

Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 25 April 2025

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

MESSAGES		
School	Whole School	SKYFund 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”.
Mrs Ivey	Year 7, 8, 10 & 11	Science revision guides We have a number of revision guides that have not yet been collected. If your child has not yet collected the revision you ordered please ask them to collect their guide from the science prep room.
School	Whole School	School Nurse Service School Nurses work with children, young people, and their parents/carers to maximise their health and well-being. School Nurses can meet with children and young people in groups, for example in school, or individually in several venues such as at school, at home or another venue in your local community. They provide information and support on several topics that children or young people come across that can affect their health. You can find out more about the service here . If you feel that your child would benefit from their support, parents and carers can make a referral. Children can self refer and pastoral staff can make a referral too. Please contact your child’s Head of House if you would like support with accessing the service.
School	Whole School	Culture Day Please send donations of cakes/savoury items to be sold for our World Food Sale on Wednesday 30 April. Students are welcome to dress in Cultural Clothing/Bring a flag for the parade. Any parents who wish to attend are welcome to sign up before Monday 28 April, due to safeguarding we will not be able to admit anyone into school who hasn’t signed up.
Ms Smith	Year 7	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 7L - Rock Cakes - (as per Class Chart) -Thursday 1 May P2 Year 7R - Rock Cakes - (as per Class Chart) - Thursday 1 May P3 Please bring an apron and an airtight container to take your food with you.
Miss Adams	Year 7	Trailblazers bandcamp day is on Monday 28 April All Y7 trailblazers students will spend the day at Trinity Academy participating in a series of workshops, masterclasses and rehearsals. They will then be performing in a concert that evening: 6.30pm-7.30pm. Letters have been sent home with the full details via parentpay. Don’t forget to purchase your tickets to come and watch your child perform in the evening!

Miss Adams	Year 7	Trailblazers lesson fees for term 5/6 are now available to pay on parentpay. Fees are due by Friday 25th April. Please contact musicadmin@skdrive.org if you are having difficulties paying or have any questions.
Ms Wild	Year 7	All parents/guardians of Y7 students are invited to our Parent Reading Fluency Workshop on Tuesday 29th at 3pm in the library. This will be a chance to find out more about our highly successful reading fluency programme, how you can use these strategies to support at home, and an opportunity to find out more about our library lessons. Please let us know if you are interested in attending - wildi@skdrive.org
Mrs Ivey	Year 7	Y7 students will be completing their end of year exams in biology, chemistry and physics between 19/05/25-16/06/25. This information will be shared with Y7 classes today and next week. Students will be issued with an online revision booklet via the google classroom. The revision booklet contains a list of what needs to be revised and which revision guide pages need to be used. Y7 students will be set Educake science homework to help them revise for their exam. The results of the examinations will be used to help us decide students' classes for science next year.
Ms Smith	Year 8	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 8L - Swiss Roll - (as per Class Chart) - Monday 28 April P4B Please bring an apron and an airtight container to take your food with you.
Miss Robinson	Year 8	If your child is attending the Paris 2025 trip, there is a virtual information evening on Thursday 1 May at 1830-1900 to talk through important details about the upcoming trip. Please use the link below to join at 1825. If you are unable to attend, I will share the slides after the evening electronically. Link here
Mrs Ivey	Year 8	Year 8 students will be completing their end of KS3 science exam in term 6. Full details can be seen in the presentation here . This information has been shared with year 8 classes this week. Students have also been issued an online revision booklet via the google classroom. The revision booklet contains a list of what needs to be revised and which revision guide pages need to be used. Year 8 students will be set Sparx science homework from next week to revise all of the KS3 Science course to prepare them for their exam.
School	Year 9	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 . 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

		<p>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 Smith	Year 9	<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 9L - Build your own burger - (as per Class Chart) - Tuesday 29th April P4a</p> <p>Please bring an apron and an airtight container to take your food with you.</p>
Ms Smith	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 - Frosted carrot cake (cream cheese /butter icing) (as per Class Chart) - Tuesday 29th April P2 P3</p> <p>Please bring an apron and an airtight container to take your food with you.</p>
Miss Wilsher	Year 10	<p>Health and Social Care</p> <p>Students coursework portfolio's for RO35 health promotions have been marked and students have feedback to act upon. I will be running 'drop in' after school sessions on Tuesday 29 April and Wednesday 30 April until 1600 if students would like additional time or support with completion.</p>
Miss Robinson	Year 11 French	<p>Your real speaking exams will take place on May 1st in the old sixth form common room (same venue as last time). Attached here is the timetable. Please arrive 5 minutes before your time slot begins so that we can start promptly. I would recommend practicing your photocards, role plays and general conversation questions using this resource here.</p>
Miss Robinson	Year 11 Spanish	<p>Your real speaking exams will take place on May 8th and 9th in the old sixth form common room (same venue as last time). Attached here is the timetable. Please arrive 5 minutes before your time slot begins so that we can start promptly. I would recommend practicing your photocards, role plays and general conversation questions using this resource here and general conversation questions here. Remember we will be starting your general conversation with theme 2 questions (home and town, environment, poverty and holidays) so make sure you can answer those questions confidently!</p>
Mrs Weatherson	Year 11 GCSE PHOTOGRAPHY	<p>EXAMS BEGIN MONDAY. Please note students are in two groups. GROUP 1 have their exam Monday 28th and Tuesday 29th and GROUP 2 have their exam on Wednesday 30th and Thursday 1st May. Students have been informed put please email weathersonh@skdrive.org if there are any questions.</p>

		All work should have been moved into the students exam folders which will be made offline in preparation for the exam.
Ms Tallis	Year 11 Art GCSE	<p>Students are now into the final period of preparation for the final two day art exam on Tues 6 & Wed 7 May. This marks the end of the art GCSE course.</p> <p>Students must spend a minimum of five hours on their exam artwork at home over the next week to prepare fully. Please support your child to complete this essential work.</p> <p>Art exam working sessions after school Tues 29 April & Thurs 1 May & lunchtime sessions every day except Fri.</p>
Mrs Ivey	Year 11	Next week there is biology revision afterschool with Mrs Holmes . This will take place Monday afterschool in lab 1.





Mr Davies	Year 12	Year 12 mock exams begin on 28th April. All students have been given their individual timetables. These mocks are vital in terms of building exam experience, whilst also informing future UCAS predictions.
Mr Davies	Year 13	Year 13 final exams are fast approaching, with the first exam on May 7th. Students have been given individual timetables with dates and times. Students are expected to continue to attend full time throughout Term 5; in Term 6, students will only be expected to attend for lessons, booster sessions and exams.



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

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





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 5

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
1 May	1825-1900 Paris trip virtual parents/carers information evening
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