


Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 6 September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

A warm welcome back and to those parents/carers that are new to school. Here are the latest school messages and updates for your information.

MESSAGES		
School	Whole School	<p>Student Support Please ask your child(ren) to follow the signs in School to the Student Support Office as this is no longer part of reception.</p> <p>If you have a query regarding medical support, uniform or wellbeing of a child, please call 01275 373737 and choose option 4. This will take you directly to the Student Support office where Mrs Grocock and Miss Hayes will be happy to assist.</p>
School	Y7-11	<p>Virtual Parents/Carers Information Evening Please see letter sent on ParentPay today.</p>
School	Whole School	<p>e-Scooters / eMBikes Please see letter from Avon and Somerset Police.</p>
School	Whole School	<p>Free School Meals If you think you are entitled to claim a free school meal benefit because of your income or circumstances it's essential you apply. For each eligible child, the school receives funding for the next six years, even if their parents go back to full-time paid work. You can apply to North Somerset here. If you have any queries or would like the school to support you with your application please contact reception.</p>
School	Whole School	<p>Free School Meals If your child is entitled to a free school meal they can receive breakfast in the canteen before 8.30. They will be able to choose from the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 pieces of toast with jam • fresh fruit with a juice drink • porridge with honey/syrup with a juice drink • cereal with milk • 1 crumpet with jam.
School	Whole School	<p>WEMA instrumental lessons - these lessons will start week beginning 16th September. You will receive an email next week from the instrumental teacher containing the timetable for lessons. Any issues please contact musicadmin@skdrive.org</p>
School	Whole School	<p>World Afro Day is on the 15th September. We would like to celebrate Afro-hair within our school community. Students (and family members if they wish) can email photos of themselves to campbelle@skdrive.org showcasing their Afro-hair to be used in a celebratory poster display. Students also have the opportunity to have their photo taken at school if they prefer not to send in a photo.</p>
School	Whole School	<p>Whilst many of our co-curricular activities occur during the regular Wednesday enrichment slot, we have several clubs and activities that run at</p>

		<p>lunch or before and after school. Please review this with your child and encourage them to get involved where appropriate.</p> <p>STUDENT ACTIVITIES 2024_25 BOOKLET .pdf</p>
School	Whole School	<p>Keeping Children Safe in the Car Park All pedestrian movement through the car park should be via the marked pedestrian zones.</p>  <p>AM Drop off</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coaches arrive between 8:15 and 8:25. Try and avoid these times if dropping off by car. • Please do not stop in any red zone on the map. • Follow directions from staff to the amber zones, ideally, the bus lane, moving as far down the bus lane as possible to leave room for others behind. • If you need to take your time dropping off your child/ren please find a parking space in the green zones. <p>PM Pick up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coaches will be scheduled to depart at 3:15 pm. Collection by car after this time will be easier. • No stopping in any red or amber zones when coaches are present on the site. Park in the green zones. • When 8 coaches are on site, all through traffic will be via the top car park.
School	Year 7	<p>Photographs School photographs are now available to order online at www.clickfoto.co.uk each student will have been handed a unique and individual access code on Wednesday. If you have any questions please call 02920 448210 or email orders@clickfoto.co.uk</p>
School	Year 7	<p>Biometrics Thank you to families who have given permission for your child(ren) to have their fingerprint taken, this is a quick way for students to pay for lunch in the Dining Hall.</p> <p>There are a small number of students that are pending, of which your tutors have now been informed. Students will be given the opportunity to go during tutor or after lunch next week.</p> <p>Please note, students are still able to get lunch in school by saying their surname to the catering staff, which will link them to ParentPay also.</p>

Miss Adams	Year 7	Trailblazers - if you have signed up we will be in touch soon regarding instrument allocation and lesson times.
Ms Wyld	Year 7	At St Katherine's reading is prioritised, because we know it is critical to making progress across the curriculum. Please support your child by making sure they have a book with them every day. Over the coming weeks we will introduce young people to the library, their reading log, and the Accelerated Reader scheme. If you have any questions, or concerns about your child's reading, please email me: wildi@skdrive.org . Immalee Wild - Lead on Reading.
Sirona	Year 7	Please see letter from Sirona about the School Nursing Service of what support they are able to offer children and families. A referral form is also here if parents/carers are wishing to complete a request for support. Young people are able to self-refer to School Nursing using our 'Young Person Request For Support Form' you will find on our website.
Miss Adams	Year 8	Trailblazers - no lessons this week. Information regarding start dates to be confirmed in the next weekly comms.
Ms Wyld	Year 8	Let's get straight back to reading! The library is open in its new location. Term 1 reading logs are already on your English Google classroom, or paper copies available from the library. Please remind students to start logging and quizzing straightway.
Ms Wyld	Year 9	We're delighted to be introducing year 9 students to our Bucket List this year. If you have any questions about supporting your child with reading these more ambitious texts, please email me: wildi@skdrive.org .
Mrs Weatherson	Year 10 GCSE photography	Please see details on ParentPay for upcoming WB studio tour trip. Please see the link here for how to support students at home. Students are welcome to stay after school to work on their photography on Thursdays in Rm 36 until 4pm.
Mrs Weatherson	Year 11 GCSE photography	Please see details on ParentPay for upcoming WB studio tour trip
School	Year 12	Photographs School photographs are now available to order online at www.clickfoto.co.uk each student will have been handed a unique and individual access code on Wednesday. If you have any questions please call 02920 448210 or email orders@clickfoto.co.uk
School	Year 13	Photographs

		<p>A small amount of Y13's had their photographs taken on Wednesday</p> <p>These are now available to order online at www.clickfoto.co.uk each student will have been handed a unique and individual access code. If you have any questions please call 02920 448210 or email orders@clickfoto.co.uk</p>
Mrs Weatherson	Year 12 & 13	<p>10th September is a Sixth Form Study Skills Day - the students will be off their normal timetable and will be involved in workshops for the day. The day will involve a number of activities and workshops including a team building session - for this, students will require comfortable footwear and clothing suitable for the weather on the day.</p>
Mrs Weatherson	Year 12/13 Media students	<p>Please see details on ParentPay for upcoming WB studio tour trip.</p>

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

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

2 Sep	INSET DAY
3 Sep	INSET DAY
4 Sep	Start of term for year groups Y7, Y11, Y12, Y13
5 Sep	Start of term for all year groups
10 Sep	0835-1505 Sixth form team building day, Sixth form block & top field
11 Sep	1800-1830 Y7-11 parent/carer information evening, virtual
12 Sep	0835-1505 Y9 Future Brunels, WECA activity day
18 Sep	1800-1830 Y12&Y13 parent/carer information evening, in person
19 Sep	0835-1505 Y8 Future Brunel, WECA activity day
19 Sep	1900-2130 Sports Award evening, Canteen
20 Sep	0835-1505 Y7 tutor group, Sugar Loaf trip
26 Sep	1600-2030 Open Evening, school closed at 1230
27 Sep	INSET DAY
1 Oct	0835-1505 Y11 Bristol Harbourside - Human Field work
1 Oct	0900-1100 Open morning

2 Oct	0835-1505 Y11 Middle Hope - Physical field work
3 Oct	0900-1100 Open morning
4 Oct	0835-1505 Y7 tutor group, Sugar Loaf trip
4 Oct	0830-1000 Coffee with the Headteacher
8 Oct	0900-1100 Open morning
10 Oct	0835-1505 Hello Yellow, Mental Health Day
10 Oct	0835-1505 Y10, Y11 The Knitting and Stitching Show, Alexandra Palace
10 Oct	0900-1100 Open morning
11 Oct	0835-1505 Y7 tutor group, Sugar Loaf trip
15 Oct	0900-1100 Open morning
16 Oct	1700-1800 Y11 Parent/Carer supporting through exams evening
17 Oct	0900-1100 Open morning
23 Oct	1600-1900 Parents/carers - Y7 Pastoral check in with Tutors, Virtual
25 Oct	END OF TERM 1