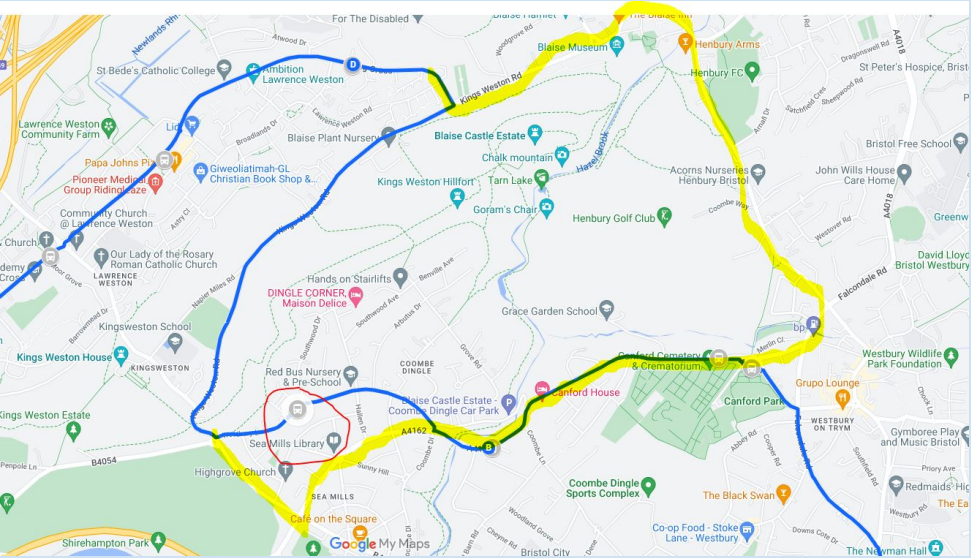


Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 10 November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

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

MESSAGES		
School	Whole School	Please find letter from Mr Humphreys with regards to SKYFund. Thank you to those who have made contributions, this is gratefully received. We have been able to set up this on ParentPay if you would like to also donate that way.
Sirona	Whole school	This autumn all children from Y7 to Y11 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	Electric scooters We continue to receive 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	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.
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.
Finance	Whole school	Parentpay One-Click Payments (Bank Transfer) 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.
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 Apple crumble - 7L: 16/11 and 7R: 17/11 Year 8 Students' own Tea party recipe - 8L 14/11 and 8R : 14/11 Year 9 Students' own Street food recipe- 9L: 16/11 and 9R : 17/11</p>
School	SK-3 Bus Passengers	<p>We have been informed that from 27th Nov and for the last 2 weeks of this term, Kings Weston Rd will be closed along some sections, requiring diversions for the SK-3 service. The attached image shows that the route will run as normal until Haig Close (circled red) but will divert (highlighted yellow) to arrive at Chapel Lane. All stops will remain in operation but you should expect a 10-minute delay in the morning for stops after and including Chapel Lane and a 10-minute delay in the afternoon for stops after Chapel Lane.</p> 
Ms Wild	Year 7	This week and next week students will receive/have received their Bookbuzz free book! These books (with the exception of the two non-fiction titles) are all quizzable. Ask your child about their free book and remind them to quiz as soon as they finish each book.
Mrs Crocker	Year 8	<p>Study into trauma-informed practices in schools</p> <p>St Katherine's School is taking part in a study examining whether implementing trauma-informed practices in schools benefit young people. We are pleased to invite your year 8 child to participate in this study by completing a short online questionnaire this month and we will ask them to do this again in term 2 of 2024/25. The survey will ask your child about their overall wellbeing, connections to school, friends and community, as well as behaviours and general health.</p> <p>Please read the linked information for more details about the study and survey, alongwith its privacy notice and opt-out form. If you do not wish</p>

		<p>your child to participate in the survey please sign and return the opt-out form or email wellbeing@skdrive.org by Thursday 16th November.</p> <p>Student and parent information sheet and opt-out form</p> <p>Privacy notice</p>
Ms Wild	Year 8	Well done Yousafzai for taking a lead in our Reading Log Term 2 House Competition! Make sure your student is reading, logging and quizzing to support their learning and help their house win the house competition.
Ms Wild	Year 9	An impressive influx of reviews on the Bucket List classroom- well done to year 9 readers. Ask your child if they have added a review yet.
Mrs Ivey	Year 9	We are currently speaking to students about the benefits of taking triple science at GCSE. You can find a copy of the presentation here to allow you to discuss this with your child.
Miss Venn	Year 10 Food & Nutrition	<p>This week (Wednesday 15/11/23) students are planning and making their own dishes. Students have planned these dishes (on Google Classroom) and need to source ingredients independently.</p> <p>Any students eligible for FSM or PP, we will provide ingredients for as usual.</p> <p>Any problems please contact vennc@skdrive.org or brochots@skdrive.org</p>
Ms Tallis	Year 10 Art GCSE students	<p>Y10 art students have just embarked on their first artist research pieces for the Natural Forms project. They have some wonderful ideas! Please chat with them about their chosen artists and why they feel inspired by their work.</p> <p>Please continue to support your child to work at home on their art coursework (artist transcriptions/copies at the moment). Many thanks; extra work completed at home will make a big difference to the grades that students can achieve at the end of the art GCSE course.</p>
Mrs Duncan	Year 10 Work Experience	<p>WEX takes place on 1st - 5th July. Deadline to find a placement is 19th February. Many places, especially within popular areas such as sport, education, engineering and law, fill their allocation by December.</p> <p>Please encourage your child to start the search early.</p> <p>For more information, please read through this letter sent home at the beginning of Term 1. Please note that we are now using a new platform called Unifrog to log Placements. For more information, please head to the school website.</p> <p>Please have a look at this week's WOW! (WEX Opportunity of the Week).</p> <p>If you have any questions regarding work experience, please contact me on skworkexperience@skdrive.org</p>

Miss Robinson	Year 11	Year 11 mocks take place over a 2 week period from Monday 13th - Friday 24th November. Please make sure your child has their exam timetable and appropriate equipment with them each day. We will meet as a year group in the canteen before each exam (9am or 1pm). If your child loses their timetable, they can collect a new one from reception.
Miss Robinson	Year 11	Attached are the slides from Y11 information evening if you were unable to attend.
Mrs Ivey	Year 11	There will be GCSE Physics revision afterschool on Monday with Mr Arden in lab 4 from 3-4pm.
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 How You Can Help Improve Your Child's Memory - Tuesday 14th November 6:00-7:00pm. Register here
Mrs Shephard	Year 13	BTEC Unit 3 Personal and Business Finance exam Monday 15th January 2024 This exam is worth 30% of students final grade and they should now be revising in preparation for the exam. There are a number of resources on the google classroom including 'how to' videos and practice questions. There will be a mock exam on Monday 4th December to give students the opportunity to experience the exam and give them areas to focus on in the lead up to the exam in January.
Mrs Duncan	Year 12 Work Experience	WEX takes place on 17th - 21st June Deadline to find a placement is 19th February 2024 . Many places, especially within popular areas such as sport, education, engineering and law, fill their allocated slots by December/January. Please encourage your child to start the search early. For more WEX information, please read through this letter sent home during Term 1. Please note that we are now using a new platform called Unifrog to log Placements. For more information, please head to the school website . Please have a look at this week's WOW! (WEX Opportunity of the Week) If you have any questions regarding work experience, please contact me on skworkexperience@skdrive.org .
Mrs Ivey	Year 13	There will be A-level biology revision after school Thursday from 3-4pm with Mrs Ivey in lab 6.

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

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

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

13 Nov	1600-1900 Careers Fair, Trinity Academy
15 Nov	1600-1900 Y9 progress evening
23 Nov	1500-1630 Coffee with the Headteacher
29 Nov	1600-1900 Virtual Y8 progress evening
30 Nov	0830-1500 GCSE and A level Art & Textiles trip, Bristol
1 Dec	1220-1300 and 1320-1400 Festive Market, LT
5 Dec	All day Whole school flu vaccinations
6 Dec	1730-1830 Ski Trip - Talk to parents/carers, LT
7 Dec	0715-2200 Y12, Y13 London galleries (Tate Modern, National Gallery)
12 Dec	0900-2000 Y10, Y11, Y12, Y13 WB Studio Tour visit, London
15 Dec	END OF TERM at 1230