

Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 6 June 2025

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

MESSAGES		
CST	Whole School	Parent/Carer Survey 2025 Please complete the link here for our Parent/Carer survey, the deadline for responses is Monday 30 June 2025, many thanks
School	Whole School	National Thank A Teacher Day is 18 June 2025 A special occasion to celebrate every member of the school community from teaching staff, LSA's to admin teams, site teams, and catering teams. Whether it's a simple thank you note, a handmade card, or if you'd like to send an email to school@skdrive.org your gesture can brighten a teacher or member of staff's school day. National Thank a Teacher Day
School	Whole School	Uniform - Reminder Students must wear tailored trousers or shorts to school. Trousers should not be skinny in style or fit. Leggings are not permitted. Please ensure your child has the correct style trousers for after the half term if they do not already. Any queries regarding the style of trouser that is appropriate, please contact your young person's Head of House.
School	Whole School	Due to the warmer weather, please note the following school expectations: 1) Students are still required to wear full school uniform, though blazers are not necessary. 2) PE kit is not permitted, even in warmer conditions. 3) Please ensure your child comes to school with a full water bottle each day. 4) Water bottles cannot be refilled during lessons - only at break and lunchtime. 5) Any student in incorrect uniform will be placed in RTL (Ready to Learn) until the issue is resolved. 6) Hayfever medication needs to be taken before school or forms to be completed for us to keep medication in school. Thank you for your continued support in maintaining high standards.
School	Whole School	BBC Young Composer are running a workshop day in Bristol over the summer holidays. Link here for anyone who might be interested. This would be great for any current Y10 GCSE music students or those in Year 9 who are taking GCSE music next year.
School	Whole School	New musical opportunity in Portishead. Details below:



Beginner Sax & Clarinet Group

Learn to play clarinet or saxophone from scratch in a group. No experience necessary! For children aged eight upwards.

Starts Tuesday 10th June 3:45-4:45pm, at The Beacon Hub, Methodist Church, High Street, Portishead.

Introductory offer!
£20 for five sessions, plus free instrument hire until the end of 2025.
Cost from September: £41 per double term (nine sessions).

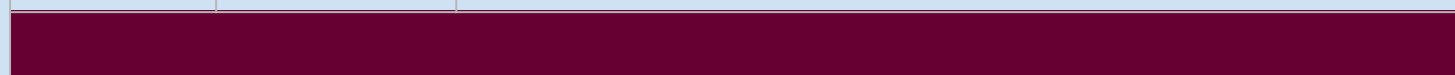
Discounts for students receiving Pupil Premium

Book places now at: wema.org.uk/register

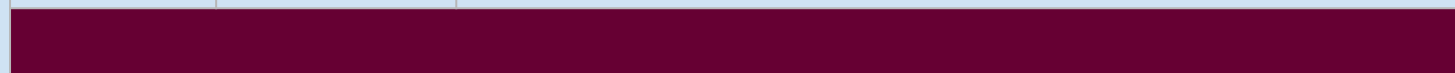
Miss Robinson	Year 7 Spanish	We are looking to run another residential trip to Barcelona for current Y7 students who study Spanish . This is planned to take place in June 2026 over 5 days while they are in Y8. The estimated cost is roughly £800 including travel, b&b accommodation and entry to sites we will be visiting . If you are interested in your child attending this trip, please complete the form here by Friday 20 June 2025 to register your interest. Completing this form does not secure a place on the trip. It only registers interest. Further correspondence will be shared once we have a clear idea of numbers that are interested in attending to secure spaces.
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Mrs Collins	Year 7	We have an exciting opportunity for year 7 students interested in dance and all things musical theatre. Thursday 12 June, periods 1 and 2 , we have a former student and industry professional coming in to deliver a dance workshop. There are 30 spaces available for those who are interested. Please collect a letter from me and return your permission asap to be involved.
Ms Wild and Ms Wyld	Year 7	We are delighted to have launched our Barrington Stoke Summer Reading Competition for invited year 7 and 8 students. Ask your child if they have been invited and how many Barrington Stoke books they have read so far.

		For more information about this brilliant collection of books, or the competition, please email wylidl@skdrive.org
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Miss Smith	Year 8R	Cheese Straws Practical: Tuesday 10th June Please check 'class charts' for ingredients.
Mrs Collins	Year 9	All students will be completing their speaking and listening assessments this term which is part of their English GCSE. Students have written their speeches in their English lessons and as homework. They must rehearse their speeches at home in preparation for this assessment. They can use notes and/or flashcards to help prompt them. Dates for assessment are on google classroom any questions please do contact me on Collinsl@skdrive.org
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Mrs Weatherson	Year 10 GCSE photo	The GCSE photography mock will be 10 June 2025. The mock will involve students working on their GCSE ELP (extended learning project) and, therefore, it is advised that students take as many photographs as possible prior to give them ample editing opportunities.
Mrs Fey	Year 10	Just a reminder that Work Experience week is fast approaching (30 June 2025 - 4 July 2025). If your child still doesn't have a placement please encourage them to pop into local shops and businesses to ask if they can offer a placement. I'll be in St Katherine's in the Careers Office on Tuesday 10th June if students want to pop in to see me for support.

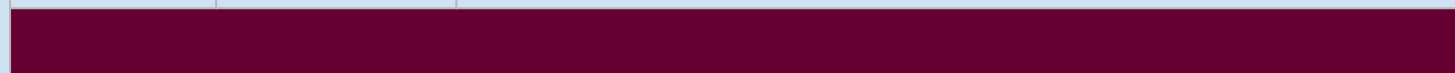
		If your child has secured a placement but you know of someone who can offer a placement to another student please drop me an email, it would be really appreciated afey@skdrive.org																					
	Year 10	Year 10 mocks This week we have spoken to all year 10 science classes about their mock examinations taking place in term 6. We have discussed revision strategies and techniques with classes. You can find a copy of the presentation given to students here .																					
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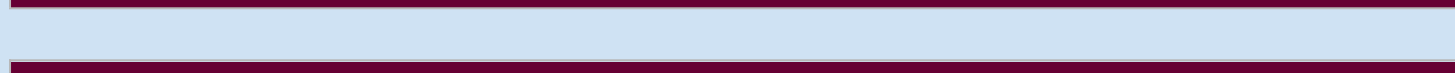
Mr Sugden	Year 11	GCSE Written Exams have begun! <i>but...</i> Only 20 Days until Leavers Day and Prom! Please find attached the Year 11 Booster, Revision, and Exam Calendar . Year 11s will receive a weekly handout version of this. For all details about exams, revision and leavers celebrations, please ensure your child has joined the "Let's Get it Done, Together!". The joining code is '53zgt3'. As we move into this - at times - stressful period, please do get in touch if your child needs any additional support regarding exams and the end of their time in our care. Attached is a useful and interesting article by BBC News about proactively managing exam stress.
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Mrs Weatherson	Year 13	Thank you to all those that have purchased their prom tickets and pre ordered their yearbooks. If you missed the opportunity to buy a yearbook and would like one ordered, you can purchase directly with the finance team with cash.
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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



Parents

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 6

12 Jun	Silver DofE (assessed - Thu-Sun)
16 Jun	0835-1505 Y8 Future Brunel, WECA activity day
16 Jun	Y6 1530-1630 Enhanced Transition
16 Jun	1600-1700 Online Parent/Carer forum - Progress reports
17 Jun	Y6 1530-1630 Enhanced Transition
18 Jan	Y6 1530-1630 Enhanced Transition
19 Jun	1500-1630 Coffee with the Headteacher
20 Jun	Bronze 1 DofE (assessed - Fri/Sat)
23 Jun	0835-1505 Y9 Future Brunel, WECA activity day
23 Jun	Alan Turing Birthday (23 Jun 1912)
24 Jun	0830-1445 Y6 induction day
24 Jun	1800-1930 Y6 induction evening and BBQ
25 Jun	0830-1400 Y6 induction day
26 Jun	0835-1220 Y11 Leavers day and Prom
26 Jun	1100-1345 Y13 Leavers day
27 Jun	Y13 Leavers evening, The Lost and Found on Clifton Triangle
27 Jun	Bronze 2 DofE (assessed - Sun/Mon)
30 Jun-4 Jun	Y8 Paris Trip departs

30 Jun	INSET DAY
3 Jul	Step into Sixth Form
4 Jul	Bronze 3 DofE (assessed - Sun/Mon)
7 Jul-11 Jul	Sports week
7 Jul	Gold / Expedition DofE
7 Jul	0835-1505 Y7 Future Brunel, WECA activity day
7 Jul	1800-1930 House Celebration Evenings - Yousafzai
8 Jul	1800-1930 House Celebration Evenings - Turing
9 Jul	1800-1930 House Celebration Evenings - Pankhurst
10 Jul	0930-1200 Y9 HPV (catch up clinic)
10 Jul	1800-1930 House Celebration Evenings - Stephenson
12 Jul	Malala Yousafzai Birthday (12/07/1997)
12 Jul	Nepal trip departs (16 days)
13 Jul	Morocco trip departs (14 days)
15 Jul	Emmeline Pankhurst Birthday 15/07/1858
18 Jul	END OF TERM at 1230