

Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 7 February 2025

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

MESSAGES		
Miss Adams	CST concert	Save the date: the CST concert is on Tuesday 11 March 2025 at the Bristol Beacon . Start time is 6.30pm . Students involved will be those in choir and some students from orchestra. Further details and letter home to follow but please mark the date in your diaries now!
Mrs Slater	SEND	 <p>The poster is for the Bristol Parent Carer Forum event 'TOGETHER FOR SEND Change in Action'. It features a diverse group of people, including a person in a wheelchair. Text on the poster includes: 'Bristol Parent Carer Forum Shaping the Future Together', '30 talks and workshops', '50+ exhibits', 'MONDAY 3RD MARCH 09:15 to 16:00', 'WE THE CURIOUS MILLENIUM SQUARE, BS1 5DB', and a 'BOOK NOW' button with a right arrow. Logos for 'Supported by: Quartet Community Foundation' and 'NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire' are at the bottom. The URL 'www.bit.ly/bpctogetherforsend2025' is also present.</p>
Finance	Whole School	<p>Parentpay One-Click Payments (Bank Transfer) 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. 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-authorized. 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> <p>Low Balance Alert Please set an alert up on Parentpay so that you get a warning if your child's lunch account balance is low. Go to Communication, Alert Settings, Balance Alerts, Threshold - input £5 and tick email box. Email notifications are free.</p>
Science	Years 7, 8, 10,11	The deadline for purchasing science revision guides on parent pay is 12th February. After this deadline the guides will be ordered.
Miss Adams	Year 7	Trailblazers: payments for terms 3/4 lessons are now available to pay on parentpay. Thank you for all payments received so far. Please make the payment if you have yet to do so.

Miss Smith	Year 7 Food preparation and nutrition	<p>Here are the practical lessons taking place next week for the following classes. All ingredients are set on Classcharts. Any problems, please let Miss H Smith / Mr Brochot know.</p> <p>Year 7L - Fruit salad (as per Class Chart) - Thursday 13th February P2 Year 7R - Fruit salad (as per Class Chart) - Thursday 13th February P3</p> <p>After half term break</p> <p>Year 7L - Deli salad (as per Class Chart) - Thursday 27th February P4b Year 7R - Deli salad (as per Class Chart) - Friday 28th February P2</p> <p>Please bring an apron and an airtight container to take your food with you.</p>
Miss Smith	Year 8 Food preparation and nutrition	<p>Here are the practical lessons taking place next week for the following classes. All ingredients are set on Classcharts. Any problems, please let Miss H Smith / Mr Brochot know.</p> <p>Year 8L - Cheese scones(as per Class Chart) - Monday 10th February P4b</p> <p>After half term break</p> <p>Y8R - Cheese twists (as per Class Chart) - Tuesday 25th February P4b</p> <p>Please bring an apron and an airtight container to take your food with you.</p>
English	Year 9	<p>This week onwards Year 9 are being introduced to their GCSE English Language studies, specifically AQA Paper 1. It is recommended that parents should look at the resources shared on the English Google classrooms for more information and to support their child during this time. There will eventually be an exam-style assessment, as there was recently for of 'Mice and Men' and more information will follow in due course.</p>
Science	Year 9	<p>Students have now received feedback on their end of KS3 exam. All students have now started the GCSE Biology, Chemistry and Physics course. As previously communicated we will be making a small number of class changes based on students' performance in their end of KS3 exam. Students will be informed next week if they are going to be moving classes.</p>
School	Year 9	<p>Options evening will be on Weds 12 February. Talks are at 5pm and 6pm with subject staff available between 5pm and 7pm.</p>
Miss Smith	Year 9 Food preparation and nutrition	<p>Here are the practical lessons taking place next week for the following classes. All ingredients are set on Classcharts. Any problems, please let Miss H Smith / Mr Brochot know</p> <p>After half term break</p> <p>Y9L - Chow Mein (as per Class Chart) - Monday 24th February P3 Y9R - Chow Mein (as per Class Chart) - Tuesday 25th February P1</p> <p>Please bring an apron and an airtight container to take your food with you.</p>
Science	Year 10	<p>We're excited to let you know that we've partnered with Sparx to start using their new science homework platform, Sparx Science. After half term your child will be using Sparx Science to complete weekly homework. Your child's homework will be set on Monday and due on Monday every week. Sparx</p>



		<p>Science helps every student to achieve success in science. Students log in at sparxscience.com. They will need to find their school and log in using their Sparx Maths details. Your child can access Sparx Science on any device that connects to the internet with a web browser.</p> <p>Sparx Science adapts to each student's ability level, so it's important that you don't help too much. This can lead to Sparx giving homework that is too long or hard in future. We recommend letting students answer each question themselves and you can give help if they are stuck with the support and follow-up questions.</p> <p>You are able to keep track of the homework your child is doing by clicking through the link to the Parent Portal in your Sparx Maths weekly homework email.</p>
Miss Smith	Year 10 Food preparation and nutrition	<p>Here are the practical lessons taking place next week for the following classes. All ingredients are set on Classcharts. Any problems, please let Miss H Smith / Mr Brochot know.</p> <p>Year 10A - Portion a whole chicken (as per Class Chart) - Tuesday 11th February P2-P3</p> <p>After half term Y10A - Using a portion of your chicken (as per Class Chart) -Tuesday 4th March</p> <p>Please bring an apron, an airtight container as well as 3 or 4 small freezer bags to take your food with you.</p>
Mr Sugden	Year 11	<p>7 Teaching Weeks Left... before GCSE Examinations begin!</p> <p>Please find attached the Year 11 Revision Calendar. This document outlines when different faculties are offering revision and coursework sessions. Please encourage your child to attend as many revision sessions as possible, perhaps targeting any that they did not perform as well as hoped in, in their recent mocks.</p> <p>This week in tutor time, we have been focussed on practicing past paper questions, one of our ACTIVE revision techniques that we can use during our POMS. Please continue to encourage your child to explore a wide range of ACTIVE revision techniques. If your child still feels at a loss as to where to begin, please encourage them to attend the Revision Help: Drop In, during lunchtimes on Tuesday.</p> <p>Please ensure your child has joined our central Google Classroom: Let's Get It Done, Together! This hub will have revision resources, help, prom fundraising opportunities and examination information. If they failed to sign up in Tutor Time, please support them joining the classroom using the code: '53zgut3'. On this hub, there is a Google Form named 'Revision Excellence Tracker'. Year 11s are being asked to complete this form weekly to track how much revision they are completing each week. Each week, the tutor group that completes the most independent revision will win a tasty prize!</p> <p>Finally, if you or your child feel as though they would benefit from a Year 11 Support Meeting, please get in touch with Mr Sugden (Outcomes, Futures and</p>

		Wellbeing) sugdena@skdrive.org , or Mr Dawes (Attendance, Punctuality and Behaviour) dawest@skdrive.org .
Ms Tallis	Year 11 Art GCSE	<p>Students are working on their final exam project for art GCSE. The deadline for drawing/photos is this Mon 10 Feb.</p> <p>Students must spend a minimum of two hours on observational drawing/taking linking photos for homework over the weekend, if they haven't yet done so over the last week. Please support your child to complete this essential work.</p> <p>Students are welcome to work on homework Mon-Thurs at lunchtimes or Tues/Thurs after school in the Art Dept.</p>
Mrs Weatherson	Year 11 Photo GCSE	<p>Students are working on their final exam project for photo GCSE. Students must spend a minimum of two hours on their project for homework each week. Please support your child to complete this essential work.</p> <p>Students are welcome to work on homework Tuesday after school.</p>
Mrs Ivey	Year 11	<p>Next week there will be biology revision afterschool on Monday in lab 1 with Mrs Humphries. The session will run from 3:05-4:00pm and will focus on the adaptation and competition topic from year 9, which will be examined in the paper 2 mock. The session is open to all year 11 students.</p>
Miss Smith	Year 11 Food preparation and nutrition	<p>Here are the practical lessons taking place next week for the following classes. All ingredients are set on Classcharts. Any problems, please let Miss H Smith / Mr Brochot know.</p> <p>Year 11B - GCSE recipe trail (as per Class Chart) - Wednesday 12th February P2-P3 After half term</p> <p>Year 11B - GCSE recipe trail - split groups on Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th February respectively P3 each day.</p> <p>Please bring an apron and an airtight container to take your food with you.</p>
Ms Jefferson	Year 11 English	<p>All students have been set a past English language paper to complete by 13/2. Support your child to succeed by making sure they complete this! The best way to succeed in English is practice!</p> <p>Key dates for English GCSE mocks and examinations are here.</p> <p>With private tuition costing between £60 and £80 an hour, we urge you to save yourself some money and support your child to complete this work. Completion of independent homework means we can give your child personalised feedback to improve. Final examination results in English demonstrate a clear link between the amount of independent practice students undertake and the quality of their grade. The more your child practises, the better they will do.</p>
Mrs Weatherson	Year 12&13	<p>There are two future pathways trips scheduled for year 12 - details are on parentpay. The first is Friday 14th March and the second is Wednesday 26th March. The combination is designed to support students to fully consider their options for post 18 and make informed decisions about their next steps.</p>

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

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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 3

5 Feb	1600-1900 Y11 Virtual Progress Evening
3 Feb	Y10 BSO Concert, St Michael's Centre
3 Feb-6 Feb	0835-1505 Y12 Geography Field trip, Slapton Ley
12 Feb	1700-1900 Y9 Options Evening, Canteen
15 Feb	Ski trip, Sestriere, Italy departs