

Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 21 October 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Here are the latest school messages and updates for your information, wishing you all a restful half term.

MESSAGES		
School	Year 7	A big thank you to all Y7 students that took part in our open mornings this term, you made the school very proud.
School	All years	 <p>Don't forget that the clocks go back by an hour on Sunday 31 October This means it'll be getting darker much earlier. Please remind your children to be aware of their safety on their journey home from school particularly when crossing or walking/cycling near roads when they may be less easily seen by vehicles. Everyone should be aware of their surroundings including taking their earphones out and not being distracted by using their phone in dark areas. Children who cycle to and from school should make sure they have working lights and wear reflective clothing</p>
School	All years	Let's Go Zero - after half term all children are required to bring a reusable water bottle to school each day. We will no longer be selling drinks cartons. Locations of water fountains have been shared with all students.
School	All years	Our Term 2 inset days are 31 Oct and 1 Nov.
School	All years	Thank you to all children, parents and carers for their support in making sure that phones are 'not seen, not heard' on the school site. A reminder that should a phone be confiscated it will be returned at the end of the following school day. Reception will contact home should we need to retain your child's phone overnight.
Mrs Jenkins	Food and nutrition students	The practicals for this week are: Wednesday 2nd November - 7l Pizza toast Thursday 3rd November - 8r Cheese scones Friday 4th November - 9r Mac + cheese Friday 4th November - 9l Mac + cheese Please ensure ingredients are weighed.
Mr Court	Year 11	Please be aware that Year 11 will be sitting a set of mock exams from the 14th November-25th November. Their individual teachers will have communicated the topics that will be covered and suggested appropriate revision materials.
Mr Davies	Year 11	Sixth Form Open Evening takes place on November 16th. Places are filling up quickly, so please register here to secure your spot. This is a vital opportunity for all students to find out more about Sixth Form life and the courses we have on offer, as well as ask lots of questions.
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.
Miss Cave	Whole School	Free School Meals - if you are entitled to claim a free school meal then free breakfast is available in the canteen every morning.
Mrs Jenkins	GCSE	GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition students Revision/coursework catch up will be taking place after school on Thursday 3pm-4pm.
Finance	FSM Families	North Somerset Council have informed us that the next free school meal vouchers, from the Household Support Grant, will be at the end of January 2023. They haven't indicated how much this will be yet. We will provide an update as soon as we hear anything.
Finance	All Years	Lunch accounts Recently a number of lunch accounts have gone overdrawn. To avoid this, Parentpay allows you to set a reminder to top up when the balance falls below a certain amount. To set an alert go to 'Communication', 'Alert Settings', 'Balance Alerts'. Set a threshold amount (say £5) and tick the email box. You will then be emailed a low balance alert when your child's lunch account falls below £5.
Mrs Weatherson	Year 10 GCSE photography	The students have been set their first ILP project: Drawing with Light and they should be able to access all of the details on their classcharts. Students can rent cameras from the school if they have purchased a camera rental card (available on parentpay). Alternatively, they can use their own cameras or even camera phones in most cases. Students can also choose to complete the projects after school on Thursdays.
Miss Adams	Trailblazers scheme (Y7)	Please ensure you have completed the insurance form which has been emailed home. This will mean that students can bring their instruments home and start practising!
Miss Adams	Trailblazers plus scheme (Y8/9)	Please read the email which has been sent regarding the hiring/buying options for instruments for students on the trailblazers plus scheme. Any questions please contact: kearsleyk@skdrive.org
Miss Adams	Singing lessons	My apologies for the long delay in the start of singing lessons. Unfortunately I still do not have a confirmed start date for the singing teacher whilst they wait for all HR checks to be completed. Please be assured that you will be refunded for lessons which have not been delivered.
Miss Adams	Drum lessons	Please be aware that after half term drum lessons will move from a Tuesday to a Thursday . All times will remain the same. First drum lessons back after half term will therefore be on Thursday 3rd November.
Mr Hodgson	Year 9 and 10 Duke of Edinburgh	The Duke of Edinburgh sign up is underway! Start your life-changing adventure now! 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>The Silver DofE meeting (11/10) recording is also on the google classroom. The enrolment form for Silver can be found here. Please complete this by 1 November.</p> <p>Any questions or for more information, please email hodgsont@skdrive.org</p>		
Mr Hodgson	<p>Year 9 and 10</p> <p>Duke of Edinburgh</p>	<p>Congratulations to the following students who have recently completed their Duke of Edinburgh Award:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <p>Bronze Daniel Hewett Oli Hostler Charlie Lane Eva Hayes Archie Woolnough Zachary Brennan Luana Benjamin Ben Toyne Morgan Temple Anna Petrie Christopher Rogers Olivia Stanley Hector Mackenzie-Andrieux</p> </td> <td style="vertical-align: top; padding-left: 20px;"> <p>Silver Jack Vine Noah Pearson Toby Evans Matthew Wilberforce Leo Oakman Tom Stancliffe</p> </td> </tr> </table> <p>Well done to Scarlett Newby and Dylan Hewett - who finished theirs whilst contending with lock-downs and achieving amazing GCSEs!</p> <p>Certificates and badges can be collected from Mr Hodgson!</p>	<p>Bronze Daniel Hewett Oli Hostler Charlie Lane Eva Hayes Archie Woolnough Zachary Brennan Luana Benjamin Ben Toyne Morgan Temple Anna Petrie Christopher Rogers Olivia Stanley Hector Mackenzie-Andrieux</p>	<p>Silver Jack Vine Noah Pearson Toby Evans Matthew Wilberforce Leo Oakman Tom Stancliffe</p>
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Miss Gardiner	School	<p>Save the date - Thursday 17th November whole school careers fair. 4-7pm. Attendees from post 16 and 18 providers as well as many local employers. Invites will be going out after the half term to confirm your attendance. Any questions please email gardiners@skdrive.org</p>		
Ms Keir	School	<p>Here is the careers bulletin for the next two weeks.</p>		
Mrs Collins	School	<p>Grease the musical we need you! Raffle prizes</p> <p>If you are able to donate any prizes or know anyone who can for our raffle then please bring them into school addressed to myself. We will have 3 raffles one at each show so the more prizes we can raffle off the better!</p> <p>In the past we have had vouchers for oven cleaning services, bottles of champagne or wine, 241 meal vouchers at restaurants, food hampers, christmas wreaths, cupcakes and many more! Please email me at Collinsl@skdrive.org if you have any questions! Huge thanks in advance of this.</p>		
Mrs Ivey	Year 11	<p>There are now 3 weeks until mock exams. Detail of what is in each science exam and what needs to be revised can be found here.</p>		
Miss Daniels	Year 11	<p>Based on the latest data and continued evaluation on the best way to support our students in making excellent progress; we are going to be making changes to the teachers of year 11 maths groups. This will impact the majority of year 11 students. Pupils will be made aware of the specific changes after half term which will be reflected on their timetables. The intention is that these changes will support them all the way through to the</p>		

		summer exams. The next set of mock exams are 3 weeks away and details of the revision lists can be found on their google classrooms.
School	Year 9	Year 9 virtual progress evening - 2 Nov A letter will be sent out via ParentPay today, sign up is at 6pm this evening. Please only sign up for computing if there is an interest in taking this subject at GCSE.

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

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

21 Oct	End of Term 1
31 Oct	Inset day
1 Nov	Inset day
2 Nov	Y9 Virtual Progress evening
11 Nov	Y13 Biology field trip, Kenfig Beach, Wales
11 Nov	Armistice Day
17 Nov	Careers Fair
21-24 Nov	Y13 Geography field trip, Devon
25 Nov	Cookery workshop, Square Food Foundation
25 Nov	Y13 Biology field trip, Kenfig Beach, Wales
30 Nov	Y8 Virtual Progress evening
30 Nov	GCSE and A Level Art and Textiles trip
12 Dec	Harry Potter Photography trip
14-16 Dec	Grease - school show