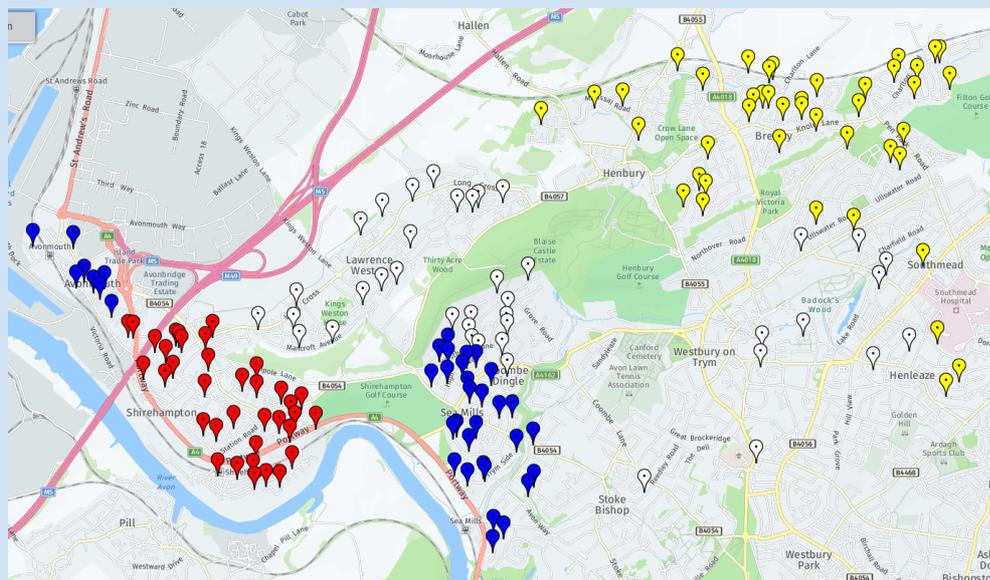


## Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 15 July 2022

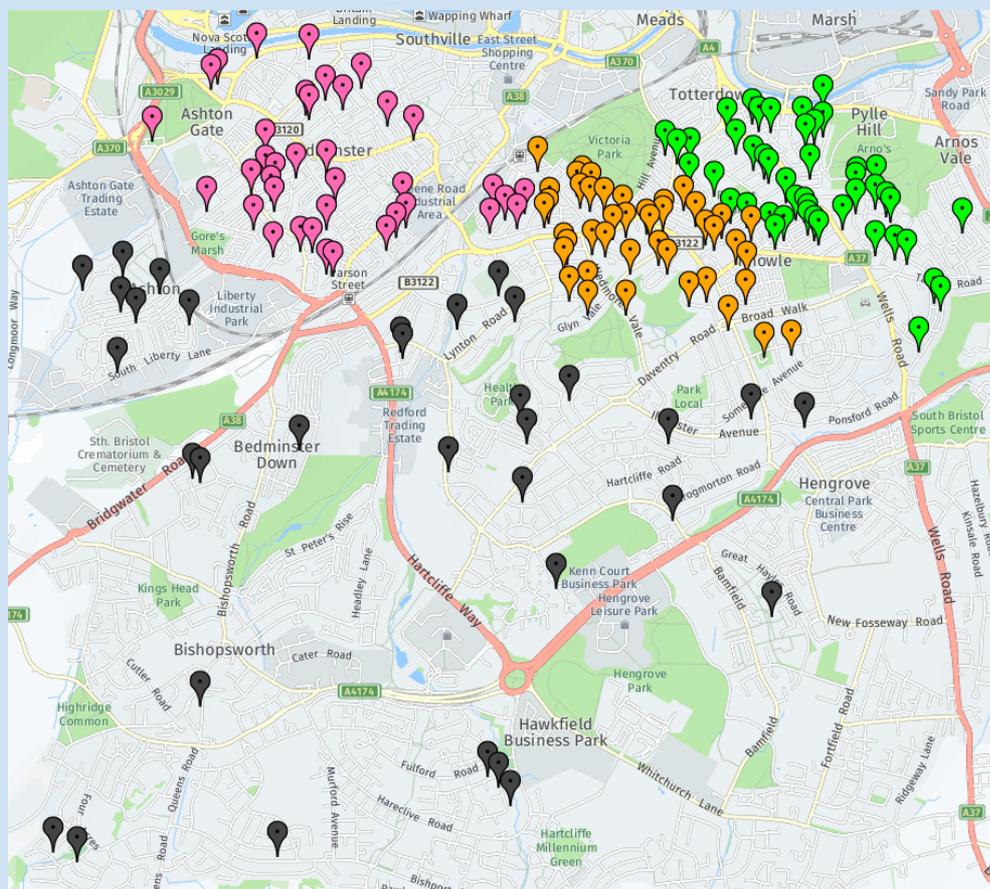
Dear Parents/Carers

Here are the latest school messages and updates for your information plus details of any letter sent home during the last week.

MESSAGES		
Mr Humphreys	Whole School	<p><b>Final Day Arrangements</b></p> <p>School closes for summer on Thursday 21 July. We hope you all enjoy a restful and restorative break. Buses will depart school at 12.30 on the final day of term. All children will have the opportunity to eat lunch at school before leaving.</p>
Mr Maw	Whole School	<p><b>PE kit from Monday</b></p> <p>Students are encouraged to wear PE kit from Monday 18th July - Thursday 21 July - buses will leave at 12:30 on Thursday.</p> <p>With the heat wave forecast for Monday and Tuesday, please ensure you child/ren bring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a refillable water bottle so they can keep hydrated.</li> <li>• a sun hat</li> <li>• sun cream</li> </ul> <p>We have taken the difficult decision to not run enrichment on Monday so buses will leave at 3:05. We will make adjustments to ensure students can remain hydrated throughout the day and there will be gazebos on the field to help with shaded areas. We will discourage vigorous physical activity.</p>
SSO/Reception	Whole school	<p>Children must take hayfever tablets before school as we do not provide them. Paracetamol is only given during break and lunch times.</p> <p><b>Lost property</b></p> <p>Please check in reception for any missing belongings (jewellery, mobiles, keys). Please ask students if they have borrowed ties from SSO. We have a lot of items that need to go back.</p>
Mrs Jenkins	Food and Nutrition students	<p><b>Practical lessons for next week:</b></p> <p>Monday 18th July - 7r Cinnamon rolls                      Monday 18th July - 7l Cinnamon rolls                      Monday 18th July - 9r Cinnamon rolls                      Tuesday 19th July - 9l Cinnamon rolls                      Tuesday 19th July - 8l Cinnamon rolls</p> <p>Please ensure all students bring in an apron from home. All practicals have been set as homework on Class Charts.</p>
Mr Francis Black	SK Bus Users	<p>Allocated seating on all SK buses has been confirmed via email this week. If you have not received an email but were expecting a seat please contact <a href="mailto:bonoraf@skdrive.org">bonoraf@skdrive.org</a>.                      SK-1 to SK-4 will operate in North Bristol</p>



SK-5 to SK-8 will serve South Bristol



Route allocations are done on a purely geographical basis whilst matching passenger numbers to the capacity of vehicles that Turners can supply.

Route maps and timetables were shared in the confirmation email but it seems that they still contained a number of errors and omissions. This is being corrected by Turners and I am assured that the correct details will be available [here](#) today.

Finance	Y11 & Y13 Leavers	We are in the process of <b>clearing dinner money balances</b> for Leavers by transferring to siblings or making refunds. Refunds will go into your Parentpay holding account so please login and withdraw the money.
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Miss Cave	Whole School	<b>Free School Meals</b> 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.
Ms Tallis & Mrs Cameron	Y12 Art Students	All current A Level art students have personal targets to complete over the summer. A hard copy of these are stored at the front of students' sketchbooks & we will email you your child's personal targets at the start of next week. Please discuss these with your child & support them to complete <b>all of their targets</b> over the break. This will put all A Level art students in the best possible position to aim for the very highest final grades, on return in September. The current work is a key element of students' Personal Projects that make up <b>60% of the final art A Level grade</b> .
Ms Tallis	Y10 Art Students	All current GCSE art students have artist research work (AO1) to finish over the summer. Students may borrow any media & equipment that they need to, next week, in preparation for this. Students should aim to complete a <b>minimum of 6 hours</b> work. This will put all GCSE art students in the best possible position to aim for the very highest final grades, on return in September. Students should also aim to finish any outstanding work for the Natural Forms Project during the summer break. These two projects make up <b>60% of the final art GCSE grade</b> .
Ms Jefferson, Ms Wild and Ms Wyld	All students	We all know that the ability to read with confidence is integral to success in life. Studies have proven that reading for pleasure enhances young people's academic ability across the curriculum. Moreover, reading supports healthy social and emotional wellbeing, helps to regulate stress and opens up the rich world of the imagination.  Given the current cost of living crisis, we are aware that spending money on books, which are often very expensive, may not be a priority for all families. Therefore, we urge you to take a moment to clear some space at home and <b>bring in any pre-loved children's books that your family may no longer read</b> . Students are requested to drop off their donations at the English Faculty Office.  <b>In the last week of term, we will display the donated texts in the English Faculty at lunchtimes and invite all students to take home as many books as they wish.</b> Any books that remain will either be added to our school library stock or donated to local charity shops. Please feel free to donate books for younger children, as there are students who may wish to gift these to younger siblings.
Mrs Ivey	Year 9-12	The Royal Society of Chemistry are running the 'Chemistry for Good' challenge over the summer for 14-16 year olds. The challenge is to find new ways to improve the disposal of waste to improve our environment. To sign up students need to go to <a href="https://festivalsofchemistry.org/login/">https://festivalsofchemistry.org/login/</a> . The deadline for submission of plans is 23/09/22. The winners will be announced in November. You can find out more here: <a href="https://saltersinstitute.org/chemistry-for-good-challenge/">https://saltersinstitute.org/chemistry-for-good-challenge/</a>
Mrs Ivey	All years	If you are looking for some ideas of fun things for your child to do in the holidays, the science department has put together a list of ideas <a href="#">here</a> for KS3 and <a href="#">here</a> for KS4. Please note that these activities are optional.

Miss Adams	Current trailblazers students	Our <b>trailblazers</b> scheme launched in September this year and has been a huge success. It has been amazing to watch and listen to the progress they have made on their instruments. We are now offering a <b>'Trailblazers Plus'</b> scheme for students who are coming to the end of their first year on the scheme. You will be receiving <a href="#">this letter</a> via email which explains the options for continuing next year. Please <b>complete the google form</b> (linked in the letter) and ensure your child <b>returns their instrument</b> to the music department by <b>Tuesday 19th July</b> . Any questions to Miss Adams; adamsa@skdrive.org
Miss Adams	Instrumental lessons	Please ensure that all payments for term 1/2 instrumental lessons have been made on parentpay by <b>Tues 19th July at the absolute latest</b> . If payments are not made we will have to assume that your child no longer wishes to continue with lessons. Thank you. Any questions or queries to Miss Adams: adamsa@skdrive.org

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

**UPCOMING EVENTS - click [here](#) to see all upcoming events**

21 Jul	End of Term 6 at 1215 coaches at 1230
5 Sept	Term begins for years 7, 11, 12 and 13
5 Sept	Y7 & sixth form photos with school photographer
6 Sept	Term begins for entire school
7 Sept	Y7 Parent/Carer information evening (virtual)
13 Sep	Y12 & Y13 Parent/Carer information evening
15 Sep	Sports awards evening
21 Sep	Y8-Y11 Parent/Carer information evening (virtual)
22 Sep	Y10 HPV vaccinations
29 Sep	Open evening
30 Sep	INSET DAY
5 Oct	Y7 Parent/Carer meet the tutor
13 Oct	Coffee with the Headteacher
21 Oct	End of Term 1