

Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 17 October 2025

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

MESSAGES		
Mr Sugden	Year 11	Thank you all who attended our Year 11 Parents/Carers Information Evening. It was wonderful to welcome you all in person and I hope you found the evening useful. For reference: - The Slides. - The JCQ Exam Regulations. - The Class of 2026 Exam Boards. For more information: from 'How To...' resources about different ACTIVE revision techniques, the celebration committee and wellbeing, please ensure your child has joined the Crossing the Finish Line, Together Google Classroom, using this link.
School office	Whole School	Term 2 Upcoming events for Term 2 will be contained within our final communication for Term 1 on Wednesday 22 October.
School office	Whole School	Ticket scam in Parent/Carer group We have been made aware that some parents have been exposed to a phishing scam in a parents only group chat. The nature of the scam was that concert tickets were advertised as being for sale. The link that was included it seems was fraudulent and some parents have lost money as a result. This has been reported by the parents in the group chat but it serves as a reminder to be vigilant about the links we click on. There is advice about phishing scams from the National Cyber Security Centre here.
School office	Whole School	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.
Mr Hodgson	Whole School	Please find attached our Outdoor Ed newsletter with details of next term's activities.  Outdoor Ed Newsletter - Term 1.pdf
Mrs Gardner	Whole School	Please find attached our Careers newsletter with details of next term's activities.  Careers Newsletter Term 1.pdf
School Office	Whole School	Pill Food Hub Harvest Collection - collection extended We are grateful for the support provided to school by the Pill Food Hub. They provide uniform support for students facing financial hardship and we are excited again to support their harvest collection. Staff and students can donate non-perishable food items such as tinned food, rice, pasta etc. along with squash, long life fruit juice and treats. The The Food Hub is also in need of toiletries and dog/puppy food. Please bring donated items to school on or before Tuesday 21 October and deliver them to main reception. Thank you in advance of your support of this important local charity.

School	Year 7	Y7 Meet the Tutor Evening We would like to gather feedback from parents/carers who were able and unable to attend our Y7 meet the Tutor evening on Wednesday. Please complete this short google form .
Food Technology	Year 7	Please look through the following document to see your child's upcoming practical lessons for this rotation. Students will be expected to come prepared to these lessons with the ingredients outlined in the document and follow the expectations listed.
Trailblazers	Year 7	Instrument insurance forms have now been sent home. Please complete the form to allow your child to take their instrument home and practice. They can show you what they have been learning in their trailblazers lessons!
Miss Robinson	Year 8 French and Spanish	Thank you for your interest in the Barcelona and Paris trips. The letters have been shared first to those who registered their interest before the summer. A follow up letter has been sent to everyone else in Year 8 for French and Spanish who have not previously indicated they would like to go to fill up the remaining spaces. If we are oversubscribed, the students will be picked at random. A letter will be shared with all who applied whether successful or not by the end of term 1.
Ms Wyld	Year 8	Because of a frustrating technical issue, students haven't been able to take book quizzes for the last 2 weeks. The system has now been fixed and is again ready for students to take quizzes in school as soon as they finish their book. Please do remind students this is now up and running again.
Food Technology	Year 8	Please look through the following document to see your child's upcoming practical lessons for this rotation. Students will be expected to come prepared to these lessons with the ingredients outlined in the document and follow the expectations listed.
Food Technology	Year 9	Please look through the following document to see your child's upcoming practical lessons for this rotation. Students will be expected to come prepared to these lessons with the ingredients outlined in the document and follow the expectations listed.
School	Year 9	Year 9 Assessment week 1 takes place from 10 November to 14 November. A letter with details of each assessment can be seen here .
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: - 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.
Engineering	Year 10	Students are 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.

Work Experience (WEX) Mrs Fey 	Year 10	We've had a really positive response since the launch of Yr 10 WEX and have seen lots of placements get secured and added to Unifrog which is really encouraging. Just a gentle reminder that the deadline for students to secure work experience and add this to Unifrog is Monday 23rd February 2026, however it's best to secure a placement sooner rather than later to ensure your child gets a placement best suited to their interests. I've recently posted out a form on Google Classroom for students interested in an NHS Placement, the deadline for students to apply via this form is 5th November 2025, if your child is interested in an NHS WEX placement please encourage them to complete this form before then. Please remind your child to use the resources available on the WEX Google Classroom to help them with securing their placements, these resources include the employer database, contact record form, template email to the employer to request WEX and weekly WOW's (WEX Opportunities of the Week), which have recently included a placement with Preludes Music and Beard Construction. If you have any queries or concerns regarding work experience please refer to the parent/carer information on the website here or drop me an email and I'll get back to you as soon as possible afey@skdrive.org
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School office	Year 11	Reports have been handed out to students today. If you need a further copy, please email school@skdrive.org.
Photography Ms Tallis	Year 11	Y11 GCSE photography students will need to spend one hour on homework every week. Your child may work in the Art Dept at the following times: - Every Tues after school, R10 - 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 photography GCSE results. Many thanks.
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GCSE Music Miss Adams	Year 11	GCSE solo performances take place on Tuesday 21st October. These are worth 15% of the final GCSE grade. Please support your son/daughter by listening to them at home and ensuring they are practicing regularly.

GCSE Art Mrs Cameron	Year 11	All Art GCSE students have their Art mock on Monday 10th November. This will be in room 12 for the whole day. Students will be using this time to continue with their final pieces but in an exam based environment.
Mr Davies, Head of Sixth Form	Year 11	Sixth Form Open Evening will take place on November 12th from 6pm-7.30pm. Please note the change of date from the previous announcement. We apologise for this change. To register your interest, please sign up here .
Mr Davies	Year 13	Well done to our UCAS early applicants, who all sent their applications off with a day to spare (a first!). Our focus now turns to the deadline for all other students. While the external deadline is on January 14th, this falls in the middle of Year 13 mocks; therefore, we are asking all students to complete their applications before the end of Term 2. If any parents have questions about UCAS, please feel free to email Mr Davies.
Mr Davies	Year 12&13	Sixth Form Open Evening takes place on November 12th. We will be asking as many sixth formers as possible to stay at school until 7.30pm on this day to help promote the Sixth Form. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

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

PE & SPORT - sign up for Spond (our communication platform) and click [here](#) to see the PE 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

22 October	1505 END OF TERM 1
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