

Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 21 April 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

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

MESSAGES		
School	Whole school	Proposed strike action - 27 April and 2 May Letter from Mr Humphreys
School	Whole school	Do you have 5 minutes? As a reflective trust and school, we value your feedback and would be grateful if you could complete our Parent/Carer Trust survey . Results will be shared during Term 6.
School	Year 7	Year 7 Virtual Progress Evening – Wednesday 10 May 2023, 4.00-7.00pm Please see attached letter , bookings open on 3 May. If your child(ren) is/are taught by Mrs Ball, she has provided a written summary of each student prior to going on maternity leave. This can be sent to you by emailing cookd@skdrive.org
Mr Court	Whole school	World food day As part of culture day on Monday 24th April, we will be hosting our annual world food day. This is an opportunity for students to celebrate their heritage with a range of snacks and sweet treats. These will be sold on the top field in an extended break time to raise money for the Y11 prom. We would like to encourage students of all years to bring in items for sale (clearly labelled with any potential allergens please) and don't forget a little cash to buy something to eat.
Mr Davies	Year 13	Year 13 final exams are on the horizon, and all students are now expected to be fully focused on revising every day. The Sixth Form Work Room is kept open until 5pm each day, and we fully encourage students to use this space for independent and collaborative working whenever possible. We expect all students to attend school full time throughout Term 5. Find details of exam dates as well as additional 'booster sessions' and 'exam breakfasts' here .
Mr Davies	Year 12	A number of Year 12 students will be attending a whole-day trip to Oxford University on May 3rd. All of Year 12 were invited for this hugely exciting opportunity. If your child has chosen to attend, a letter will be sent home this week outlining details and asking for confirmation of permission.
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

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cereal with milk • 1 crumpet with jam.
Mrs Slater	All years	The SEND team are delighted to let you know that we have recruited a new member of the team, Babs
Mrs Ivey	Year 11	Next week on Tuesday we will be offering GCSE biology revision afterschool in lab 6.
Mrs Ivey	Year 13	Next week on Tuesday we will be offering A-level physics revision afterschool in lab 1.
Mrs Ivey	Year 7	For progress evening the booking system will allow you to book with one of your child's biology, chemistry or physics teachers. This teacher will be able to give you an overview of your child's progress in all three subjects.
Miss Gardiner	Year 11	<p>NCS Launch - Your young person has been given the opportunity to join The National Citizen Service (NCS) upon the 'AWAY FROM HOME RESIDENTIAL EXPERIENCE', in which will provide them with the opportunity to embark on some new adventures with their friends, make new friends, develop and strength their skills. We would like to take this opportunity to invite you along to our Virtual Information Evening via MSTeams. The purpose of this session is to provide you with an insight of what our programmes look like and what we are all about here at NCS! We will be hosting your area's Information Evening on 17th May starting from 6pm till 6:45pm.</p> <p>Please follow the link to join the session! More info here</p>
Miss Adams	Members of choir and orchestra	CST joint concert at Bristol Cathedral is on Wednesday 26th April at 7pm. Students will be attending rehearsals during the day and then performing in the evening concert. Regular members of choir and orchestra are involved and letters have been sent home with all the details. Please return permission slips and essential information forms if you have not already done so. Remember to purchase your tickets on parentpay and we look forward to seeing you there!
Miss Adams	Flute trailblazers	As you are aware the flute trailblazers teacher has resigned. As the flute is one of my main instruments I am going to be taking on the flute trailblazers teaching on a temporary basis for term 5 and 6 only. Lessons will be moving to a Monday starting Monday 24th April. Y7 group at 12.55pm. Y8 group at 1.25pm. These times will be the same in BOTH WEEKS. Lessons will be in room 25 (or a practice room).
Ms Maurier	Year 7 Year 8 Year 9 Year 10	<p>Year 7 - Food Preparation group will be designing their own bread rolls so students need to bring their own flavourings. 7L and 7R : 24/04.</p> <p>Year 8 - Food Preparation group will be preparing a tea party and need to bring their own ingredients for their dishes. 8L and 8R: 27/04 or if the strike is on, 8L 25/04 and 8R 28/04.</p> <p>Year 9 - Food Preparation group will be preparing their own street food so students need to bring their own ingredients for their dishes. 9L and 9R: 28/04.</p> <p>Year 10 - Food Preparation group will be doing a mock NEA1 exam investigating different flours to make bread. Please bring 50p for the different flours. 26/04</p> <p>Please read the recipe and remember to bring a container and apron.</p>
Mrs Slater	All years	We are planning on adding a new member to our school community. Lead LSA for Communication & Interaction, Ms Blaney, will be bringing her dog,

		<p>Babs, into work for one afternoon a week for a small number of named pupils with SEND to have interaction with. This will happen in one of the meeting rooms near reception and the dog won't be anywhere on the main site during this time.</p> <p>Through interaction with animals such as dogs, children can benefit educationally and emotionally, increase their understanding of responsibility and develop empathy and nurturing skills. In addition to these benefits, children take great enjoyment from interactions with dogs.</p> <p>The dog has been trained and has had a number of years' experience with children and is very sociable and friendly. She is also a hypoallergenic breed. A risk assessment and policy is in place which will be reviewed annually.</p> <p>If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me: slaterf@skdrive.org.</p>
Mrs Gill	All years	<p>We are very excited to be hosting our Culture Day on Monday 24th April. Students taking part in the Fashion Show are welcome to wear their cultural clothing & bring in their flags to school on Monday. The Fashion Show after school is now at the earlier time of 4:30pm. There is still some capacity for families to attend - please email Mrs Gill if you are interested in attending: gillr@skdrive.org.</p>
Ms Keir	All years	Career bulletin 22/04/23
Ms Tallis	Y11 GCSE Art Students	<p>The art exam is on <u>Thurs 27 & Fri 28 April</u> during normal school hours.</p> <p>The students are all set to complete some stunning final pieces & I feel very excited about seeing their outcomes develop during the exam. Most students tend to really enjoy the experience & usually complete their best art work ever!</p> <p>Many thanks for all the continued support with your child & their developing art work for the final exam & for all the contact with me via phonecalls & email. It has made a huge difference with your children's progress & their art work.</p>
Mr Court	Y11 English	Please note that we are referring all Y11 students to this revision master document. It contains all the relevant and necessary links to help them revise.
Miss Wilsher	Y11 & Y13 HSC	<p>I am holding drop in sessions after school for Health and social care coursework completion on Friday 21st April Wednesday 26th April Friday 28th April Until 4.30 there is google doc shared with students to sign up to sessions</p>

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

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

21 Apr	Waterstone's book fair, Library
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
27 Apr	Proposed strike action
26 Apr	1830 Festival of music, Trust concert - Bristol Cathedral School
1 May	Bank Holiday
2 May	Proposed strike action
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)