

Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 20 January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

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

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School	Y11	Progress evening for Y11 is on the 25 January. Letter has been sent to Parents/Carers via ParentPay, bookings opened 18 January at 1800. Please contact our reception team on 01275 373737 if you would like assistance with booking in.																																																																																										
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 colspan="3"> </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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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	Y7-Y9	Community clinics are still running offering both nasal flu and the injectable (gelatine free) vaccines and can be booked at imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/flu/2022/bookflu or by calling 0300 124 5515
Mrs Crocker	All Years	Raising awareness of Andrew Tate This week in tutor time students have had the opportunity to discuss their experience and concerns relating to Andrew Tate. Whereas many staff and parents have raised concern about what children are being exposed to online, I am aware that some of us may be unaware of who Andrew Tate is, what messages children receive online from him and why this is concerning. I would therefore encourage all parents to improve their awareness and understanding. One way that you could do this is to listen to this podcast . Please be warned that it contains some swearing and discussion of sexual assault, rape and violence against women and girls. The aim of sharing this with you is so that parents feel better equipped to have open and honest conversations. If you have any concerns following these conversations, please contact me at school to discuss how we can offer support. crockerk@skdrive.org
Mrs Jenkins	Food and nutrition students	The practicals for this week are: Wednesday 25th January - 10A Rosemary chicken Friday 27th January - 9r and 9L Banana muffins or cheesecake Please ensure ingredients are weighed.
Mrs Shephard	Year 11 GCSE Business Students	After school revision sessions term 3: Wednesday 18th - topic 1.1 enterprise Wednesday 1st Feb - topic 1.2 spotting a business opportunity Room 61 - 3 - 4pm
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	KS4 GCSE music students	KS4 music trip to see Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra on Monday 30th January. Letter has been sent home via parentpay with full details. Please return forms and make relevant payment on parentpay as soon as possible. Please get in touch if you are having any difficulties paying for the trip (adamsa@skdrive.org)
Miss Adams	All years	The West of England Music Alliance are planning a summer residential trip for any young musicians in Y7-13 who are of at least grade 5 standard. Letter here with details of how to sign up for a place.
Mrs Lee	Year 11	Year 11 psychology students have been issued with a revision timetable (available on google classroom) to support their preparation for the upcoming

		mocks and leading up to the Summer exams. Hopefully this will help to guide any discussions you have with your child re: psychology revision over the coming months.
School	All bus users	We have had a number of issues this week with the delay of buses and a lack of timely communication regarding the solutions. We apologise for this and have been working with Turners to provide immediate access to information. Turners have now agreed that they will staff the phones at their operations centre from 7 am each day and both parents and pupils can contact them directly on 0117 955 9086 should there be a delay in service. When contacting Turners please provide the route number e.g. SK6 and the stop at which you are waiting for service. They will be able to use GPS tracking on the vehicle to let you know how long it is likely to take before arriving at your stop. Traffic delays are an inevitable part of travel across Bristol so please be patient and courteous when seeking the solution that you require.
Ms Keir	All years	Please find a copy of the careers bulletin here .
Ms Tallis	Year 11 GCSE art students	<p>Students have made a good start with their art GCSE exam project (40% of the final art GCSE grade).</p> <p>They now have 2 WEEKS left to complete at least four A3 sheets of drawing and two A3 sheets of photos. The deadline for this work is Fri 3rd Feb and you can support your child by overseeing at least 2 hours a week of art homework.</p> <p>I will continue to offer lunchtime working every day and after school sessions on a Thurs and Wed week 1.</p>
Mrs Ivey	Year 11 and 10 combined science students	Some parents have asked how grading for combined science works. In combined science students take 6 papers (2 from each science subject). These papers are equally weighted. The score from each paper is added together to give a total score. The total score is then converted into a grade. Combined science is worth two GCSE grades, so students will get 2 grades. This video was produced by the government when the combined science qualification first started. The video explains how the grading system works in combined science compared to single (triple) science.
Mrs Duncan	Year 10 & 12	Please find a copy of this week's WOW! All forms and information regarding work experience is now on the school's website here . Please be aware the deadline of finding a placement is fast approaching and we still have a large number of students who have not started looking. Please can you encourage your child to begin the search! Many thanks.
Mrs Jenkins	GCSE Food Preparation and nutrition students	<p>Coursework catch up is available every lunch time and afterschool on Tuesday and Thursday.</p> <p>The deadline for the NEA 2 coursework to be completed is the 10th February 2023.</p>

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

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



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