

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

MESSAGES		
Mr Humphreys	Whole School	<p>Dear Parents/Carers</p> <p>Further to the update last week (below) on the amount of cover we are currently experiencing in the school, we expect this to improve from the beginning of Term 5. We are doing all we can to protect the delivery of the curriculum through the resources provided within our cover hub model and recognise this is only ever a short term model.</p> <p><i>We have experienced an unfortunate amount of staff absence since February which is impacting on the delivery of our curriculum for some classes. Where individual classes are affected by longer term absence, we are rotating classes with a subject specialist to ensure that lessons are delivered by subject specialists, with time taken to check and clarify work set within the Cover Hub. For example, at least two out of five GCSE lessons a fortnight. Where possible, we have secured subject specialists from within Cathedral Schools Trust to deliver lessons to further minimise the impact on students.</i></p> <p><i>Our Cover Hub has provided a productive study environment for students to complete work set in each subject, test and recall prior knowledge along with practicing mathematics on Sparx. Students have responded well to this on the whole and we are conscious of how this feels for students when, on occasions, have spent up to three lessons in a single day in the coverhub. We have reviewed and modified how work is set, along with a focus on the monitoring and completion of the work set by both teachers and students to minimise disruption and coverage of the planned curriculum.</i></p> <p><i>We recognise this is not ideal and looking forward to returning to a full complement of staff as soon as possible.</i></p> <p><i>Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding.</i></p>
Mrs Crocker	Whole School	<p>I am writing to all parents and carers today in response to the series Adolescence on Netflix. It seems that everyone is talking about the hard hitting drama and I am sure many of you will have watched it recently. As you may be aware, the series provides a candid look into the lives of fictional teenagers navigating the complexities of adolescence, identity, peer pressure, and social media.</p> <p>While the show aims to spark conversations around the adolescent experience, it also raises important issues that we, as a school community, must address, particularly in relation to safeguarding, online safety, and the use of mobile phones. Please take time to read the letter that you can also find here and explore the resources for parents and carers that are linked within.</p>
School	Whole School	<p>SKYFund</p> <p>Please find the 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, please click on “view”.</p>

Attendance	Whole School	<p>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.</p> <p>Please note we cannot guarantee the delivery of parent/carer messages and requests for early collection after 2pm.</p>
Mr Sugden and Mr Dawes	Year 7 / Year 8	<p>Easter Fun Lunch - Raising Money for Y11 Prom and Leavers Celebrations</p> <p>On Friday 4 April 2025, during first lunch, Year 11 students have organised the following Easter Fun for Year 7 and 8:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Easter Bake Sale - 1 'token' per sweet treat - Easter Scavenger Hunt (Easter Egg Prizes!) - 2 'tokens' per entrance - If enough money is raised, Mr Sugden will be having his hair shaved - 2 'tokens' for a ticket to the event in the Lecture Theatre during first lunch <p>To purchase 'tokens' (maximum of 5 per student), please check ParentPay from today. The ParentPay portal will then close on Wednesday 2 April 2025 at 15:00 to ensure all children receive their tokens for the Lunch of Easter related fun!</p>
RAG WEEK	Whole School	<p>RAG week returns on 22-25 April and this year you can pre purchase tickets for events and treats via Parentpay.</p> <p>So what's on?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22 April Beat the Chaser (Teacher). You can sign up to challenge the staff in a quiz. £2 to compete, £1 audience ticket. • 23 April RAG fair. Pay a £1 entrance fee to take part in a variety of games and challenges to win sweets/treats. • 24 April Soak the Sixth Form. £1 for two water balloons. • 25 April Bake Sale. 50p for a cake. <p>Students will be able to pay cash on the day for the events but first served will be those who have pre bought tickets for events.</p>
Finance	Whole School	<p>Parentpay One-Click Payments (Bank Transfer)</p> <p>We are currently experiencing a lot of failed payments. Parentpay is encouraging parents/carers 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-authorized. 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>
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, you can email us on school@skdrive.org with a short message.</p>
Mrs Ivey	Whole School	<p>Science revision guides</p> <p>This week we have distributed science revision guides to classes in year 7, 8, 10 & 11. If your child missed this please ask your child to collect their revision guide from the science prep room.</p>

		Please encourage your child to use their revision guide to support them with homework and revision for tests.
School office	Year 7	<p>All Y9 children whose parents consented will be offered the Meningococcal ACWY vaccination and Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio vaccination in school on Thursday 8 May 2025. Please complete the consent form.</p> <p>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 you can't access the internet, please call Sirona on 0300 1245515. 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.</p> <p>If you have any questions, please contact the Immunisation Team at sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net or 0300 1245515.</p>
Ms Wild	Year 7	<p>Reading Fluency Workshop 29 April 2025, 3pm - 4pm: We have had great success with our Reading Fluency Programmes, which have seen over thirty students making excellent progress in their reading. We would like to invite parents of year 7 students to a workshop to learn more about this programme and discuss how these easy and enjoyable techniques can be used to rapidly improve your child's reading. To book your place, please email wildi@skdrive.org</p>
Miss Adams	Year 7	<p>Trailblazers: save the date! Trailblazers bandcamp day will take place on Monday 28 April 2025 at Trinity Academy. It will involve all Y7 trailblazers students in a series of workshops and rehearsals during the day and then a concert in the evening. Letters home will be coming out shortly but please mark the date in your diaries now.</p>
School	Year 7	<p>Food preparation and nutrition</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 - Bread rolls (as per Class Chart) - Thursday 3rd April P2 Year 7R - Bread rolls (as per Class Chart) - Thursday 3rd April P3</p> <p>Please bring an apron and an airtight container to take your food with you.</p>
Mr Bradshaw	Year 7	<p>Upstander not Bystander</p> <p>This week we held an assembly on Bullying, the focus of the assembly was on being an upstander to bullying and allowing people to feel safe in school if we see bullying. If you get the chance it would be great to discuss some of this at home to help show the importance of standing up for what is right.</p>
Mrs Collins	Year 7	<p>Tidal Tales workshop</p> <p>A number of year 7 students have been invited to take part in a professional theatre workshop led by director and actor Kesty Morrison to collaborate on a Black History project called '<i>Adventures in Black history</i>'.</p>

		<p>This is taking place on Thursday 3 April in the Lecture Theatre 2pm - 3pm.</p> <p>Those students who have been invited would have received a letter a couple of weeks ago with a return slip enabling them to be involved. Please can the consent forms be returned or an email to myself ASAP with a deadline of Weds 2 April to confirm numbers. Many thanks.</p>
School	Year 8	<p>Food preparation and nutrition</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 - Fajitas (as per Class Chart) - Thursday 3rd April P1</p> <p>Please bring an apron and an airtight container to take your food with you.</p>
Mrs Holmes	Year 9	<p>Year 9 are going to Folly Farm the week after Easter Holidays</p> <p>Wednesday 23rd April 2025 - 9T1, 9S1, 9Y</p> <p>Thursday 24th April 2025 - 9T2, 9S2, 9P</p> <p>They will need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-uniform that is appropriate for the weather and for being outside. • Trainers/shoes for being outside all day • Waterproof coat • Warm jumper • Suncream • Packed lunch and water bottle
School	Year 10	<p>Food preparation and nutrition</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 10A - Chicken and peas Risotto and Chicken Kiev (as per Class Chart) - Tuesday 1st April P2 P3</p> <p>Please bring an apron and an airtight container to take your food with you.</p>
Mr Sugden	Year 11	<p>4 Teaching Weeks Left before GCSE Examinations begin!</p> <p>And Mock Series 2 has finished!-results and feedback to follow in lessons.</p> <p>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.</p>

		<p>As we creep ever closer Here are some resources about supporting young people through examinations.</p> <p>Please ensure your child has joined our central Google Classroom: Let's Get It Done, Together! 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'. 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) sugdena@skdrive.org, or Mr Dawes (Attendance, Punctuality and Behaviour) dawest@skdrive.org.</p>
Ms Tallis	Year 11 Art GCSE	<p>Students are now into the final period of preparation for the final two day art exam on 6 & 7 May. This marks the end of the art GCSE course.</p> <p>Students must spend a minimum of two hours on art homework every week, including the spring holiday. 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> <p>I will be in school for the day on Tues 15 April, 9am-3pm to support your children to complete extra preparation work for the 10 hour art exam on 6 & 7 May. Students should bring a packed lunch if they are planning to come for the day.</p>
Mrs Ivey	Year 12&13	There will be A-level biology revision afterschool every Tuesday, all students should attend.
Ms Tallis	Year 13 Art A level	I will be in school for the day on Tues 15 April, 9am-3pm to support your children to complete extra preparation work for the 15 hour art exam, 7-9 May. Students should bring a packed lunch if they are planning to come for the day.

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

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Parents

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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 Apr	Football trip, Madrid
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UPCOMING EVENTS - TERM 5

21 Apr	EASTER MONDAY
22 Apr	Start of term 5
22 Apr	All week - Sixth form RAG week - see above
23 Apr	0900-1500 9T1, 9S1, 9Y Folly Farm trip
24 Apr	0835-1505 Y8 Future Brunel, WECA activity day
24 Apr	0900-1500 9T2, 9S2, 9P Folly Farm trip
25 Apr	DofE Bronze Overnight Camp (Fri-Sat)
28 Apr	0840-0900 Y7 Introduction to careers in the Navy Dining Hall
28 Apr	0900-1430 Y7 Trailblazers Band Camp - Trinity Academy
29 Apr	1505-1600 Y7 Reading Fluency Parent Workshop, Library
30 Apr	1400-1500 Culture Day
5 May	EARLY MAY BANK HOLIDAY
7 May	0830-1000 Coffee with the Headteacher
8 May	0835-1505 Y9 Meningococcal ACWY, Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio vaccination, LT
10 May	DofE Bronze Walk (Sat)
13 May	0835-1505 Y7 Future Brunel, Selection process - round 2, SS Great Britain

14 May	0835-1505 Y9 Future Brunel, WECA activity day
14 May	1400-1500 UWE- Medical Ethics Workshop, 25/30 Y12/13 students, 6th form work room
16 May	DofE Silver Practice Quantocks (Sat-Sun)
21 May	0900-1100 Y8 (30) STEAM opportunity, Equinox
21 May	0900-1830 Y12&Y13 Exeter College Visit
21 May	1600-1900 Y7 Virtual Progress Evening