

Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 7 October 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.

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School	All years	0830-1000 14th October - Coffee with the Headteacher, please email a school@skdrive.org if you'd like to come along.																																															
Reception	All years	There are a number of items waiting to be collected in reception from our lost property drawers. Paracetamol is only available at break times and lunch times.																																															
Mrs Weatherson	Sixth form	We were delighted to have Parys Gardener visit our students this week to talk all about her career to date and how she has overcome challenges in her life.																																															
Miss Cave	Whole School	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.																																															
Mr Francis Black	Year 11	<p>Year 11 mock exams will take place from 14 November to 25 November. The draft timetable is as follows:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Date</th> <th>Period 1 & 2</th> <th>Period 3</th> <th>Period 4&5 (& 6 on Mon)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td rowspan="5">Week 1</td> <td>Mon 14th Nov</td> <td>English Lit 1</td> <td></td> <td>Music Computing PE</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tues 15th Nov</td> <td>History 1</td> <td></td> <td>Maths 1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Weds 16th Nov</td> <td>Biology</td> <td>Maths 2</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thurs 17th Nov</td> <td>Chemistry</td> <td></td> <td>French - Listening Spanish - Listening</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fri 18th Nov</td> <td>Food Prep Further Maths 1</td> <td></td> <td>P&B 1 Psychology</td> </tr> <tr> <td rowspan="5">Week 2</td> <td>Mon 21st Nov</td> <td>Geography</td> <td></td> <td>English Lit 2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tues 22nd Nov</td> <td>History 2</td> <td></td> <td>French - Reading Spanish - Reading</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Weds 23rd Nov</td> <td>Maths 3</td> <td></td> <td>Business</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thurs 24th Nov</td> <td>Further Maths 2 P&B 2</td> <td></td> <td>French - Writing Spanish - Writing</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fri 25th Nov</td> <td>Physics</td> <td></td> <td>Engineering</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Students will be issued with personalised timetables, including seating information by Monday 31 October.</p>		Date	Period 1 & 2	Period 3	Period 4&5 (& 6 on Mon)	Week 1	Mon 14th Nov	English Lit 1		Music Computing PE	Tues 15th Nov	History 1		Maths 1	Weds 16th Nov	Biology	Maths 2		Thurs 17th Nov	Chemistry		French - Listening Spanish - Listening	Fri 18th Nov	Food Prep Further Maths 1		P&B 1 Psychology	Week 2	Mon 21st Nov	Geography		English Lit 2	Tues 22nd Nov	History 2		French - Reading Spanish - Reading	Weds 23rd Nov	Maths 3		Business	Thurs 24th Nov	Further Maths 2 P&B 2		French - Writing Spanish - Writing	Fri 25th Nov	Physics		Engineering
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Mrs Weatherson	Year 11 photography	Picture of the week competition - congratulations to Charlie Thoburn Next week's theme is: Happiness																																															
Mrs Weatherson	Year 10 photography	First independent learning project: Drawing with Light has been set - please refer to the booklet that should have been sent to you via post for more details - or see classcharts																																															

Mrs Ivey	Year 11	This week we have discussed what needs to be revised for the November science mocks. You can find a copy of the presentation here . Students should start revising for the mocks now. Links to the topics to be revised can be found in the presentation.
Mrs Ivey	Year 7-9	Year 7-9 homework in science will be a mixture of learning keywords, reading activities, research activities and revision activities. Some homework tasks require parental involvement or supervision. You will be able to see details of the homework on classcharts. If students are given a worksheet to complete their homework on they should work on this worksheet. If your child prefers to work electronically they should make a copy of the worksheet to edit rather than request edit access. Any worksheets completed electronically will need to be printed.
Mrs Ivey	Year 10-13 Biology	The Royal Veterinary college in London is offering a free online programme called Biology Stars for students interested in studying biology, medicine or veterinary medicine in future. More details can be found here .
Ms Venn	All years	Textiles are still welcoming donations of any denim items, bed sheets or pillow stuffing - please bring to room 13.
Mrs Jenkins	Food and nutrition students	<p>The practicals for this week are:</p> <p>Monday 10th October - 7l Rock cakes Monday 10th October - 7r Tomato Ragu Tuesday 11th October - 11D NEA 1 Wednesday 12th October - 10A Fruit muffins Thursday 13th October - 8r Cheese and onion pasties Thursday 13th October - 8l Cheese and onion pasties Friday 14th October - 9l Banana bread muffins Friday 14th October - 9r Banana bread muffins</p> <p>Please ensure ingredients are weighed.</p>
Mr Simmons & Mr Fey	Year 11	Engineering is still running catch up sessions during lunchtimes Monday - Thursday (except Tuesday Week 2). We also have capacity before school and after school for students to use our facilities and access 1-1 support.
School	Year 7,8,9	Free flu vaccine for School settings Secondary school children in Year 7, 8 and 9 will be offered the flu nasal spray vaccine in school on the 12th December. Further details will be shared in due course.
Miss Gardiner	School	Thursday 17th November 4-7pm whole school careers fair. We will hold this event in our sports hall. We have a large number of employers and HE/FE who are attending this event. The event is open to all students and parents. We would recommend in particular year 9, year 11 and year 13 to attend as they have key decisions to make in regards to yr 9 options and post 16 and 18 career pathways.
Ms Keir	School	Here is the careers bulletin for this week Careers bulletin
Facilities Team	Whole School	Please may we ask that all students and visitors wishing to utilise the onsite cycle park, dismount upon entering pedestrian areas within the school.
Mrs Groves	Year 10 history students	To support year 10 students working towards their GCSE History exams, the faculty is offering you the chance to purchase the recommended revisions guides to help with studying at home. We are able to offer all four for a discounted price of £12.40.

		<p>Payment can be made either through ParentPay, or by filling in the letter handed out in class. This must be completed by Friday 7th October. We will be unable to process any orders after this date.</p>
Mrs Slater	Years 7&8	<p>The West of England Music Alliance are running a 3-day half term course for young people in mainstream schools with SEND.</p> <p>Wednesday 26th, Thursday 27th & Friday 28th October 2022, 10am - 2.30pm Venue : Milton Park Primary School, Milton Park Road, Weston-Super-Mare, BS22 8DY</p> <p>It will be led by Bath Philharmonia creative leaders and staff from North Somerset Music Service, South Gloucestershire and BANES.</p> <p>There is no cost to take part in the course. To sign up please go to: https://www.wema.org.uk/unscripted/</p>
Mr Hodgson	Year 9 & 10 DofE	<p>The Bronze DofE meeting (5/10) recording can be found on the google classroom. The enrolment form for Bronze can be found here. Please complete this by 1 November.</p> <p>The Silver DofE meeting will be held on the 11th October. The information can be found here.</p>
Mr Davies	Year 11 parents	<p>Sixth Form Open Evening will happen onsite at St Katherine's on November 23rd, from 6pm. We encourage all students to join us to explore their options, speak to students and teachers about post-16 subjects, and learn more about our thriving Sixth Form.</p>
Mr Moore	All Years	<p>We at St Katherine's are taking part in #HelloYellow on Monday 10th October 2022 this World Mental Health Day.</p> <p>The number of young people in need of mental health support is growing faster than ever – with a record breaking 420,000 young people being treated for mental health problems every month. Most young people aren't getting the help they need, and this can't go on.</p> <p>That's why this year #HelloYellow is more important than ever. We need to make sure young people know that how they feel matters and they deserve to feel supported. We had to get involved.</p> <p>We'll be joining thousands of other schools by wearing yellow to show young people that how they feel matters, as well as raising money for YoungMinds. To take part, students can wear yellow to school on 10 October, and we ask students to consider making a small donation (£1 recommended) to which will be used to support YoungMinds.</p> <p>Taking part in #HelloYellow will show our young people that they're not alone with their mental health. Together, we can create a brighter future for children and young people.</p>
Miss Adams	Trailblazers and trailblazers plus schemes	<p>All trailblazers and trailblazers plus lessons are now up and running. Timetables are in the trailblazers google classroom, displayed on the noticeboard in the music department and tutors also have copies. Timetables are also here. Please ensure your child knows where and when their lesson is. Insurance forms have been sent home this week for all trailblazers students; please complete this online form in order for your son/daughter to be able to bring their instrument home.</p>

		Any questions do please get in touch (adamsa@skdrive.org for questions about the scheme in general and kearsleyj@skdrive.org for questions around administration)
School	All years	 <p>What Parents Need to Know about Instagram</p> <p>Instagram is one of the most popular social media platforms in the world, with over 1 billion users worldwide. The platform allows users to upload images and videos to their feed, create interactive ‘stories’, share live videos, exchange private messages or search, explore and follow other accounts they like – whilst at the same time continuously updating and adding new features to meet the needs of its users.</p> <p>In the guide, you’ll find tips on a number of potential risks such as addiction, unrealistic ideals and the influencer culture.</p>

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

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

11 Oct	Open morning
13 Oct	Open morning
14 Oct	08:30-10:00 - Coffee with the Headteacher (note date change from 13)
18 Oct	Open morning
20 Oct	Open morning
21 Oct	End of Term 1