

## Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 24 February 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

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

MESSAGES		
Mr Humphreys	All years	In light of the planned strike day on Thursday 2 March, we are reviewing our risk assessment and will confirm all arrangements for all pupils as early as possible next week. We are anticipating significant disruption.
Mr Humphreys	All years	<p>Date for the calendar.....</p> <p>Come and join us at our CST evening Iftar on <b>March 24 at Bristol Cathedral Choir School</b> to learn more about the wonderful diversity within our community - this is a great opportunity for families, especially non muslim families to learn and enjoy the evening Iftar for around two hours - it will be a wonderful evening with a short presentation, a prayer to observe and a meal to share.</p> <p>What is an Iftar? During Ramadan, it is common to have one meal (known as the suhoor), just before dawn and another (known as the iftar), directly after sunset.</p> <p>During the month of Ramadan, Muslims won't eat or drink during the hours of daylight. This is called fasting. Most Muslims fast between dawn and sunset. Fasting allows Muslims to devote themselves to their faith. It is thought to teach self-discipline and reminds them of the suffering of the poor. However, children, pregnant women, elderly people and those who are ill or travelling don't have to fast.</p> <p>Ramadan remembers the month the Qur'an (the Muslim holy book) was first revealed to the Prophet Muhammad. The actual night that the Qur'an was revealed is a night known as Lailut ul-Qadr ('The Night of Power').</p>
Mrs Crompton	All years	<p><b>Parent/Carers Association</b></p> <p>Our next meeting will be on 9 March from 1500-1600, please email <a href="mailto:school@skdrive.org">school@skdrive.org</a> if you would like to attend.</p>
School	All years	<p><b>Water bottles</b></p> <p>Reminder for all students to bring in a water bottle to school. These can be filled up in our new hydration zone in the canteen or one of the multiple new water stations around the school.</p>
Miss Richards	Year 11	It was great to see many year 11 families at the information evening this week. If you were unable to attend, the slides are linked <a href="#">here</a> . If you have any questions, please do get in contact via email.
Mr Maw	All years	<p><b>Punctuality</b></p> <p>Punctuality is a focus for us this term. All Students need to be in school by 8.30am. Disruption to the school day and lessons when students are late has a detrimental impact on learning.</p> <p>If there is an unavoidable reason for lateness, such as a medical appointment, please let reception know.</p>

		We will attempt to support students who regularly arrive late to school and will let you know if this is happening. If lateness becomes persistent then we will ask students to remain after school where we can discuss how to support their punctuality.
Mr Maw	All years	<b>Uniform</b> Please see attached <a href="#">letter</a> with regards to the above. From this term, and as the temperatures are rising, no coats are to be worn indoors. Classroom temperatures have been checked with this in mind. Should there be a reduction in temperature, this will be reviewed.
Miss Ivey	Year 11	There will be chemistry revision next week on Tuesday afterschool (3-3:45pm) with Mr Hodgson, Mr Hake and Mrs Sugden in lab 3.
Reception	All years	Lost property: We have a multitude of clothing in our lost property drawers, please remind your child to have a look through if needed.
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 <a href="#">here</a> . 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"> <li>● 2 pieces of toast with jam</li> <li>● fresh fruit with a juice drink</li> <li>● porridge with honey/syrup with a juice drink</li> <li>● cereal with milk</li> <li>● 1 crumpet with jam.</li> </ul>
School	Y9	Sirona Immunisation Team will be in school on 25 April 2023 to administer Meningococcal ACWY vaccination and Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio vaccination in school. Please remember to <a href="#">complete the consent form</a> by Thursday 20 April. It is important that you complete the consent form even if you do not want your child to receive the vaccinations; you are able to consent for none, either or both vaccinations.
Mrs Weatherson	Y11 - GCSE photography	Students can attend extra support on Thursdays afterschool. Some students will be invited this term but this is available to all as a drop in.
Mr Davies	Y12 and Y13	Some important dates are coming up next week, with Year 12 and Year 13 Progress Check 2 being sent home, and Parents/Carers' Virtual Information Evening on Wednesday (March 1st). Please ensure you have booked your spot, and ensure you are given the progress check. If it does not arrive home, please contact <a href="mailto:papworthh@skdrive.org">papworthh@skdrive.org</a> for an electronic version.  We also have a trip for year 12 students on Wednesday - please ensure that you have completed the online permission form.
Ms Wild	Y7-9	All students have new reading logs for Term 4. If your child uses a paper log, please ask them to drop into the library or ask their tutor for a new paper log. Please prioritise supporting your child to read for at least twenty minutes every day.

Miss Adams	Instrumental lessons	Please be aware that payments for instrumental lessons for terms 5/6 are now open on parentpay. Deadline for payment is Thursday 2nd March. Thank you.
Mrs Ivey	Year 13 physics	Miss Ardell will be running year 13 physics revision afterschool on Tuesday next week in lab 1. All students should attend.
Mrs Brooke	Ski Trip	There will be a ski trip for years 7,8,9 and 10 students during February half term next year (2024). I am just finalising the details with the travel company and letters will be issued shortly.
Mrs Duncan	All Years	Please can you take the time to read the attached letter requesting support for our Work Experience Programme <a href="#">Here</a> . Thank you.
Mrs Duncan	Y10 & Y12	Please read this <a href="#">letter</a> regarding the NEW Work Experience Deadline.
Ms Keir	All years	Please see this week's <a href="#">careers bulletin</a>
Mrs Collins	Year 11 PA	Performing arts students will be sitting their final BTEC performance and written assessment this term. The date is <b>Wednesday 22 March</b> . This will take place in the Lecture Theatre and students will be off timetable all day. Students are expected to be in from 8:30am in uniform and are to bring any props or costume in with them. This needs to be in a bag with their name on. Thank you in advance for your support with this.
Ms Tallis	Year 11 Art GCSE students	For their GCSE art exam project, students now have 2 school weeks working on artist research. They should aim to complete 6 A3 pages researching three artists. You can support your child by talking through their work with them & supervising them to complete at least two hours of art homework a week. The deadline for this work to be completed is Fri 10 March. I will lend students any equipment & media that they need to work at home. Lunchtime sessions continue every day plus students can work in the Art Dept before school. After school sessions are on a Tues, Wed 1 & Thurs.
Ms Maurier	Year 10 Year 9	Year 10 - Food Preparation group will be cooking Focaccia on 1st March. Recipe and ingredients on Class Charts. Please bring 50p for some ingredients provided by the school. Year 9 - Food Preparation group will be making Vegetarian Sushi on 3rd March. Recipe and ingredients on Class Charts. Please bring £1 for some ingredients provided by the school.
Mr Francis Black	Year 9	A reminder that KS4 options must be submitted by Friday 3rd March. All details of the options process and links to the submission form can be found on students' google classroom for their tutor group.

Mr Francis Black	Year 11	Year 11 Mocks will run from 6th March to 20th March inclusive.		
		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	English Language 2
		17/03/23	09:00	French - Listening
17/03/23	09:00	Spanish - Listening		
17/03/23	13:00	Psychology		
20/03/23	09:00	CATCH UP MOCKS		

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

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

24 Feb	1830 Y7 and Y8 Trailblazers Evening Concert
28 Feb	Y8 HPV vaccine, The Leaf
1 Mar	1600-1900 Y12 and Y13 Progress evening
2 Mar	NEU proposed strike day
6 Mar	DofE Bronze after school training
9 Mar	1500-1600 Parent/Carers Association
10 Mar	Morocco training weekend

15 Mar	NEU proposed strike day
16 Mar	NEU proposed strike day
23 Mar	1500-1600 Morocco team Expedition Life
23 Mar	1500-1615 All years - Tea with a scientist
24 Mar	Iftar, Bristol Cathedral Choir School
25 Mar	DofE Bronze/Silver/Gold weekend practice walk
w/c 27 Mar	Y7 Bikeability
30 Mar	North Somerset Dance Festival
31 Mar	End of term 4