

Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 15 September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

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

MESSAGES		
School	Whole school	Please see attached letter from Mr Blundell, Cathedral Schools Trust.
School	Whole school	Our open evening is on 28 September , please note that the school will be closing early on this day, coaches will be at 1230
Sirona	Whole school	This autumn all children from Y7 to Year 11 are being offered a flu vaccine as part of the School Vaccination Programme. The flu vaccine is administered using a nasal spray. Sirona Immunisation team will be on site on the 5 December to administer this vaccine. Please complete the consent form , indicating whether you wish your child to have the vaccine, ensure you complete the consent form even if you do not want your child to receive the vaccination. If your child is not able to attend school on the day of the Immunisation session they can attend a catch-up clinic at a later date.
School	Whole school	The homework timetable for all year groups can be seen here.  HW Timetable 2023_24.pdf
School	School bus users	A reminder to all parents to sign up for Class charts as we will be sending push notifications in regards to bus updates using this. Should you have concerns or would like to report any issue with the bus service please contact Turners 0117 905 9086.
SEND	Whole school	The lead LSAs are checking in with the new students who have been identified as having SEND over the next two weeks to make sure they have everything they need to access learning and make progress.
School	Whole school	Please use the uniform guidance found here to ensure your child arrives at school correctly dressed. We have a stock of spare uniform that we are able to support children with if necessary. Please note that we do not permit facial piercings of any type.
School	Whole school	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.
School	Whole school	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.

Finance	Whole school	<p>Lunch accounts</p> <p>We are experiencing a significant increase in the number of students having to visit the Finance Office as they do not have enough money on their lunch accounts. Parentpay allows you to set a reminder to top up when the balance falls below a certain amount.</p> <p>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.</p>
Ms Maurier	Year 7-9	<p>Just a reminder that this is for next week and all recipes are on Classcharts as a homework 7 days in advance of the lesson.</p> <p>Year 7 Fruit salad - 7L: 21/09 and 7R: 19/09 Year 8 Hummus and vegetables sticks - 8L 22/09 and 8R : 19/09 Year 9 Jollof rice - 9L: 22/09 and 9R : 21/09</p> <p>The following week will be: Year 7 Deli salad - 7L: 28/09 and 7R: 27/09 Year 8 Shortbread - 8L 26/09 and 8R : 26/09 Year 9 Veggie sushi - 9L: 28/09 and 9R : 26/09</p>
Mrs Crompton	Year 7	<p>Year 7 photos are not available to view and order online at www.clickfoto.co.uk Each child will have been handed a unique and individual access code on Photo Day. Families may order with FREE delivery to school before the deadline as shown online. At any time orders may be placed for delivery direct to home by post. If you or the parents have any questions or need help please call our helpline on: 02920 448210 or email us at orders@clickfoto.co.uk</p>
Ms Wild	Year 7	<p>Year 7 tutor groups have begun to be introduced to their school Google accounts in their first digital literacy lesson. Until your child has had this first digital literacy lesson, there is no expectation that they will complete their reading log. In the meantime, please continue to support your child to read for at least twenty minutes every day.</p>
Ms Maurier	Year 8	<p>Food preparation group will be preparing hummus and veg sticks. The ingredients and the method are on Classcharts and Google Classroom. 8L 22/09 and 8R : 19/09.</p>
Mr Francis-Black	Year 8	<p>Year 8-11 Parent/Carer Virtual Information Evening 1800-1900 Wednesday 20 September. Please join here, in the event that the meeting is full, you will be able to livestream via this link</p>
Ms Wild	Year 8	<p>All students take part in the Accelerated Reader scheme- support your child by reminding them to quiz as soon as they finish each book. For more information about Accelerated Reader please contact me on on wildi@skdrive.org.</p>
Sirona	Year 9-11	<p>From 1 September 2023 HPV vaccine programme will change from two doses to one dose HPV vaccine. Therefore all the young people who have already received one dose of the vaccine will be considered fully vaccinated. If your child has still not received one dose of the HPV vaccine they will remain eligible to receive this in school, details will be shared in due course.</p>

		If you have any questions, please contact the Immunisation Team at sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net or 03301245515.
Ms Maurier	Year 9	Food preparation group will be preparing Jollof rice. The ingredients and the method are on Classcharts and Google Classroom. 9L: 22/09 and 9R : 21/09.
Mr Francis-Black	Year 9	Year 8-11 Parent/Carer Virtual Information Evening 1800-1900 Wednesday 20 September. Please join here , in the event that the meeting is full, you will be able to livestream via this link
Ms Wild	Year 9	Audio books are an excellent way of accessing texts. If you would like to find out how to access free audio books, please contact me on wildi@skdrive.org .
Ms Maurier	Year 10	Food preparation group will be preparing vegetable soup. The ingredients and the method are on Classcharts and Google Classroom. 20/09
Ms Tallis	Year 10 art GCSE students	Y10 art students have made an excellent start to the GCSE course. We are working on the first coursework project - Natural Forms - and many students are already choosing to complete extra pencil observational drawing at home and during Art Club sessions at school. All this work will form part of their coursework which makes up 60% of the art GCSE grade . GCSE art club is at the following times for Y10 students: Mon lunchtime, Tues after school, Thurs after school.
Mrs Weatherson	Year 10 GCSE photography students	Please can you complete and return the photography contract with your child. Without parental permission, students may not be able to take photographs in school without supervision.
Mr Francis-Black	Year 10	Year 8-11 Parent/Carer Virtual Information Evening 1800-1900 Wednesday 20 September. Please join here , in the event that the meeting is full, you will be able to livestream via this link
Mrs Cameron	Year 11 Art students	Weekly GCSE catch club: -Tuesday after school (room 12) -Thursday afterschool (room 10) -Wednesday lunchtime (room 12) Bring lunch too if you want to!
Mr Francis-Black	Year 11	Year 8-11 Parent/Carer Virtual Information Evening 1800-1900 Wednesday 20 September. Please join here , in the event that the meeting is full, you will be able to livestream via this link
Mrs Weatherson Mr Davies	Year 12 & 13	Upcoming webinar for parents – How to Get (& Keep!) Your Child Motivated : We're excited to announce that next week Elevate Education will be hosting its first free webinar of the year for parents. Elevate Education works with our students, delivering high impact workshops on study skills, motivation, wellbeing, and exam preparation. By tuning into their webinar series you will learn how you can help better support your children at home through reinforcing the skills they learn at school: Tuesday 19th September - How to Help Get (& Keep) Your Child Motivated: Click here to register for free

Mrs Weatherson Mr Davies	Year 12 & 13	IMPORTANT - Army team building event Tuesday 19 September - all students will need to have sportswear/suitable outdoor clothing and a water bottle.
Mrs Crompton	Year 12 & 13	Y12 & Y3 photos are not available to view and order online at www.clickfoto.co.uk Each student will have been handed a unique and individual access code on Photo Day. Families may order with FREE delivery to school before the deadline as shown online. At any time orders may be placed for delivery direct to home by post. If you or the parents have any questions or need help please call our helpline on: 02920 448210 or email us at orders@clickfoto.co.uk

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

19 Sep	0900-1400 Sixth form team building skills, top field
19 Sep	1900-1930 Virtual DofE Bronze Launch
20 Sep	1800-1900 Y8-11 virtual parent/carer information evening, link here
21 Sep	Gold DofE - Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun, North Wales
26 Sep	MacMillan biggest coffee morning, cake sale at break
28 Sep	1600-2000 Whole school open evening, coaches at 1230
3 Oct	0900-1100 Open Morning
4 Oct	1600-1900 Y7 Parent/Carer virtual meet the Tutor evening
5 Oct	0900-1100 Open Morning
6 Oct	0830-1000 Coffee with the Headteacher
10 Oct	0900-1100 Open Morning
10 Oct	Hello Yellow - World Mental Health Day
11 Oct	Y7P1, Y7T and Y7Y1 Mendip Outdoor trip
12 Oct	Y7P2, Y7S and Y7Y2 Mendip Outdoor trip
12 Oct	0900-1100 Open Morning
17 Oct	Y11 futures day
18 Oct	0900-1100 Open Morning



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20 Oct	End of Term 1