


Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 8 December 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	Children's flu vaccination catch up clinics are available for Y7-11 students who did not receive their vaccination at school. Please book an appointment at https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/flu/2023/book . If you have any queries please contact the Immunisation Team directly on 0300 124 5515 or email sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net
School	Whole school	<p>Free School Meals</p> <p>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.</p>
School	Whole school	<p>Free School Meals</p> <p>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;</p> <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	<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: 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>The following week will be: Year 8 Hummus and vegetable sticks - 8L 05/01 Year 9 Pea and mint falafel - 9L: 05/01 and 9R : 04/01</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>
Finance	Whole school	<p>Lunch accounts</p> <p>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.</p>

		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.
Mrs Weatherson	Whole school	The students attending the Warner Brothers Studio Tour have been invited to a google classroom which has all the details but - non school uniform and leaving at 9am with an ETA (return time) of 8pm.
School	Bus Users	<p>A reminder of the three most important rules from our bus code of conduct:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Carry a valid bus pass and show it on request 2) Sit in allocated area of the bus (see diagram) 3) Wear seat belts 
School	Whole School	Unfortunately we have been unable to staff the HW club room over the last few weeks. For this reason there will be no after school HW club until further notice.
Ms Jefferson	Whole School	Still eagerly accepting book donations for our Christmas Book Bonanza! All pre-loved books for all ages are warmly welcomed! Fancy winning £100 worth of book tokens? It takes 30 seconds to enter this competition .
Mrs Ivey	Year 7	<p>Year 7 students formal assessments in biology, chemistry and physics continue next week as follows:</p> <p>7Y2: 12/12/23 7Y1, 7P1, 7P2 & 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>
Ms Wild	Year 7	Christmas holidays are coming soon, with lots of time to get lost in a good book. Find our recommended reads for year 7 here .
Mrs Ivey	Year 8	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.
Ms Wild	Year 8	Christmas holidays are coming soon, with lots of time to get lost in a good book. Find our recommended reads for year 8 here .
Mrs Ivey	Year 9	Year 9 students will be completing their end of key stage three examination on 10/01/24. Teachers have set homework on class charts to help students

		revise for these assessments. Please ensure that your child completes this homework.
Ms Wild	Year 9	Christmas holidays are coming soon, with lots of time to get lost in a good book. Find our recommended reads for year 9 here .
Ms Tallis	Year 10 Art GCSE	Y10 art students have been making excellent progress with artist research for their current coursework project. Coursework accounts for 60% of the GCSE grade. The deadline for the research is Mon 8 Jan & all students have work to finish off in the break. They are all clear about what to do & have personal targets written in their paper folders. Please chat with your child about their progress with their artist research & support them to complete a minimum of 4 hours work during the break. Many thanks.
Mrs Duncan	Year 10 Work Experience	<p>Congratulations to the 21 Students that have secured a WEX placement! WEX takes place on 1st - 5th July. Deadline to find a placement is 19th February.</p> <p>Many places, especially within popular areas such as media, sport, education, engineering and law, fill their allocated slots by December/January.</p> <p>Please encourage your child to start the search early. All information including an employers database, past WOW's, template email and the Unifrog process is located in the Work Experience Google Classroom that all Year 10 students have been given access to.</p> <p>For more WEX information, please read through this letter sent home during Term 1 or head to the school website.</p> <p>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>
English	Year 10	All of year 10 will complete a closed book English assessment after Christmas. The question is: "Who is to blame for the death of Eva Smith?" No notes will be allowed. Students will be supported to plan in class but must refine their plans and learn quotes at home.
Mrs R Cameron	Year 11 Art GCSE students	Art deadline for coursework is Wednesday 3rd January . This is their two coursework projects (Natural forms and Animals/Buildings) and make up 60% of their final grade.
Mrs Weatherson	Year 11 GCSE photography	Students will have the Christmas holidays to work on their ELP but submission for this is 3.1.24 and is worth 60% of their final grade. Please do encourage them to work on this to ensure that they achieve their potential grade.
Mr Hake	Year 12 & 13	Chemistry A-Level after school revision Tuesday 12th December in L8.

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 to Help Your Child Alleviate Stress - 12th December 6:00pm
Mrs Duncan	Year 12 Work Experience	<p>Congratulations to the first 10 Students that have secured a WEX placement!</p> <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 media, sport, education, engineering and law, fill their allocated slots by December/January.</p> <p>Please encourage your child to start the search early. All information including an employers database, past WOW's, template email and the Unifrog process is located in the Work Experience Google Classroom that all Year 12 students have been given access to.</p> <p>For more WEX information, please read through this letter sent home during Term 1 or head to the school website.</p> <p>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>

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

12 Dec	0900-2000 Y10, Y11, Y12, Y13 WB Studio Tour visit, London
14 Dec	Christmas lunch
15 Dec	END OF TERM at 1230