

## Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 29 September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

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

MESSAGES		
School	Whole school	A <b>big thank you</b> to all students who helped in faculties and on tour last night at our open evening
School	Whole school	<b>Coffee with the Headteacher</b> Our next coffee with Mr Humphreys will be on Friday 6 October from 0830-1000, please email <a href="mailto:school@skdrive.org">school@skdrive.org</a> if you'd like to join us. We will be staggering dates and times across the year for those that can't make it this time.
School	Whole school	<b>Electric scooters</b> We have had a number of concerns from members of the public around the use of electric scooters in the local area. Please remember that it is illegal to use electric scooters on public land unless they have been hired through an approved scheme and are driven by a person with a valid driving licence. They pose a significant safety risk to the young people that are using them and we have also been informed of two recent hospitalisations when they have hit members of the public.
School	Whole school	<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.
School	Whole school	<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>
School	School Bus users	Please ensure your child/ren carry the school bus pass with them at all times. Turners' drivers will be checking the passes every morning as we had a number of cases of students getting on the bus without being booked into the service.
Mrs Slater	Whole school	Supporting a child with ADHD - Facilitator: Jane Keyworth - 2 hours online session on the 28 September 2023 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Book online on <a href="http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk">facefamilyadvice.co.uk</a>
Mrs Slater	Whole school	A day of SEND : 18 October from 9am to 9pm - Priory Community School BS22 6BP. A day full of inspiration, with over 60 stall holders organisations across North Somerset that offer Send support. Practical workshops for adults and childrens. To book visit this <a href="#">link</a> .

Finance	Whole school	<p><b>Parentpay One-Click Payments (Bank Transfer)</b></p> <p>Parentpay is encouraging parents to use this payment method rather than card payment. As a school we do not like this as potentially a transaction can fail several days later causing lunch accounts to go overdrawn. The direct debits take 3 working days to set up before a payment should be attempted. The transaction can then take another 4 days to show on your bank statement. We would recommend continuing with card payment as these transactions are pre-authorised.</p>
Ms Maurier	Year 7, 8, 9	<p>Just a reminder that this is for next week and all recipes are on Classcharts as homework 7 days in advance of the lesson.</p> <p>Year 7 pizza toast - 7L: 05/10 and 7R: 03/10  Year 8 cheese scones - 8L 03/10 and 8R : 03/10  Year 9 Chow Mein - 9L: 09/10 and 9R : 05/10</p> <p>The following week will be:  Year 7 Tomato Ragu - 7L: 12/10 and 7R: 13/10  Year 8 Swiss Roll - 8L 10/10 and 8R : 10/10  Year 9 Falafel - 9L: 12/10 and 9R : 13/10</p>
School	Whole School	<p><b>Advance Notice 10th October 2023</b></p> <p>At a time when it's needed most, our school community is coming together for #HelloYellow to support young people's mental health on World Mental Health Day. St Katherine's School is joining thousands of other schools, offices and community groups on Tuesday 10th October by taking part in #HelloYellow and raising vital funds to support the important work of Young Minds.</p> <p>It's simple: wear something yellow along with your regular school uniform, donate £1 or whatever you can afford and have fun!</p>
Mrs Crompton	Year 7	<p><b>Year 7 photos</b> are available to view and order online at <a href="http://www.clickfoto.co.uk">www.clickfoto.co.uk</a></p> <p>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 <a href="mailto:orders@clickfoto.co.uk">orders@clickfoto.co.uk</a></p>
Ms Wild	Year 7	<p>Year 7 students have all been introduced to their reading logs and should be filling them in daily. These are checked in their lesson, and completed logs are celebrated with five praise points, and there is a house competition for reading log completion. If your child is unsure about how to complete their reading log, please email me: <a href="mailto:wildi@skdrive.org">wildi@skdrive.org</a></p>
Mrs Ivey	Year 7	<p>Most year 7 biology, chemistry and physics homework tasks will involve students completing a google form online. Students must be logged into their school google account for the form to work.</p>
Miss Adams	Year 7	<p>Trailblazers lessons are now up and running. All timetables are in the trailblazers google classroom. Please check this with your child and ensure they know their lesson day and time. Any questions please contact <a href="mailto:adamsa@skdrive.org">adamsa@skdrive.org</a> or <a href="mailto:musicadmin@skdrive.org">musicadmin@skdrive.org</a></p>

Mr Lee	Year 7	Set changes will be taking place based on the baseline tests that students sat a couple of weeks ago. Please contact me on <a href="mailto:leea@skdrive.org">leea@skdrive.org</a> if you have any questions about a move. A reminder that HW will be taking place on <a href="#">Sparx Maths</a> every week, and will be set of Tuesday's and due in the following Tuesday.
Mr Francis Black	Year 7	<p>We have been trying to arrange tutor group trips for all year 7 to Mendip Outdoor. Unfortunately, it has not been possible to agree a price for this trip that we consider reasonable to both offer value for money and allow all members of the tutor group to take part. We are however committed to running Year 7 trips that build community and challenge students. We are now planning two events for each tutor group that will incur minimal costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each tutor group will have the opportunity to climb a mountain in South Wales, accompanied by qualified mountain leaders. These trips will be scheduled for each tutor group between now and the Easter break. Students will require suitable clothing such as tracksuit bottoms and sturdy trainers as well as plenty of warm layers. Waterproof clothing will be provided. Trips will be weather-dependent as we cannot climb once the winter snows arrive.</li> <li>• The whole year group will have the opportunity of an overnight camp in the summer term with planned activities and a barbeque. Tents will be provided but students must bring their own bedding.</li> </ul> <p>The initial proposal for the dates of these trips will be communicated by the end of this term once staffing can be agreed upon.</p>
Mrs Ivey	Year 8	Year 8 homework tasks for science can be completed on paper or online. Where students choose to complete the homework online they will need to make a copy of any google documents they need to edit. The completed work should then be printed and stuck into their biology, chemistry or physics exercise book. Some tasks will require the use of the educake website. Science teachers will be giving out educake login details in class as a sticker for your child to stick on their biology, chemistry or physics exercise books.
Miss Adams	Year 8	Trailblazers lessons are now up and running. All timetables are in the trailblazers google classroom. Please check this with your child and ensure they know their lesson day and time. Any questions please contact <a href="mailto:adamsa@skdrive.org">adamsa@skdrive.org</a> or <a href="mailto:musicadmin@skdrive.org">musicadmin@skdrive.org</a>
Ms Wild	Year 8	Huge well done to every student who is completing their reading log every day and has already started quizzing. Ask your child if they have quizzed yet. For more information about logging, quizzing or how to support your child with reading, contact me on <a href="mailto:wildi@skdrive.org">wildi@skdrive.org</a>
Mrs Ivey	Year 9	Year 9 homework tasks for science can be completed on paper or online. Where students choose to complete the homework online they will need to make a copy of any google documents they need to edit. The completed work should then be printed and stuck into their biology, chemistry or physics exercise book. Some tasks will require the use of the educake website. Science teachers will be giving out educake login details in class as a sticker for your child to stick on their biology, chemistry or physics exercise books.

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Ms Wild	Year 9	Well done to all the students who have stepped up to try reading a book from our <a href="#">Bucket List</a> already! If you would like advice and support on book choices or any aspect of reading, please contact me on <a href="mailto:wildi@skdrive.org">wildi@skdrive.org</a>
Miss Robinson	Year 10	If your child is fluent in another language, we may be able to sit them for a GCSE. They need to be able to read, write and speak the language. If this applies to your child, please email <a href="mailto:robinsona@skdrive.org">robinsona@skdrive.org</a> and we can arrange for them to be assessed.
Mrs Weatherson	Year 10 (GCSE photography)	Camera cards are now available to purchase on parentpay - these are for students who intend to use the photography rental system over the duration of the course
Mrs Ivey	Year 10	Some year 10 homework tasks will require the use of the educake website. Science teachers will be giving out educake login details in class as a sticker for your child to stick on their biology, chemistry or physics exercise books.
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Mrs Duncan	Year 10 Work Experience	I am thrilled to announce that we now have 7 students who have already secured their placement. We also have many others contacting employers and being proactive in trying to find work experience. Well done to those students. Please remember the deadline to find a placement is 19th February 2024. Many places, especially within popular areas such as sport, education and engineering, fill their allocated slots by December. For more WEX information, please read through <a href="#">this letter</a> sent home 3 weeks ago. I would also like to introduce the <a href="#">WOW!</a> (WEX Opportunity of the Week) to you. I will endeavour to share opportunities each week. If you have any questions regarding work experience, please contact me on <a href="mailto:skworkexperience@skdrive.org">skworkexperience@skdrive.org</a> .
Ms Tallis	Y10 GCSE art students	Pencil observational work <u>has now finished</u> in art lessons. Students should <b>complete their two sheets over the weekend</b> if they haven't yet done so.  Times to work in the Art Dept: Mon lunch, Tues/Thurs after school, R10.
Miss Robinson	Year 11	If your child is fluent in another language, we may be able to sit them for a GCSE. They need to be able to read, write and speak the language. If this applies to your child, please email <a href="mailto:robinsona@skdrive.org">robinsona@skdrive.org</a> and we can arrange for them to be assessed.
Miss Robinson	Year 11	Please find <a href="#">attached</a> the Y11 mock exam topic list with revision resources.

Mrs Cameron	Year 11 Art students.	GCSE catch up club in room 12: Every Tuesday after school (3-4pm) This is for year 10 and 11 art students. Every Wednesday early lunch (yr 11's only)
Miss Adams	Y11 GCSE music students	GCSE ensemble performance exams take place on Friday 20th October. This exam is worth 15% of the final GCSE grade. You can support by asking them about their performance piece and listening to them perform to you. Any questions please contact me: <a href="mailto:adamsa@skdrive.org">adamsa@skdrive.org</a>
Mrs Collins	Y11 GCSE drama students	GCSE drama component 2 performance examination will be taking place on Wednesday 1 November. This exam, including coursework, is worth 40% of the final GCSE grade. Students are expected to complete a minimum of 2 hours extra rehearsal a week at either lunchtime or after school. Please can you support your child by discussing when they are rehearsing and ensuring they are researching stories to recreate for their verbatim style performance. Any questions please email <a href="mailto:Collinsl@skdrive.org">Collinsl@skdrive.org</a>
Mr Sugden	Year 11	The Faculty of Science are offering the following after school revision session next week:  Next week's revision session: <input type="checkbox"/> GCSE Biology - 05/10/2023 (Thursday) - Lab 6 - 3:10 pm - B1: Cell Structure and Transport  Please encourage your child's attendance if possible. The session will cover content relevant for both combined and triple science.
Mrs Weatherson	Year 12 & 13	Elevate Education delivers high-impact workshops to our students that help to develop their study skills, motivation, and exam preparation. Over the next term, you're invited to join their parent webinar series, where you can help support your child at home by reinforcing the skills they're learning at school <b>Next session: How You Can Help Your Child Manage Their Time - 3rd October 6:00pm</b>  Register today at: <a href="https://get.elevatecoaching.info/uk/schoolwebinar">https://get.elevatecoaching.info/uk/schoolwebinar</a>
Mr Sugden	Year 13	The Faculty of Science are offering the following after school revision session next week:  Next week's revision session: <input type="checkbox"/> A-Level Chemistry - 03/10/2023 (Tuesday) - Lab 2 - 3:10 pm - Structure and Bonding  Please encourage your child's attendance if possible.
Mrs Duncan	Year 12 Work Experience	Congratulations to the 1st student that has already secured a placement and added it to their Unifrog account! I am also really impressed with so many others in the Year 12 cohort that are being proactive and already contacting employers. Well done! Please remember, WEX takes place on <b>17th - 21st June</b> and the deadline to find a placement is <b>19th February</b> . Many places, especially within popular areas such as sport, education and engineering, fill their allocation

		<p>by December. For more information, please read through the letter sent out last week <a href="#">here</a></p> <p>I would also like to introduce the <a href="#">WOW!</a> (WEX Opportunity of the Week) to you. I will endeavour to share opportunities each week. If you have any questions regarding work experience, please contact me on <a href="mailto:skworkexperience@skdrive.org">skworkexperience@skdrive.org</a></p>
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**UPCOMING EVENTS - click [here](#) to see all upcoming events**

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
12 Oct	0900-1100 Open Morning
17 Oct	Y11 futures day
18 Oct	0900-1100 Open Morning
19 Oct	0900-1100 Open Morning
20 Oct	End of Term 1