


Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 24 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.
School	Whole school	Community Christmas Carols - Thursday 7 December Please find attached letters from our students, Miss Andrews and Ms Jefferson.
School	Whole school	Christmas lunch - Thursday 14 December Please find attached letter here from Mr Maw, the deadline for payment midday 1st December.
School	Whole school	E-Scooters legislation Please find a letter attached from the Police.
School	Whole school	For residents of Pill and Easton-in-Gordano: You may have heard of Power 2 Pill - a community project that is attempting to secure improvements to the local area. They are keen to hear from anyone living locally about their ideas for the village. Please find attached a poster with QR code which will allow you to give your input.
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.
School	Whole school	Festive market Friday 1st December, first and second lunch in the Lecture Theatre - all welcome Students have been working hard to produce some really lovely gifts and treats. Please bring in money if you would like to on the day.
Finance	Whole school	Lunch accounts 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.

		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.
Ms Maurier	Year 7-9I	<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 Fruit salad - 7L: 30/11 and 7R: 01/12 Year 9 Chow mein - 9L: 30/11 and 9R : 01/12</p> <p>The following week will be: Year 7 Deli Salad - 7L: 04/12 and 7R: 05/12 Year 8 Shortbread - 8L 08/12 and 8R : 05/12 Year 9 Jollof rice- 9L: 08/12 and 9R : 07/12</p>
Innovate	Whole school	Please find tariffs , Grab and Go , Home Baked and sweet treats and meal deals . Innovate will be providing an update on the tariff as you will note it includes drinks, so please ignore this section. Full details will also be updated on our website.
Ms Wild	Year 7	Well done to our reading millionaires - students who have read a million words join our exclusive St Katherine's Millionaires club. Ask your child how many words they have read and remind them to quiz every book they read to work on their word count.
Mr Hodgson	Year 7	<p>7Y1 had a beautiful day out in the hills last Friday. The objective was to walk up Y Fal (Sugar Loaf - 596m) in two separate teams. The weather was beautiful and the students had amazing views of Bannau Brycheiniog (the Brecon Beacons). The two teams made it to the top together, working well as teams and looking after each other.</p> <p>The tutor group were tired but should be very proud of themselves for a fantastic day in the mountains! They were all pleased to see the minibus at the end of the day.</p> 

Ms Wild	Year 8	Well done to our reading millionaires - students who have read a million words join our exclusive St Katherine's Millionaires club. Ask your child how many words they have read and remind them to quiz every book they read to work on their word count.
Mrs Lewis	Year 9	All year 9 students are invited to attend a Biology field trip to Folly Farm on either 25th June or 26th June. Letters have been sent home with further detail and payment is available on parentpay.
Ms Wild	Year 9	Well done to every student who has added a Bucket List review. Pankhurst and Yousafzai are leading the house competition. Remind your child to review every book they read on the Bucket List classroom.
Mrs Weatherson	Year 10	GCSE photography extra support and catch up sessions on Thursdays 3pm-4pm this term
Ms Tallis	Year 10 art/textiles	<p>If your child is attending the art/textiles trip on Thurs 30 Nov, & they want to go directly home from town at around 2pm, they MUST give a signed permission note from a parent/carer to their teacher. Without this, your child will return with us to school in time to catch the school buses.</p> <p>On 30 Nov your child must wear full school uniform & bring the following items: a packed lunch, a few pounds to purchase postcards, a camera/phone to use for photographs, some dry drawing media, a sketchbook.</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 Venn	Year 10 Textiles	<p>Reminder that there are GCSE Textiles catch up sessions every week:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday after school - Rm 13 Wednesday late lunch - Rm 13 (bring your lunch with you)
Miss Venn	Year 10 Food & Nutrition	A reminder that F&N students are making Tomato and Basil Quiche on Wednesday 29/11 . All ingredients are on ClassCharts and on Google classroom. Please ensure all students are bringing a container.

Mrs Weatherson	Year 11	GCSE photography extra support and catch up sessions on Thursdays 3pm-4pm this term
Miss Adams	Year 11	GCSE music solo performances take place on Friday 8th December. These performances are worth 15% of the final GCSE grade. Timetable here . Students need to come to school with their instrument and music on the day. You can support by asking your child to perform their piece/pieces to you at home. Any questions please contact me: adamsa@skdrive.org
Ms Tallis	Year 12 & 13 art	<p>If your child is attending the art/textiles trip on Thurs 30 Nov, & they want to go directly home from town at around 2pm, they MUST give a signed permission note from a parent/carers to their teacher. Without this, your child will return with us to school in time to catch the school buses.</p> <p>On 30 Nov your child must bring the following items: a packed lunch, a few pounds to purchase postcards, a camera/phone to use for photographs, some dry drawing media, a sketchbook.</p>
	Year 12 Work Experience	<p>WEX takes place on 17th - 21st June Deadline to find a placement is 19th February 2024.</p> <p>Many places, especially within popular areas such as sport, education, engineering and law, fill their allocated slots by December/January.</p> <p>Please encourage your child to start the search early.</p> <p>For more WEX information, please read through this letter sent home during Term 1.</p> <p>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>This week's WOW! (WEX Opportunity of the Week)</p> <p>I have a number of spaces for a fantastic opportunity to work within Lloyds Head Office on the Harbourside. You will be shown the following departments: <i>Cyber, technology Engineering, UC/CX Design, Finance, Legal & Marketing.</i></p> <p>If you have an interest in applying for a space, please send me an email answering this question:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What made you decide to apply to Lloyds for work experience? <p>The deadline for this is the 4th December and you will be notified by the 8th December if successful.</p> <p>If you have any questions regarding work experience, please contact me on skworkexperience@skdrive.org.</p>

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

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
1 Dec	Y7S trip to Sugar Loaf
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)
7 Dec	Community Christmas Carols 1800-1900, Canteen
12 Dec	0900-2000 Y10, Y11, Y12, Y13 WB Studio Tour visit, London
14 Dec	Christmas lunch
15 Dec	END OF TERM at 1230