

Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 5 September 2025

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

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| School | Y7-11 | Thursday 13 November Sirona Immunisation team will come into school to administer Flu vaccination to students Y7 to Y11 whose parents consented for their child to have the vaccine. Please complete the online consent form if you would like your child to receive the vaccine. |
| Finance | Free School Meal Families | £100 of Household Support Fund vouchers for children on free school meals this month. Vouchers will be issued (via EVouchers - previously Wonde) during the week commencing Monday 22nd September. Families will only receive the vouchers if they are on the North Somerset Council FSM list as at Sunday 21st September. Applications should be made via www.n-somerset.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals . Please email fsm@n-somerset.gov.uk if you have any queries. Students previously at a Bristol primary school will need to apply via North Somerset Council. If they are rejected, then please use the email above, as there is transitional protection until the end of 25/26. |
| Finance | Whole School | Parentpay One-Click Payments (Bank Transfer) 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-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. |
| School | School Bus Users | This is a reminder that the first direct debit will be taken on Wednesday 10th September. From October onwards it will be the first of the month. |
| Library | Whole school | The first House competition for the new school year launches on Thursday 4th September! Pop in to the Library in the next 2 weeks to spot the jar on my desk & guess how many books I read last year - house points & other prizes to win for the closest! |
| School | Year 7, 8 & 9 | We are pleased to introduce the St Katherine's Youth Award (SKYWARD), details of which can be seen here: PDF SKYWARDS Presentation.pdf Our Wednesday afternoon enrichment programme provides many opportunities to engage in activities that contribute towards SKYWARD. Sign-up forms for these activities will be shared by tutors via Google Classroom. |
| Ms Wyld | Year 7 | Look out for details of the upcoming Roald Dahl Day quiz, where teams of up to 4 Yr7s will answer questions on all things Dahl in this fun first event with great prizes! |



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| Mrs Slater / Mr Brochot | Year 7 | Food preparation and nutrition Y7L for your 1st practical lesson P2 in R14 , you will be practicing your knife skill by preparing a fruit salad, please bring your ingredients as per classchart as well as an apron from home and a suitable container to take your fruit salad home. |
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| Ms Wild | Year 8 | Remind your child to read for at least twenty minutes every day, complete their reading log and quiz their books. Any questions, please email: wildi@skdrive.org |
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| Ms Wild | Year 9 | In Year 9 we introduce students to our Bucket List . Have a chat with your child about which ambitious book they would like to read. If you have any questions, please email: wildi@skdrive.org |
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| Engineering | Year 10 | We will be starting/continuing the R039 coursework (worth 30% of your child's GCSE) as soon as the students return therefore we would like to start by establishing our clear expectations and offer some extra curricular sessions to support them. Students will be expected to work on their coursework at home or in their own time for at least one hour per week. In order to help with this we offer before school (everyday from 8:00-8:30), breaktime (everyday) and lunchtime (everyday depending on classroom availability). We will also release some afterschool sessions in due course. |
| Art Ms Tallis | Year 10 | Y10 GCSE art students will need to spend one hour on homework every week. Your child may work in the Art Dept at the following times: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Every Tues after school - Mon/Tues/Wed lunchtimes. Please support your child to attend one of these sessions regularly; those who did this last year had the most success with their art GCSE results. Many thanks. |
| Mrs Collins | Year 10 | Y10 GCSE drama students will need to spend extra time rehearsing every week when preparing for performances. Your child may work in the performing arts department planned in advance on the following times: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mon / Weds / Thurs after school - Mon / Weds / Thurs lunchtimes It is an expectation that students rehearse for 1-2 hours a week outside of the lesson when preparing for assessment. Students who attend these rehearsals regularly have the most success with their GCSE drama results. Thanks in advance for your support with this. |
| English | Year 10 | We know that wider reading provides opportunities for students to access top grades. Each fortnight students will be provided with a wider reading text for both English language and English literature as part of their homework. These are designed to encourage thinking and debate at home. Here are this fortnight's texts. GCSE English language wider reading |

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| English | Year 10 | Very shortly you will be offered the opportunity to purchase the English GCSE set texts, along with revision material. Each title will be available individually through ParentPay. In addition, there is a dyslexia-friendly text set available for each of the 3 titles. Purchased sets will be distributed after the offer has closed by English teachers. |
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| Art | Year 11 Mrs Cameron | <p>Year 11 GCSE art students will need to spend one hour on homework every week. Your child may work in the Art Dept at the following times:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Every Tues after school (rm 10) - Mon and Wed lunchtimes (rm 12) <p>Please support your child to attend one of these sessions regularly; those who did this last year had the most success with their art GCSE results. Many thanks</p> |
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| Mr Davies | Year 12&13 | Our Sixth Form Parent/Carer Information Evening takes place on September 17th, in person, from 6-6.30pm. Please save the date. A formal invitation will be sent out soon to gauge numbers. The content will be introductory so mostly relevant for Year 12s, but Year 13 parents/carers are welcome to join as well to ask questions and get a refresher. |
| Mr Davies | Year 12&13 | If you have a household income of near or below £25,000, your child is eligible for the Sixth Form Bursary and can receive financial support to aid with their studies. Please ensure a bursary form has been completed so that we can provide this support. Year 13 parents must reapply at the start of the year - we apologise for this inconvenience, but it is the system we must work within. |

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

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 1

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| 9 September | 0835-0900 BFI Film Assembly |
| 10 September | 1800-1830 Y7-Y11 Virtual Parent/Carer information evening |
| 11 September | Y9 Future Brunel WECA Activity Day |
| 15 September | 0835-0900 Y11 Futures Launch |
| 17 September | 1400-1500 Y10 WEX Launch |
| 17 September | Y12 Study Skills day |
| 17 September | 1800-1830 Y12 and Y13 Parent/Carer information evening, in person |
| 18 September | Sports Award evening, Canteen |

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| 18 September | Y8 Future Brunel WECA Activity Day |
| 18 September | 1900-2000 Bronze DofE Information Evening |
| 19 September | 0835-0900 7S trip to Sugar Loaf |
| 23 September | 0835-0900 Y12 Employer Talk, surveyor and construction |
| 23 September | Y13 We the curious trip |
| 25 September | Whole school opening evening, school closes at 1230 |
| 26 September | Inset Day |
| 30 September | 0900-1030 Open Morning |
| 30 September | 0835-1505 Y9 Folly Farm trip |
| 30 September | 0835-0900 City of Bristol talk |
| 30 September | 1400-1500 Y12 Thatchers talk |
| 1 October | 0835-1505 Y9 Folly Farm trip |
| 1 October | 1400-1500 Y12&Y13 Student Finance talk |
| 2 October | 1400-1500 Y10 WEX search and find session |
| 5 October | Surf School trip |
| 7 October | 0835-0900 Y11 & Y12 Boomsatsuma Talk |
| 7 October | 0835-1505 Y11 Bristol Harbourside - Human field work |
| 8 October | 1400-1500 Y10 WEX search and find session |
| 9 October | Y10 Future Brunel WECA Activity Day |
| 9 October | 1900-2000 Y10, Y11, Y12 & Y13 Silver and Gold DofE Launch, online |
| 10 October | 0835-1505 7Y1 trip to Sugar Loaf |
| 10 October | 1400-1500 Y13 Unifrog - Discovery MOOCS |
| 14 October | 0835-0900 Y12 Wex search and find session |
| 15 October | 1400-1500 Y12 Lewis Silkin Careers - Virtual session - Introduction to Law |
| 15 October | 1400-1500 Y13 Unifrog discovery MOOCS |
| 15 October | 1600-1900 Y7 Pastoral Check in |
| 15 October | 1600-1900 Y11 Parent/carers information evening |