


## Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 13 October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

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

MESSAGES		
School	Whole School	Please find <a href="#">letter</a> from Mr Humphreys with regards to SKYFund. Any contribution would be gratefully received. We have been able to set up this on ParentPay if you would like to donate that way.
School	Whole school	<b>Free bus pass for a month</b> If you live in the North Somerset or Bristol area, you can receive free bus travel with First Bus for the entire month of your birthday. To take up this offer, use this link to register: <a href="#">Register</a> - Birthday Bus. Parents/carers will need to add some details to access this offer for their children, but it is open to all residents.
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. <b>Sirona Immunisation team will be on site on the 5 December to administer this vaccine.</b> Please complete the <a href="#">consent form</a> , 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.
Finance	Whole School	<b>Parentpay One-Click Payments (Bank Transfer)</b> 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-authorized. This can be done by selecting the 'Add To Basket' button and then 'Other Payment Method' button.
School	Whole school	<b>From The Monkhouse Team</b> Our school uniform supplier, Monkhouse is offering a huge 20% off everything in store and online between 16th October 2023 - 22nd October 2023. If you need to top up on any uniform or P.E kit items or need a refresh on your everyday essentials and stationery, now's the time to shop. Use code DEAL20 at checkout or in store <a href="http://www.monkhouse.com">www.monkhouse.com</a>
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>
Ms Maurier	Year 7-9	<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 Rock cakes - 7L: 19/10 and 7R: 17/10  Year 7 Deli salad - 7L: 16/10 (new date)  Year 8 Cheese and onion pasties - 8L 20/10 and 8R : 17/10  Year 9 Banana bread muffins - 9L: 20/10 and 9R : 19/10</p> <p>The following week will be:  Year 7 Bread rolls - 7L: 02/11 and 7R: 03/11  Year 8 Dutch apple cake - 8L 31/10 and 8R : 31/10  Year 9 Pizza - 9L: 02/11 and 9R : 03/11</p>
School	Whole school	<p><b>Harvest collection in support of Pill Food Hub</b></p> <p>The Pill Food Hub is an organisation that work for those in need living in our local community. They also provide support for all students at St. Katherine's School. To help them with their fantastic work, our harvest collection will provide much needed food items and funds.</p> <p>If you are able to donate any of the following items for our harvest collection or make a cash donation, it would make a difference to families in need including those who are students at our school. Students should bring donations to reception before Wednesday 18 October 2023</p> <p>Shower gel, handwash, shampoo, conditioner, baby toiletries, nappies, cleaning products, bin liners, kitchen roll, foil, baking paper, any tinned, dry or packaged food that is unopened and in good date, tinned or dried dog and cat food. Thank you for your support.</p>
School	Whole school	<p><b>Innovate - tariff September 2023</b></p> <p>Please find a <a href="#">link</a> to the September 2023 tariff from Innovate. This has been the pricing structure for Term 1. Mr Humphreys has spoken with Innovate this morning and echoed both his and the concerns from coffee with the Head Teacher last week. As a consequence, this tariff will be revised and shared with parents/carers in Term 2 via the website.</p>
School	Whole school	<p>Please see the attached slides for this term's house competitions.</p> <p> House competitions 23/24</p>
Ms Wild	Year 7	<p>All year 7s are encouraged to start quizzing their books on the Accelerated Reader scheme. To find out how to quiz, students can visit the library before school, break or lunchtime. For more information on this scheme, please see our <a href="#">parent guide</a> or email <a href="mailto:wildi@skdrive.org">wildi@skdrive.org</a></p>
Ms Wild	Year 8	<p>Has your child quizzed a book yet this year? For a reminder, here's our <a href="#">parent guide</a> to Accelerated Reader, and please email for support: <a href="mailto:wildi@skdrive.org">wildi@skdrive.org</a></p>

Ms Wild	Year 9	It's great to see that year 9 students are reading and reviewing ambitious books on our <a href="#">Bucket List</a> Classroom, and earning points for their houses. Please remind your child to add their reviews as soon as they finish each book.
Miss Venn	Year 10	Food preparation group will be preparing Halloumi and vegetable skewers. The ingredients and the method are on Classcharts and Google Classroom. 18/10.
Ms Tallis	Year 10 art GCSE students	Year 10 art students continue to work incredibly hard, both in lessons & for homework, to complete some stunning observational drawing in a range of media. The majority of students have been completing extra work at home - this will increase their chance of a successful GCSE art grade & I thank you for supporting your children with this.  All students are always welcome to borrow media & materials to work at home - they just need to ask me.
Mrs Duncan	Year 10 - Work Experience	WEX takes place on <b>1st - 5th July</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 by December. For more information, please read through <a href="#">this letter</a> sent home a few weeks ago. Please note that we are now using a new platform called Unifrog to log Placements. For more information, please head to the <a href="#">school website</a> .  Please have a look at this week's <a href="#">WOW!</a> (WEX Opportunity of the Week).  If you have any questions regarding work experience, please contact me on <a href="mailto:skworkexperience@skdrive.org">skworkexperience@skdrive.org</a>
Mr Hodgson	Silver DofE	There will be a launch meeting online for Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award. The meeting will be at <b>1900 on Monday 16th October, online</b> . The meeting link can be joined with the information:  <a href="#">Meeting Link</a> Topic: Silver 2023/24 Time: Oct 16, 2023 19:00 PM  Meeting ID: 842 0979 5043 Passcode: uP2CM2  More information will be made available on the google classroom that your child can join using the code: <b>atpno2h</b>
Mr Davies	Year 11	Sixth Form Open Evening will take place on <b>November 2nd</b> from 6pm-7.30pm. <b>Please note this change from the original date on November 1st</b> - this was due to circumstances beyond our control. We hope to welcome as many families as possible to the event, where we will outline what opportunities are available for post-16 education at St Katherine's. Please sign up via our website or via this <a href="#">link</a> .
Mrs Ivey	Year 11	This week we have discussed with year 11 the preparation that they should be doing for their year 11 science mocks. You can find the information shared with students <a href="#">here</a> .

Mr Sugden	Year 11	<p>The Faculty of Science are offering the following <b>after school revision</b> session next week:</p> <p>Next week's revision session:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> GCSE Physics - 05/10/2023 (Thursday) - Lab 2 - 3:10 pm - P7: Radioactivity</li> </ul> <p>Please encourage your child's attendance if possible. The session will cover content relevant for both combined and triple science.</p>
Miss Robinson	Year 11	<p><b>Next Tuesday 17th October all Year 11's</b> will be off timetable taking part in Future's day. This day aims to engage students with post 16 options using guest speakers and also show them what a mock interview will look like. Students will have time on Monday 16th to prepare the interview questions they will be asked. I have attached them <a href="#">here</a> in case they want to prepare over the weekend. <a href="#">Here</a> is a schedule for the day.</p>
Miss Robinson	Year 11	<p><b>Y11 Information evening - Wednesday 18th October</b> from 5-6pm in the Lecture Theatre. Please complete this <a href="#">google form</a> to confirm your attendance.</p>
R Cameron	Year 11 Art students	<p>Reminder that there is GCSE Art catch up sessions every week:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tuesday after school - Rm 12</li> <li>• Thursday after school - Rm 10</li> <li>• Wednesday early lunch - Rm 12 (bring your lunch with you!)</li> </ul>
Mrs Collins	Year 11 GCSE Drama	<p><b>Change of performance date for examination.</b> Component 2 devising will now take place on <b>Wednesday 8 November all day</b> in the lecture theatre.</p> <p><b>How you can help support your child in GCSE Drama</b></p> <p><b>Rehearsals</b> Students are encouraged to rehearse outside of the curriculum time to ensure they are prepared as best they can be for the performance exam. This can be any lunchtime or afterschool with myself on a Monday, Wednesday or Thursday.</p> <p><b>Coursework completion</b> Students have been completing <b>section 1</b> of their coursework in response to the stimuli they are basing their performance on. The second draft of this section must be <b>completed and submitted on Monday 16 October</b>. Students will be starting section 2 on Wednesday 18 October.</p> <p>This component of the GCSE is worth 40% of their overall grade. Any questions please contact me on <a href="mailto:Collinsl@skdrive.org">Collinsl@skdrive.org</a></p>
Miss Adams	Y11 GCSE Music	<p><b>Due to unforeseen circumstances the date of the ensemble (group) performance exams has been changed from Friday 20th October to Friday 10th November.</b> Timetable to follow. A reminder that this exam is worth <b>15% of the final GCSE grade</b>. Any questions please contact me: <a href="mailto:adamsa@skdrive.org">adamsa@skdrive.org</a></p>
School	Year 12 & 13	<p>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</p>

		<p>can help support your child at home by reinforcing the skills they're learning at school</p> <p><b>How You Can Help Your Child Prepare for Exams - 17th October 6:00pm Register here:</b>  <a href="https://get.elevatecoaching.info/uk/schoolwebinar">https://get.elevatecoaching.info/uk/schoolwebinar</a></p>
Mr Davies / Ms Huzzey	Year 13	<p><b>Year 13 SRE Day</b> will take place on <b>Thursday 19th October</b>. This will include a range of statutory guidance and information based around the themes of sex and relationships education. A letter with specific details has been sent home to all year 13 parents.</p>
Mr Sugden	Year 12 & 13	<p>The Faculty of Science are offering the following after school revision session next week:</p> <p>Next week's revision session:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A-Level Chemistry - 03/10/2023 (Tuesday) - Lab 2 - 3:10 pm - Amount of Substance</p> <p>Please encourage your child's attendance if possible. The session will cover content relevant for both combined and triple science.</p>
Mrs Duncan	Year 12 Work Experience	<p>WEX for Yr 12 takes place on <b>17th - 21st June</b> and the deadline to find a placement is <b>19th February 2024</b>.</p> <p><b>Many places, especially within popular areas such as sport, education and engineering, fill their allocated slots by December/January.</b></p> <p>For more WEX information, please read through <a href="#">this letter</a> sent home a few weeks ago.</p> <p>Please note that we are now using a new platform called Unifrog to log Placements. For more information, please head to the <a href="#">school website</a>.</p> <p>Please have a look at this week's <a href="#">WOW!</a> (WEX Opportunity of the Week)</p> <p>If you have any questions regarding work experience, please contact me on <a href="mailto:skworkexperience@skdrive.org">skworkexperience@skdrive.org</a>.</p>
Mr Hodgson	Year 12 Gold DofE	<p>There will be a launch meeting online for <b>Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award</b>. The meeting will be at <b>1900 on Wednesday 18th October, online</b>. The meeting link can be joined with the information:</p> <p><a href="#">Meeting Link</a></p> <p>Topic: Gold DofE  Time: Oct 18, 2023 19:00 PM</p> <p>Meeting ID: 816 7968 1869  Passcode: 1mrmRe</p> <p><b>atpno2h</b></p>

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

**SPORT - click [here](#) to see all updates via our Twitter page**

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

16 Oct	1900-2000 Y10 Silver DofE Launch, Zoom - online, details above
17 Oct	Y11 futures day
18 Oct	0900-1100 Open Morning
18 Oct	1700-1800 Y11 Information Evening (Lecture Theatre)
18 Oct	1900-2000 Y12 Gold DofE Launch, Zoom - online, details above
20 Oct	End of Term 1
30 Oct	Trust Inset Day
2 Nov	1800-1930 Sixth form open evening