term 5, a letter will be sent out to students invited to the course, at which point students will be able to declare their interest.</p>

Please note that these classes will run after school each Tuesday, until 4pm.

Ms Smith

Year 10  
GCSE  
Food  
preparation  
and  
nutrition

Here are the practical lessons taking place next week for the following classes. All ingredients are set on Classcharts. Any problems, please let Miss H Smith / Mr Brochot know.

Year 10A - Jerk chicken, rice and peas, mango salsa (as per Class Chart) - Tuesday 4th March P2 P3

Please bring an apron and an airtight container to take your food with you.

Mr Sugden

Year 11

**6 Teaching Weeks Left** before GCSE Examinations begin!

Please find attached the [Year 11 Revision Calendar](#). This document outlines when different faculties are offering revision and coursework sessions. Please encourage your child to attend as many revision sessions as possible, perhaps targeting any that they did not perform as well as hoped in, in their recent mocks.

This week in tutor time we are full steam ahead preparing for Mock Series 2 next week. If your child still feels at a loss as to where to begin, please encourage them to attend the Revision Help: Drop In, during lunchtimes on Tuesday.

Please see below the summary timetable for Mock Series 2:

Year 11 Mock Series 2 - Student Summary				
Year 11 Mock Series 2-week beginning: 24/02/2025				
Day	Date	Time	Component Title	Length (mins)
Thursday	27/02/25	09:00	English Lit Paper 1	150
Year 11 Mock Series 2-week beginning: 03/03/2025				
Day	Date	Time	Component Title	Length (mins)
Monday	03/02/25	09:00	Geography Paper 1	90
	03/02/25	13:00	Food Prep	105
	03/02/25	13:00	Further Maths Paper 1	105
Tuesday	03/02/25	13:00	PE	75
	04/03/25	09:00	History Paper 1 Migrants	120
Wednesday	04/03/25	13:00	French/Spanish Reading + Writing	45/60
	05/03/25	09:00	Maths Paper 1	90
Thursday	05/03/25	13:00	Business	90
	06/03/25	09:00	History Paper 3 The USA	105
Friday	06/03/25	09:00	Further Maths Paper 2	105
	07/03/25	09:00	Physics Paper 2	75/105
	07/03/25	13:00	French/Spanish Listening	35/45
Year 11 Mock Series 2-week beginning: 10/03/2025				
Day	Date	Time	Component Title	Length (mins)
Monday	10/03/25	09:00	English Language Paper 1	150
	10/03/25	13:00	Computer Science Paper 1	90
	10/03/25	13:00	Health and Social Care	75
Tuesday	11/03/25	09:00	Maths Paper 2	90
	11/03/25	13:00	Geography Paper 2	90
Wednesday	12/03/25	09:00	Chemistry Paper 2	75/105
	12/03/25	13:00	Maths Paper 3	90
Thursday	13/03/25	09:00	English Literature Paper 2	90
	13/03/25	13:00	Biology Paper 2	75/105
Friday	14/03/25	09:00	English Language Paper 1	105
	14/03/25	13:00	Psychology	105
Year 11 Mock Series 2-week beginning: 17/03/2025				
Day	Date	Time	Component Title	Length (mins)
Monday	17/03/24	09:00	Mocks Map Up	-
	17/03/25	13:00	Mocks Map Up	-
Thursday	20/03/25	09:00	English Language Paper 2	120mins

		<p>Please ensure your child has joined our central Google Classroom: <b>Let's Get It Done, Together!</b> This hub will have revision resources, help, prom fundraising opportunities and examination information. If they failed to sign up in Tutor Time, please support them joining the classroom using the code: '53zgut3'.</p> <p>On this hub, there is a Google Form named 'Revision Excellence Tracker'. Year 11s are being asked to complete this form weekly to track how much revision they are completing each week. Each week, the tutor group that completes the most independent revision will win a tasty prize!</p> <p>Finally, if you or your child feel as though they would benefit from a Year 11 Support Meeting, please get in touch with Mr Sugden (Outcomes, Futures and Wellbeing) <a href="mailto:sugdena@skdrive.org">sugdena@skdrive.org</a>, or Mr Dawes (Attendance, Punctuality and Behaviour) <a href="mailto:dawest@skdrive.org">dawest@skdrive.org</a>.</p>
Mrs Weatherson	Year 11 GCSE photo	<p>The GCSE photography exam period starts 28 April and completes on 1 May. Students should be well underway with their chosen ESA project. Please note 1 May is the end of this course and the ESA is worth 40% of their final grade. Extra support is Tuesdays 3pm-4pm this term.</p>
Ms Smith	Year 11	<p><b>GCSE Food preparation and nutrition</b></p> <p>Here are the practical lessons taking place next week for the following classes. All ingredients are set on Classcharts. Any problems, please let Miss H Smith / Mr Brochot know.</p> <p>Year 11B - Recipes trail for GCSE ongoing (as per Class Chart) - Wednesday 5 March P2 P3</p> <p>Please bring an apron and an airtight container to take your food with you.</p>
Ms Tallis	Year 11 Art GCSE	<p>Students are working on their <b>final exam project</b> for art GCSE. The deadline for the current stage, artist research, is <b>Fri 14 March</b>, although I will mark your child's work &amp; issue personal targets next <b>Mon 3 March</b>.</p> <p>Students must spend a <b>minimum of two hours</b> on artist research sheets <b>every week</b>. Please support your child to complete this essential work.</p> <p>Students are welcome to work on their art exam project Mon-Thurs at lunchtimes or Tues/Thurs after school in the Art Dept.</p>
Mrs Weatherson	Year 12	<p>Please see trips on Parent Pay - we aim to take the whole cohort to these events. Any questions, please get in touch.</p>
Mrs Weatherson	Year 13	<p>Hoodies are now available to purchase on parentpay - deadline for payment is Sunday and we cannot accept orders after this date so please get your orders in if you want one!</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

# Spond



## We're using **Spond** to communicate with students & parents

If you are looking for information about extra-curricular activities, school sports teams, fixtures, events, competitions, clubs and practices then you need to be on Spond!

### Students

[bit.ly/skpe\\_spondstudent](https://bit.ly/skpe_spondstudent)



### Parents

[bit.ly/skpe\\_spondguardian](https://bit.ly/skpe_spondguardian)



*We are using a new platform called Spond to manage selection for and communication around extra-curricular PE fixtures and events. We hope that using Spond will improve our communication with students & parents.*

*Spond is available as a freely downloadable app and as a web app which allows organisations like clubs & schools to set up groups, publish details about events and collect responses for availability. Students and parents can sign up for Spond accounts using the links above. Parents will be linked to their child's account as a guardian.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS - TERM 4

4 Mar	1500-1600 Reading fluency workshop, Library
4 Mar	Y10 (4 students) Realising Talent one 2 ones, MR5
4 Mar	1220-1300 Y7,8,11 City of Bristol College pop up shop, Canteen
5 Mar	0840-0900 Y12 Weston University talk, Sixth form common room
6 Mar	1400-1500 Y12 Michelmoores - Application Masterclass, 6th form common room
6 Mar	1500-1630 Coffee with the Headteacher, Mr Humphreys office
6 Mar	World book day
11 Mar	0845-1500 Trust wide music concert, Bristol Beacon - Rehearsals
11 Mar	1830-2030 Trust wide music concert, Bristol Beacon - Performance
12 Mar	0830-1730 Y13 Studland Bay trip, Dorset
12 Mar	1600-1900 Y12 and Y13 Progress Evening
13 Mar	1800-1900 Meet the Leader evening (Morocco), Canteen
14 Mar	0900-1220 Y12 University and apprenticeship search trip
14 Mar	0835-1505 Y8 Caving, Burrington Combe
14 Mar	Morocco training weekend (F, Sat, Sun)
18 Mar	1030-1510 Y8 students Airbus trip, Filton Road
20 Mar	1315-1800 Y11 Romeo and Juliet, Bristol Old Vic

22 Mar	Portishead Swimathon
22 Mar	DofE Silver Practice Walk
26 Mar	0900-1505 Y12 UCAS Higher Education and Apprenticeship Convention
27 Mar	0835-1505 Y8 Future Brunel, WECA activity day
tbc	1630-1900 9th Community Iftar Event: 'Ramadan Sharing Festival', Cresswell Theatre, Bristol Cathedral Choir School
4 Apr	Football trip, Madrid