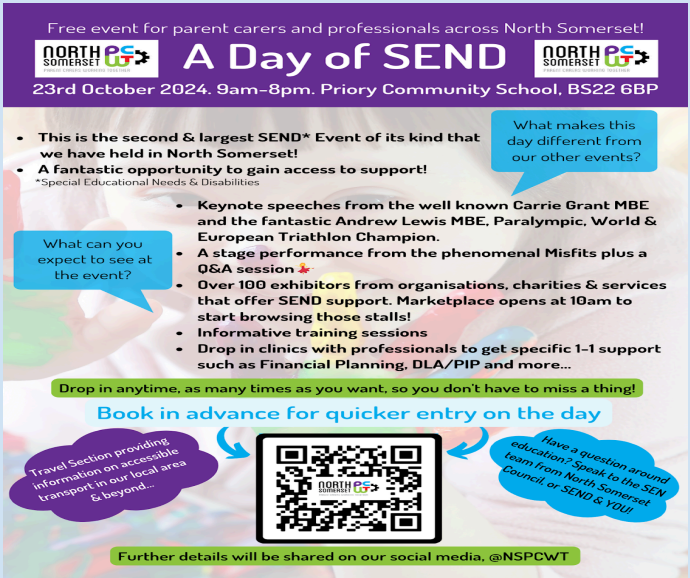


Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 27 September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

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

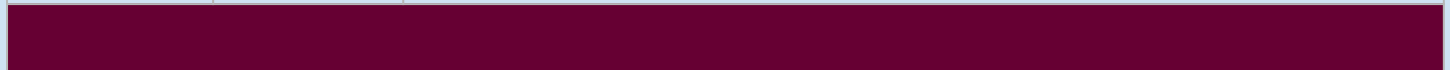
MESSAGES		
		<p>Coffee with the Headteacher Our next coffee with the Headteacher will be held on Friday 4 October at 0830 until 1000 in Mr Humphreys office. We will be ordering catering, so please do let us know if you intend on coming by emailing school@skdrive.org</p>
School	Whole School	<p>We have dedicated email addresses in School to help you reach the correct department as efficiently as possible.</p> <p>Please therefore note the following and redirect your email as appropriate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child absence, medical appointments etc - attendance@skdrive.org • Finance (e.g. ParentPay) - finance@skdrive.org • Student support - sso@skdrive.org • Visitor reception - reception@skdrive.org • Admissions - admissions@skdrive.org • Marketing - marketing@skdrive.org • Exams - exams@skdrive.org <p>Emails sent to the school inbox will be responded to within 48 hours.</p>
School	Whole School	<p>Reminder</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paracetamol is only given at break and lunch times, with consent. • All students need to come to school with a water bottle.
School	Whole School	<p>Lost property</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please encourage your child to look in lost property weekly, located at SSO. Any unlabelled items will be donated at the end of each term to Pill Food Hub at the Community Centre.
School	Whole School - Parents of pupils with SEND	<div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Free event for parent carers and professionals across North Somerset A Day of SEND 23rd October 2024, 9am-8pm, Priory Community School, BS22 6BP</p> <p>• This is the second & largest SEND* Event of its kind that we have held in North Somerset! • A fantastic opportunity to gain access to support! <small>*Special Educational Needs & Disabilities</small></p> <p>• Keynote speeches from the well known Carrie Grant MBE and the fantastic Andrew Lewis MBE, Paralympic, World & European Triathlon Champion. • A stage performance from the phenomenal Misfits plus a Q&A session ✨ • Over 100 exhibitors from organisations, charities & services that offer SEND support. Marketplace opens at 10am to start browsing those stalls! • Informative training sessions • Drop in clinics with professionals to get specific 1-1 support such as Financial Planning, DLA/PIP and more...</p> <p>Drop in anytime, as many times as you want, so you don't have to miss a thing!</p> <p>Book in advance for quicker entry on the day</p> <p>Travel Section providing information on accessible transport in our local area & beyond...</p> <p>Have a question around education? Speak to the SEN team from North Somerset Council or SEND & YOU!</p> <p>Further details will be shared on our social media, @NSPCWT</p> </div> <p>North Somerset Parent Carers Working Together (NSPCWT) are the local forum for parent carers to children with additional needs and disabilities.</p>

		<p>October 23rd is their largest SEND Event, held at Priory Community School. Parents, Carers, Family Members and Professionals are all welcome to attend and benefit from the many exhibitors, training workshops, keynote speakers, performances, drop in clinics and activities. No diagnosis is required for families to access our offers. Please browse the Event Programme and get your tickets booked here. Any questions, please email: danielle@nspcwt.org</p>
School	Whole School	<p>Please find attached a copy of this week's Careers Bulletin. It is packed full of opportunities, information about open days, apprenticeships and University.</p>
School	Whole School	 <p>ST KATHERINE'S CAREERS & POST 16 FAIR</p> <p>THURS 14TH NOV 4.30-7PM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet some top Employers and Training providers • Gain valuable career advice and information. <p>Here is a small selection of who will be present.....</p> <p>  </p> <p>SAVE THE DATE • SAVE THE DATE • SAVE THE DATE MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW</p>
Finance	Whole School	<p>Parentpay One-Click Payments (Bank Transfer)</p> <p>Parentpay is encouraging parents 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. Where failed</p>

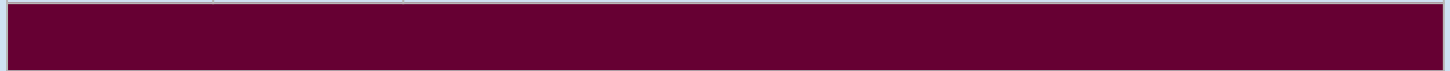
		<p>payments are for any item other than dinners the school incurs the charge for two Parentpay transactions. The direct debits take 3 working days to set up before a payment should be attempted. The transaction can then take another 4 days to show on your bank statement. We would recommend continuing 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.</p>
School	Whole School	<p>For any questions relating to instrumental lessons provided by WEMA please contact WEMA directly in the first instance via the contact us form on their website or on 01454 863147.</p>
Sirona	Whole School	<p>This autumn all children from Y7 to Year 11 are being offered a flu vaccine as part of the School Vaccination Programme. The flu vaccine is administered using a nasal spray. Sirona Immunisation team will be on site on the 20 November to administer this vaccine. Please complete the consent form, indicating whether you wish your child to have the vaccine, ensure you complete the consent form even if you do not want your child to receive the vaccination. If your child is not able to attend school on the day of the Immunisation session they can attend a catch-up clinic at a later date.</p>
Food and Nutrition - Mrs Jenkins	Year 7	<p>Here are the practical lessons taking place next week for the following classes. All ingredients are set on Classcharts. Any problems, please let Mrs Jenkins know. Monday 30th September - 7L tomato ragu Thursday 3rd October - 7L pizza toast 7R Pizza toast Please bring an apron and an airtight container to take your food with you.</p>
Reading - Ms Wild	Year 7	<p>We have started introducing year 7 students to Accelerated Reader, the scheme that all students use at St Katherine's in years 7 and 8. If you would like more information about this scheme, please email wildi@skdrive.org</p>
Miss Adams	Year 7	<p>Trailblazers - in order for your child to take their instrument home we need to ensure adequate insurance is in place. In most cases instruments can be covered on your existing home insurance policy. An insurance form will be emailed to you over the next week; please complete this as soon as you are able. Thank you. Any questions about this or about trailblazers in general please contact: musicadmin@skdrive.org</p>
Food and Nutrition - Mrs Jenkins	Year 8	<p>Here are the practical lessons taking place next week for the following classes. All ingredients are set on Classcharts. Any problems, please let Mrs Jenkins know. Monday 30th September - Pasties Please bring an apron and an airtight container to take your food with you.</p>
Reading - Ms Wild	Year 8	<p>Has your child quizzed a book yet? Please ask your young person, and what their word count is. To quiz, students need to go to the library before school, break time or lunch time.</p>

Reading - Ms Wild	Year 9	We're really impressed by how many students have already chosen their Bucket List book. If you would like to know more about our Bucket List, and how to help your young person choose a book that's right for them, please email me: wildi@skdrive.org .
Mr Hodgson	Year 9	Please find DofE slides for your information.
Engineering	Year 10	Coursework is an ongoing piece of work worth 30% of your child's grade this year. To support them in getting the best possible result and meeting all the deadlines in time we are offering extra sessions within the department. Your child is invited and encouraged to attend: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Before school: Mon, Wed, Thurs and Fri (from 7:30) - After school: Tues, Thursday and Fri (until 4:30) - Breaktimes: Mon - Fri - Lunchtimes: Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri
Food and Nutrition - Mrs Jenkins	Year 10	Here are the practical lessons taking place next week for the following classes. All ingredients are set on Classcharts. Any problems, please let Mrs Jenkins know. Tuesday 1st October - Cauliflower cheese and pineapple cake Please bring an apron and an airtight container to take your food with you.
Art - Mrs Cameron	Year 10 Art	Reminder of Art year 10 GCSE catch up sessions: Week 1 - Monday - Wednesday late lunch room 12 Week 2 - Monday and Tuesday late lunch room 12 Every Tuesday after school 3.05pm-3.45/4pm room 12
Mrs Duncan	Year 10	Work Experience Over the next two weeks, all students will receive information regarding St Katherine's Work Experience Programme, which will take place on 30th June - 4th July. More information can be found here . Congratulations to the 4 students who have already secured a placement! Here is this week's WOW! (Wex Opportunity of the Week) If you are considering applying, please ensure you have a back up plan! Spaces are limited and you will not find out until next year.
Engineering	Year 11	Coursework is an ongoing piece of work worth 30% of your child's grade this year. To support them in getting the best possible result and meeting all the deadlines in time we are offering extra sessions within the department. Your child should be attending at least 3 of the below sessions each week to put them in the best position to achieve their desired grade: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Before school: Mon, Wed, Thurs and Fri (from 7:30) - After school: Tues, Thursday and Fri (until 4:30) - Breaktimes: Mon - Fri - Lunchtimes: Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri
Food preparation and nutrition	Year 11	We have began NEA 1 - 1st piece of coursework (science investigation), Here are the deadlines for each section: Section A - 2nd October Section B - 9th October (science investigation) Section C - 8th October

Ms Tallis	Year 11 Art GCSE	<p>Coursework forms 40% of your child's art GCSE grade. All lesson time & homework is now focused on FINAL PIECE PLANNING for the second coursework project. Six sheets will be <u>due at the end of Term 1</u>.</p> <p>Students all have personal targets on the inside of their paper folders kept in their plastic portfolios. Please look at these with your child & support them to continue working through them at home.</p> <p>GCSE catch up club in the Art Dept - every <u>Tues & Thurs after school & Wed lunchtime.</u></p> <p>Many thanks for your continued support with your child's art GCSE.</p>
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Mrs Duncan	Year 12	<p>Work Experience All students have received information regarding St Katherine's Work Experience Programme, which will take place on 16th - 20th June. More information can be found here.</p> <p>Congratulations to the 1st student who has already secured a placement.</p> <p>Here is this week's WOW! (Wex Opportunity of the Week) If you are considering applying, please ensure you have a back up plan! Spaces are limited and you will not find out until next year.</p>
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SPORT - click [here](#) to see updates via our X page or [here](#) for the PE @ SK calendar

UPCOMING EVENTS

1 Oct	0835-1505 Y11 Bristol Harbourside - Human Field work
1 Oct	0900-1100 Open morning
2 Oct	0835-1505 Y11 River Holford - Physical field work
3 Oct	0900-1100 Open morning
3 Oct	1220-1300 Y7 Roald Dahl quiz, Library
4 Oct	0835-1505 Y7 (7Y) 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 (7S1) 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