

## Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 1 December 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. 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	<b>Community Christmas Carols - Thursday 7 December</b> Please find attached <a href="#">letter</a> from our students, Miss Andrews and Ms Jefferson.
School	Bus Users	<b>Code of Conduct</b> All bus users are reminded of the conduct that is expected from all users. The full document can be seen on the final page of our <a href="#">travel guide</a> but the three most important rules are reproduced here: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Carry a valid bus pass and show it on request.</b> Like most forms of public transport we require all passengers to carry evidence of their right to travel. Passes will not be requested on every journey but rather checked periodically. If a bus pass is lost then a new one can be requested at the school reception.</li> <li>● <b>Sit in the allocated area of the bus.</b> Students are allocated seat number with year 11 at the back of the bus and year 7 at the front.</li> <li>● <b>Wear a seat belt at all times.</b> This is not only a legal responsibility of each passenger but also necessary for the safety of all users.</li> </ul>
School	Whole School	<b>Lost Property</b> Please ensure your children's uniforms are clearly labelled so that if lost, they make it to lost property, we can get it returned to them. Lost property is held in reception and PE. There are still plenty of lockers available to rent so students can keep track of their belongings.
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	Whole school	<b>Water bottles</b> Please make sure students are bringing in water bottles, there are plenty of water stations to fill up around the school site.

School	Whole school	Please find attached our new weekly <b>Careers Bulletin</b> which is packed full of opportunities, webinars, open events and vacancies to help students and parents/guardians with planning for the future. <a href="#">Careers Bulletin</a>
School	Whole school	Please find <a href="#">tariffs</a> , <a href="#">Grab and Go</a> , <a href="#">Home Baked and sweet treats</a> and <a href="#">meal deals</a> . 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.
School	Whole School	The Library is running a Christmas house competition open to all students & staff to enter. Simply come to the Library to take a look at our book tree and guess how many books are in it. Prizes for those closest!
Ms Jefferson	Whole School	Please remember to send any pre-loved books for all ages to the English Office for our Christmas Book Bonanza!
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 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> <p>The following week will be:  Year 7 Pizza toast - 7L: 14/12 and 7R: 15/12  Year 8 Cheese scones - 8L 12/12 and 8R : 12/12  Year 9 Banana bread muffins- 9L: 14/12 and 9R : 15/12</p> <p>Students need to put their ingredients in the fridge before tutor time and bring a container for each practical lesson. They need to collect their food at the end of the day unless they decide to eat it at break time. For some recipes, a small contribution is required for ingredients provided by the school.</p>
Mrs Ivey	Year 7	<p>Year 7 students will be completing formal assessments in biology, chemistry and physics at the end of this term as follows:</p> <p>7S: 08/12/23  7Y2: 12/12/23  7Y1, 7P1, 7P2 &amp; 7T: 13/12/23</p> <p>Teachers will be setting homework on class charts to help students revise for these assessments. Please ensure that your child completes this homework.</p>
Mrs Ivey	Year 8	<p>Year 8 students will be completing formal assessments in biology, chemistry and physics at the start of next term on 3/12/24. Teachers will be setting homework on class charts to help students revise for these assessments. Please ensure that your child completes this homework.</p>
Mrs Ivey	Year 9	<p>Year 9 students will be completing their mock end of key stage three exam in class next week. This will help students prepare for the actual examination which will take place on 10/01/24. Teachers will be setting homework on class</p>

		charts to help students revise for these assessments. Please ensure that your child completes this homework.
	Year 10 Work Experience	<p>WEX takes place on <b>1st - 5th July</b>.            Deadline to find a placement is <b>19th February</b>.  <b>Many places, especially within popular areas such as sport, education, engineering and law, fill their allocation by December.</b></p> <p><b>Please encourage your child to start the search early.</b></p> <p>For more information, please read through <a href="#">this letter</a> 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 <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>
R Cameron	Year 11 GCSE ART	All Art students have been set personal targets to complete for their two coursework projects. These have been emailed to parents. These two coursework projects make up 60% of their final grade. The deadline is Wednesday 3rd January. On this date they will be handing in their coursework and starting their exam project.
Miss Adams	Year 11 GCSE music	<b>GCSE music solo performances take place on Friday 8th December. These performances are worth 15% of the final GCSE grade.</b> Timetable <a href="#">here</a> . 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: <a href="mailto:adamsa@skdrive.org">adamsa@skdrive.org</a>
Ms Tallis	Year 12 art	<p>If your child is attending the <b>art trip to London on Thurs 7 Dec</b>, they must meet me outside Blacks on Bond Street at <b>7.15am</b>. The Mega bus is a public service leaving at 7.30am &amp; I won't be able to wait for your child if they are late.</p> <p><b>We will return by 9pm on the same day - please be there to meet your child</b> so that we can all get home quickly after a long day. If the coach is running late, I will ask your children to message you.</p> <p>On 7 Dec it is <b>essential</b> that your child brings the following items: a debit or credit card to pay for the tube (tapping on/off is much cheaper than purchasing a ticket), a packed lunch &amp; supper, around £5 to purchase postcards/a hot drink, a camera/phone to use for photographs, some dry drawing media, a sketchbook.</p>
	Year 12 - Work Experience	<p>WEX takes place on <b>17th - 21st June</b>            Deadline to find a placement is <b>19th February 2024</b>.</p>

		<p><b>Many places, especially within popular areas such as sport, education, engineering and law, fill their allocated slots by December/January.</b></p> <p>Please encourage your child to start the search early.</p> <p>For more WEX information, please read through <a href="#">this letter</a> 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 <a href="#">school website</a>.</p> <p>This week's <b>WOW!</b> (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 &amp; Marketing.</i></p> <p>If you have an interest in applying for a space, please send me an email answering this question:</p> <p>1. What made you decide to apply to Lloyds for work experience?</p> <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 <a href="mailto:skworkexperience@skdrive.org">skworkexperience@skdrive.org</a>.</p>
Miss Wilsher	Year 12 & 13	<p>Year 12 &amp; 13 Health and social care students have external unit exams in January</p> <p><b>Year 12 Unit 3 Health and safety in HSC- Friday 12th January 2024- 1 hour 30 mins</b></p> <p><b>Year 13 Unit 4 Anatomy and physiology for HSC -Monday 15th January 2024- 2 hours</b></p> <p>They should have started revision for these 2 important units. The accompanying course revision guide is an excellent resource for these units and would recommend students purchasing one of these if they have not done so already.</p> <p><b>My revision notes : Cambridge Technical level 3 Health and Social Care £18.99</b></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

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 Portrait 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