

## Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 31 March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Here are the latest school messages and updates for your information, wishing you a lovely Easter break.

MESSAGES		
Miss Gardiner	Year 12	<b>NCS</b> has been launched to Year 12. National Citizen Service (NCS) helps 15-17 year olds build skills for work and life by taking part in new challenges and meeting new people, gaining confidence and independence along the way. Please see attached information to read more about it and how to apply. <a href="#">NCS Parent Information NCS Video</a>
Mrs Crompton	Whole school	<b>Coffee with the Headteacher</b> Please email <a href="mailto:school@skdrive.org">school@skdrive.org</a> if you would like to attend our coffee with the Headteacher which will be held on <b>Wednesday 26 April from 0830-1000</b> in The Leaf.
Miss Cave	All years	<b>Free School Meals</b> 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	<b>Free School Meals</b> 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>
Finance	All years	<b>Lunch accounts</b> 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. Lunch accounts should always remain in credit
Ms Maurier	Year 7 Year 8 Year 9 Year 10	Year 7 - Food Preparation group will be preparing bread rolls. 7L: 18/04 and 7R: 20/04. Year 8 - Food Preparation group will be preparing cheese and onion pasties. 8L and 8R: 17/04. Year 9 - Food Preparation group will be cooking pizza. 9L and 9R: 21/04. Year 10 - Food Preparation group will be cooking scotch eggs. Please put the meat in the school fridge first thing in the morning on 19/04. Students need to choose their own recipe and bring their own ingredients. Please read the recipe and remember to bring a container and apron.

Mrs Weatherson	All Years	We have our <b>first ever RAG week 17th-21st April</b> - there will be lots of events and opportunities for students - and in return we are hoping to raise lots of money for charity!
School	Year 9	Sirona Immunisation Team will be in school on <b>25 April 2023</b> to administer <b>Meningococcal ACWY vaccination and Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio</b> 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 Duncan	Year 10 & 12	Please read this important <a href="#">letter</a> regarding work experience. Thank you.
Mrs Slater	Year 11 SEND	This is a great opportunity at the University of Bath - summer school for Year 11 pupils with Autism: <a href="https://www.bath.ac.uk/campaigns/autism-summer-school/">https://www.bath.ac.uk/campaigns/autism-summer-school/</a>
Mrs Ivey	Year 11	The first week of term 5 there will be GCSE chemistry revision afterschool on Thursday.
Mrs Ivey	Year 13	The first week of term 5 there will be A-level chemistry revision afterschool on Tuesday. The first week of term 5 there will be A-level biology revision afterschool on Thursday. There will also be A-level biology revision on Monday 3rd April in the Easter holidays 10am-3pm.
Miss Adams	Members of choir and orchestra	The letter has now gone home about the <b>CST joint concert at Bristol Cathedral which will be on Wednesday 26th April 2023</b> . It will involve students who are regular members of choir and orchestra. Please return permission slips as soon as possible. Tickets are available to purchase on parentpay now at £2 each (limit of 2 tickets per child performing).
Mrs Cameron	Year 10 Art students	A reminder that their coursework deadline for their NATURAL FORM project is Thursday 20th April. They must make sure all their folder work and final piece is complete by this date to hand in. I have set homework on class charts outlining what needs to be completed in their folder work.
Ms Wyld	All	We are very excited to welcome the return of the Waterstones Book Fair on Thur 20th & Fri 21st April. There will be a great range of books for students to browse through, with a small discount on everything. This is a cash only event.
Ms Tallis	Year 11 Art GCSE students	GCSE art exam project update <b>Students now have 1.5 school weeks remaining before the art exam on 27 &amp; 28 April</b> . They need to have completed <b>4-6 completed A3 sheets of final piece planning</b> by then. Please supervise your child to complete at least <b>six hours</b> of art homework over the Easter break.  I will be running a session for all Y11 art GCSE students in the break on <b>Wed 12 April 9am - 2.30pm</b> . I hope to see all Y11 art students attending the 5.5 hour session on that day. Students may attend for part of the day if they are unable to stay for the whole session. If you haven't yet done so, <b>please email me to give permission</b> for your child to attend the session; my address is <a href="mailto:tallise@skdrive.org">tallise@skdrive.org</a>  Many thanks to so many of you who continue to support your child to complete work towards the art GCSE exam outside of lesson time; much of their work is looking fabulous & their efforts remain phenomenal.

Mr Hodgson	DofE	<p>The first Friday after Easter we will be continuing with the training for the Duke of Edinburgh expedition, with an <b>overnight camp</b> at school on Friday <b>21st April</b>.</p> <p>The aim of this training is to experience overnight camping, practice campcraft and what getting up early and walking will feel like. This is an opportunity for them to think carefully about their kit and their experience of camping. It is about learning and getting ready for an expedition!</p> <p>Students will meet straight <b>afterschool</b>, do a short walk and navigation exercise, before cooking and setting up camp. The following morning, we will break camp, and complete another short walk, hopefully finishing the day before lunch. We will aim to finish by around <b>10am on Saturday 22nd April</b> morning (depending on how early the start and progress on the morning walk!).</p> <p>Students will need to bring as much of the equipment from <a href="#">the kit list</a> as possible. <b>If there are difficulties getting the kit</b>, please let me know. Students will walk with this kit on Friday, so the bag should be packed ready to walk on Friday.</p> <p>Students will cook one meal on Friday night, and have breakfast on Saturday morning. There will be water and toilet facilities available, but it is unlikely there will be showers. Meals should be suitable to cook on a one pan stove, as will be discussed in training.</p> <p>Students will need to bring their expedition kit to school - they will drop this off before tutor time in a secure room and collect it at the end of the day.</p>
Mrs Lee	Year 10 Health and Social Care student	<p>Students need to carry out an interview with an adult over the Easter holidays about two life events that their person has experienced. They have support materials provided to help them with this. It is an essential piece of coursework that needs writing up in the first two weeks after the holidays and will provide evidence towards their final health and social care grade. Please support your child to complete this.</p>

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

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

20 Apr	Waterstone's book fair, Library
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21 Apr	DofE Bronze overnight camp
24 Apr	Culture Day
25 Apr	Y9 Meningococcal ACWY vaccination and Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio vaccination, The Leaf
26 Apr	0830-1000 Coffee with the Headteacher, The Leaf
26 Apr	1830 Festival of music, Trust concert - Bristol Cathedral School



1 May	Bank Holiday
8 May	Bank holiday to mark King Charles III's coronation
10 May	Y7 progress evening
12 May	DofE Bronze expedition
26 May	DofE Silver Practice weekend (Quantocks)