

## Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 6 December 2024

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

MESSAGES		
School	Whole School	Please find the <a href="#">letter</a> from Mr Humphreys with regards to SKYFund. Thank you to those who have made contributions, this is gratefully received. We have been able to set up this on ParentPay if you would like to also donate that way, please click on “view”.
School	Whole School	Please take a moment to read through our <a href="#">communication guidelines with school</a> .
School	WB Studio tour trip	<p>For those students from years 10-13 who are attending the Warner Brother Studio Tour trip - please note that you should have been added to a google classroom which has all the details.</p> <p>Please note that we will be leaving the school site by 8.15am on Tuesday 10th and so it might be necessary to organise alternative travel arrangements to school.</p>
School	Whole School	<p><b>Reminder</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paracetamol is only given at break and lunch times, with consent.</li> <li>• All students need to come to school with a water bottle.</li> </ul>
School	Whole School	<p><b>Free School Meals</b></p> <p>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 <a href="#">here</a>. If you have any queries or would like the school to support you with your application please contact reception.</p>
School	Whole School	<p><b>Free School Meals</b></p> <p>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"> <li>• 2 pieces of toast with jam</li> <li>• fresh fruit with a juice drink</li> <li>• porridge with honey/syrup with a juice drink</li> <li>• cereal with milk</li> <li>• 1 crumpet with jam.</li> </ul>
Finance	Free School Meal Families	<p><b>Free School Meal Vouchers January 2025</b></p> <p>I have been informed by North Somerset Council that we are to issue £50 of Wonde vouchers from the Household Support Fund based on the free school meal list as at 16th January 2025.</p> <p>Please note that these are not holiday vouchers and Bristol City Council fund vouchers at different times for Bristol Schools.</p>
School	Whole School	<p><b>Pill Food Hub Christmas Appeal</b></p> <p>The deadline for students to contribute to their tutor group's contribution to the 'Christmas is for Everyone' appeal is Monday 9 December. Volunteers will collect our gifts from under our Christmas tree at 9.00 am. Details of the appeal can be found <a href="#">here</a>. Please contribute if you can.</p> <p>Thank you to everyone for their ongoing support of this important local charity that supports our whole school community.</p>

School	Whole School	<p><b>Mobile Phones</b></p> <p>There has been lots in the news in recent weeks about Australia's new laws aimed to keep children safe online. You can read about this <a href="#">here</a>. With this in mind, we know that many of our children may have a mobile phone on their Christmas list this year.</p> <p>If you are thinking of giving your child a new phone, or their first smartphone, please help them keep safe online by setting up parental controls. Guidance on how to do this can be found at the UK Safer Internet Centre <a href="#">here</a>. We ask that parents and carers regularly check their children's messages, images and Apps to make sure that they are safe and acting responsibly online. The UK Safer Internet Centre recommends having a family agreement that sets out what is acceptable in your home.</p> <p>Additionally, there is <a href="#">advice for parents</a> about age appropriate Apps and we would not expect any children to have social media on their phone if they are not old enough according to each platform's terms and conditions.</p> <p>Please remember that as a school we have a strict mobile phone policy of 'Not Seen and Not Heard'. If a phone is seen or heard at school then it will be confiscated for 24 hours (a full weekend if this occurs on Friday).</p>
School	Whole school	<p><b>Carol service</b></p> <p>Students who are performing in the carol service will be involved in some additional rehearsals on Wednesday 11th December. Period 4a will be a choir rehearsal (all choir students to be on lunch 2). Period 5 will be an orchestra rehearsal. These are in addition to our usual rehearsals that take place on a Monday and Wednesday morning. Please ensure your child has their instrument in school on Wednesday 11th December. Please also complete the permission slip to give your consent to attend the evening service which was sent via parentpay.</p>
Ms Jefferson	Whole School	<p><b>Christmas Book Bonanza - please donate pre-loved books!</b></p> <p><b>Thanks for all of your donations so far!</b></p> <p>The cost of living crisis has made it harder for families to spend money on books. <b>87% of parents say they have less disposable income, and over 50% say books are too expensive.</b> In fact, one in three disadvantaged children have fewer than ten books at home, and one in ten have none at all. The most recent <a href="#">report</a> into poverty in the UK clarifies that <b>more than one in three</b> children in the UK currently live in poverty - meaning it is harder than ever for families to spend money on books.</p> <p>This will be our fifth Book Bonanza. Last Christmas, we gave away over 2,000 books - thanks to your generosity. Let's do it again!</p> <p>Please donate as many books as you can, so that all our children can have lovely new books in their homes for Christmas. We also accept books for younger children and adults, as students often take these home to gift to family members. On the subject of gifting, if you have <b>good quality</b> cuddly toys or games that another family may love, we will also accept these. After all, it is Christmas.</p> <p>Please bring all donations to the English Office.</p>
Mr Hodgson	Whole School	<p>Climbing Team - we are looking to put together a climbing team to represent the school in climbing competitions in the local area. We can enter teams from Year 7-9 and Years 10-13.</p>

		More information will be available in the future but if you are interested please complete <a href="#">this form</a> (should be accessible without log in!).
Careers	Year 7	This week Unifrog has been launched to year 7. Please see more the Unifrog welcome letter <a href="#">here</a> .
Ms Wild	Year 7	Our online workshop for how to support your child with reading is coming up on the 11th of December. Please let us know if you would like to attend <a href="#">here</a> .
Mr Hodgson	Year 8	<p>We are looking at running some introduction to caving trips for students in Year 8. These will be for students who have an interest in adventure and exploration of underground systems. No experience or specialist equipment will be needed.</p> <p>Trips are likely to cost around £26-£30 depending on numbers.</p> <p>We are planning to run them within the school day, but may need to finish the trip outside the normal school day. If you are interested in taking part, please <a href="#">complete this form</a> to help us see what interest there is and how many trips we may need to run.</p> <p>Any questions to <a href="mailto:hodgsont@skdrive.org">hodgsont@skdrive.org</a></p>
Miss Robinson	Year 11	<a href="#">French</a> and <a href="#">Spanish</a> speaking mocks are taking place on Monday 9th (French) and Wednesday 11th and 12th (Spanish). Please check the timetables attached to see when your time slot is.
Ms Tallis	Year 11 Art GCSE	<p>Students must complete all targets for both coursework projects before Tues 7 Jan when we start the exam project.</p> <p><b>This final exam project makes up 40% of the art GCSE grade &amp; can make the difference between one grade &amp; a higher one with hard work &amp; commitment.</b></p> <p>Please continue to support your child to complete all art coursework targets by <b>Tues 7 January</b>.</p>
Mrs Weatherson	Year 11 photo GCSE	<p>HUGE well done to all those that sat the 5 hour mock this week! You were absolutely incredible and should be really proud.</p> <p>Final ELP submission is 6th January which is also the date that you will receive the exam projects so keep up the excellent work - it will pay off!</p>
Miss Wilsher	Year 11 Health & Social care	Students have now been set all tasks for their for their RO33 Coursework. The final submission date is Wednesday 18th December. This unit represents <b>30%</b> of the students overall grade
Miss Wilsher	Year 12&13 Health & Social Care	<p>Both Year 12 &amp; 13 have external exams when we return in the new year</p> <p>Year 12 Unit 3 Health safety and security in HSC -Friday 10th January</p> <p>Year 13 Unit 4 Anatomy and Physiology for HSC- Monday 13th January</p>

In order to support this students will sit a mock of their exam on **Wednesday 11th December**  
 Students should all have a revision guide and have been given resources to support their revision.

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

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

# WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK!

## PE Fixtures, Events, Clubs & Practices



### Week 6 of 7: Monday 9 December – Friday 13 December (Week 2)

Dates and times for boys' and girls' fixtures & events (**bold**) as well as clubs and practices (*italics*) for this week. Details are always subject to change – please follow @StKathsPE on X for the latest information. Students can also login to Slack using their SK account details.

Day	Before or During School Hours	After School Hours
<b>Monday</b>	<b>7 House Rugby &amp; Netball – start 0900, finish 1100</b> <b>8 House Rugby &amp; Netball – start 1120, finish 1400</b> <b>11 Boys Football v OAB AWAY – leave 1400, return 1800 apx.</b>	<i>Short Mat Bowls [1630]</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<i>ARRIVAL Taught 9, 10 &amp; 11 Strength &amp; Conditioning</i> <i>LUNCH Daily60: Basketball</i>	<b>9 &amp; 10 North Somerset Sportshall Athletics – finish 1800 apx.</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<i>ARRIVAL Open Strength &amp; Conditioning</i> <i>LUNCH Daily60: Indoor Rowing</i> <b>U16 Girls Hockey Tournament AWAY – leave 1220, return 1700 apx.</b>	<b>7 &amp; 8 Boys Rugby v Sidcot HOME – finish 1645 apx.</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<i>ARRIVAL Taught 7 &amp; 8 Strength &amp; Conditioning</i> <b>10 House Rugby &amp; Netball – start 1120, finish 1320</b> <b>U16 Girls Hockey v KOW AWAY – leave 1400, return 1745 apx.</b> <b>9 Boys Rugby v Ashton Park AWAY – leave 1400, return 1700 apx.</b>	<i>Senior (10-13) Boys Rugby [1630]</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<i>ARRIVAL Outdoor Running Club</i> <b>9 House Rugby &amp; Netball – start 1120, finish 1320</b>	<i>Badminton &amp; Table Tennis [1700]</i>
<b>Weekend</b>	<b><u>SATURDAY</u></b>	<b><u>SUNDAY</u></b>



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### UPCOMING EVENTS

10 Dec	0815-1815 Y10 Warner Brother studio tour
11 Dec	1800-1900 Christmas Carols, Canteen
19 Dec	1220-1400 Christmas lunch, Canteen
20 Dec	END OF TERM 2 - School closes at 1230