

Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 13 January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

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

MESSAGES		
School	All years	We have recently made some changes within Maths to accommodate some unforeseen staffing adjustments. We are committed to teaching all classes within the classroom rather than our cover hub and have allocated teachers and leadership team where needed. We are currently in the process of recruiting this month.
School	Y8	Sirona Immunisation Team will be in school on the 28 February to administer HPV vaccine to Y8 students. Please remember to complete the consent form by Thursday 23 February.
School	Y11	Progress evening for Y11 is on the 25 January. Please refer to the letter sent to Parents/Carers via ParentPay, bookings open 18 January at 1800.
School	All years	The Government has announced a one-off bank holiday on Monday 8 May to mark the coronation of His Majesty King Charles III.
Mrs Weatherson	A level media	Trip on Tuesday 17th January to BBC. Letters have now been sent home. If there is a clash with an exam - the exam takes priority.
Mrs Weatherson	Y11 Photo	Trip on Tuesday 17th January to Bristol. We will be walking around the harbourside on a location shoot. Letters have now have been sent with all the details. Students should be in school uniform but with comfortable walking shoes - trainers permitted.
Mrs Jenkins	Food and nutrition students	The practicals for this week are: Monday 16th January - 8l and 8r Teacake challenge Wednesday 18th January - 11C recipe trial Wednesday 18th January - 11D Recipe trial Thursday 19th January - 10A Chicken goujons and wedges Thursday 19th January - 11D recipe trial Friday 20th January - 9r and 9L Thai green curry Please ensure ingredients are weighed.
Mrs Slater	SEND	Empire Fighting Chance are going to be working with three groups of boys in Years 7-10 on Wednesdays from 18th January until 1st March in school. This organisation uses boxing to gain young people's confidence and break down barriers to honest communication. They have a proven track record of discovering that as young people focus on physical activity, such as hitting a punch bag, they relax, drop their guard, and improve their communication skills.
Miss Adams	Trailblazers orchestra	Trailblazers orchestra rehearsals have now started on a Wednesday morning 8.30am-9am in room 26. ALL trailblazers students are expected to attend (please remind them to bring their instrument!) We are working towards an exciting performance so regular attendance at this rehearsal is really important.
Miss Adams	Instrumental lessons	All instrumental lessons for terms 3/4 have now re-started. Please look at the instrumental lessons google classroom for a full list of timetables which

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Mr Francis Black	Y11	<p>Year 11 students will take a second round of mock exams in March. Individual timetables will be produced before the half term break but to aid early preparation the full plan is here:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Date</th> <th>Time</th> <th>Subject</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>06/03/23</td><td>09:00</td><td>Geography</td></tr> <tr><td>06/03/23</td><td>13:00</td><td>English Literature 1</td></tr> <tr><td>07/03/23</td><td>09:00</td><td>History 1</td></tr> <tr><td>07/03/23</td><td>09:00</td><td>Further Maths 1</td></tr> <tr><td>07/03/23</td><td>13:00</td><td>French - Reading</td></tr> <tr><td>07/03/23</td><td>13:00</td><td>Spanish - Reading</td></tr> <tr><td>08/03/23</td><td>09:00</td><td>Maths Non Calc</td></tr> <tr><td>08/03/23</td><td>13:00</td><td>Business</td></tr> <tr><td>09/03/23</td><td>09:00</td><td>English Literature 2</td></tr> <tr><td>09/03/23</td><td>13:00</td><td>French - Writing</td></tr> <tr><td>09/03/23</td><td>13:00</td><td>Spanish - Writing</td></tr> <tr><td>10/03/23</td><td>09:00</td><td>Physics</td></tr> <tr><td>10/03/23</td><td>13:00</td><td>Philosophy & Belief</td></tr> <tr><td>10/03/23</td><td>13:00</td><td>Food Preparation & Nutrition</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>13/03/23</td><td>09:00</td><td>English Language 1</td></tr> <tr><td>13/03/23</td><td>13:00</td><td>Computing</td></tr> <tr><td>13/03/23</td><td>13:00</td><td>Music</td></tr> <tr><td>14/03/23</td><td>09:00</td><td>History 2</td></tr> <tr><td>14/03/23</td><td>09:00</td><td>Further Maths 2</td></tr> <tr><td>14/03/23</td><td>13:00</td><td>Maths 2</td></tr> <tr><td>15/03/23</td><td>09:00</td><td>Biology</td></tr> <tr><td>15/03/23</td><td>12:00</td><td>Maths 3</td></tr> <tr><td>16/03/23</td><td>09:00</td><td>Chemistry</td></tr> <tr><td>16/03/23</td><td>13:00</td><td>French - Listening</td></tr> <tr><td>16/03/23</td><td>13:00</td><td>Spanish - Listening</td></tr> <tr><td>17/03/23</td><td>09:00</td><td>English Language 2</td></tr> <tr><td>17/03/23</td><td>13:00</td><td>Psychology</td></tr> <tr><td>20/03/23</td><td>09:00</td><td>CATCH UP MOCKS</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Date	Time	Subject	06/03/23	09:00	Geography	06/03/23	13:00	English Literature 1	07/03/23	09:00	History 1	07/03/23	09:00	Further Maths 1	07/03/23	13:00	French - Reading	07/03/23	13:00	Spanish - Reading	08/03/23	09:00	Maths Non Calc	08/03/23	13:00	Business	09/03/23	09:00	English Literature 2	09/03/23	13:00	French - Writing	09/03/23	13:00	Spanish - Writing	10/03/23	09:00	Physics	10/03/23	13:00	Philosophy & Belief	10/03/23	13:00	Food Preparation & Nutrition				13/03/23	09:00	English Language 1	13/03/23	13:00	Computing	13/03/23	13:00	Music	14/03/23	09:00	History 2	14/03/23	09:00	Further Maths 2	14/03/23	13:00	Maths 2	15/03/23	09:00	Biology	15/03/23	12:00	Maths 3	16/03/23	09:00	Chemistry	16/03/23	13:00	French - Listening	16/03/23	13:00	Spanish - Listening	17/03/23	09:00	English Language 2	17/03/23	13:00	Psychology	20/03/23	09:00	CATCH UP MOCKS
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Miss Adams	Y10 and Y11 GCSE Music students	All Y10 and 11 GCSE Music students are invited to attend a concert to see the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra perform some of the GCSE set works. This is a brilliant opportunity to see a live orchestra perform pieces which students will be examined on. The concert is on Monday 30th January in the afternoon. Letters have been sent home electronically about this with full details of the arrangements. Please complete the permission slip, essential information form and payment on parentpay as soon as possible.																																																																																										
Miss Adams	Y11 GCSE Music students	Y11 GCSE Music ensemble performances take place on Wednesday 18th January . Please support your child to be ready for this by ensuring they are practising regularly and come prepared on the day with their instrument and music. This performance is worth 15% of the final GCSE grade.																																																																																										
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Ms Wyld	Y7	Many thanks to everyone who took part in Readathon, our sponsored read over the Christmas holidays. Please do pay your money online, or bring cash to the Library, and I need to have all the sponsorship forms returned for the House competition please.
Miss Cave	All years	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	All years	Free School Meals - 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; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2 pieces of toast with jam ● fresh fruit with a juice drink ● porridge with honey/syrup with a juice drink ● cereal with milk ● 1 crumpet with jam.
Miss Adams	All years	Free opportunity - ORA Singers Young Composer's Scheme The award-winning vocal group, ORA Singers, has launched its fourth national Young Composers' programme - a free scheme aimed at developing the skills of young composers from UK state-schools. The programme sees 10 Young Composers each receive 10 hours of one-to-one mentoring with professional composers, who will help them write a new choral piece which will be performed and recorded in concert by ORA Singers. During the scheme, Young Composers have their ideas and sketches workshopped by ORA Singers, who offer specialised tips and advice along with a guest composer. The 2023 Young Composers scheme will also see up to 40 Apprentices fast-track their skills in composition through a series of online, in-depth workshops, and will gain invaluable insight into the world of professional composition by hearing from industry experts. Applications are now open: https://www.orasingers.co.uk/young-composers
Miss Adams	Instrumental lessons	Please direct any questions regarding instrumental lessons to musicadmin@skdrive.org in the first instance. Thank you.
Miss Adams	Trailblazers	If your child is on the trailblazers scheme and you have any questions please contact the trailblazers teacher directly in the first instance (email address for these teachers have been provided). If you don't have their email addresses please contact musicadmin@skdrive.org who will be able to provide them for you. Thank you.
Ms Tallis	Y11 GCSE art students	Exam papers for the final GCSE art project were given out on Thurs 5 Jan. Students have 3.5 months to prepare for the 10 hour exam on 27 & 28 April. Students should aim to spend at least two hours a week outside of lesson time

		<p>on this project; they may work during any lunchtime or after school on a Thurs in the Art Dept. This project will account for 40% of their final art GCSE grade.</p> <p>You can support your child by ensuring that they spend at least two hours on their art work every week, and by regularly looking at, and chatting about, their ideas and developing work.</p>
Ms Keir	All years	Weekly Careers bulletin
Mr Francis Black	All years	If students are working online they may often be required to use a set of headphones. Many students are uncomfortable sharing this equipment and we would therefore request that all students are equipped each day with a small pair of earbud type headphones. These can be purchased through the school reception at just £2 per pair.
Mr Hodgson	DofE Bronze/Silver	<p>The training/meeting on the 16th January will take place in the P6 Enrichment Slot (rather than after school).</p> <p>DofE Participants in Year 9 and 10 (Silver and Bronze) will need to attend this training in the Lecture Theatre.</p> <p>It will run until the end of the Enrichment Slot and students will leave at the end of the school day as per usual on Monday.</p>
Mr Hodgson	DofE Gold (Y12 students)	<p>The launch meeting for Gold DofE will take place at 1900 (7.00PM) on January 17th.</p> <p>It will be online. Joining information will be emailed directly to students in Year 12.</p>

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

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

16 Jan	DofE Bronze/Silver Enrichment Slot training
17 Jan	0830-1505 BBC/Photo Location trip combined
23 Jan	0830-1000 Coffee with the Headteacher
25 Jan	1600-1900 Y11 virtual progress evening
6-8 Feb	Y12 Geography Devon Trip
8 Feb	1600-1900 Y9 options evening
10 Feb	End of Term 3