

## Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 26 January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

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

MESSAGES		
School	Whole School	We have have had confirmation that Classcharts is now back up and running.
School	Whole School	<a href="#">Term dates for 2024-2025</a>
School	Whole School	Please see the <a href="#">Careers Bulletin w/c 22nd Jan</a> for webinars, open events, apprenticeship opportunities, work experience and information on the labour market.
School	Whole school	All students should be in the <b>correct uniform</b> :- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Blazer</li> <li>● Tie</li> <li>● Black polishable shoes</li> <li>● Grey Trousers/Skirts</li> </ul> No hoodies are to be worn in school and all students should bring a water bottle with them please.
School	Whole school	<b>Car Parking Spaces for Blue Badge Holders</b> We have 3 spaces in the main car park, reserved for Blue Badge holders. If you cannot display a Blue Badge please do not use these spaces (even for dropping off) and do not park in front of these spaces. Please do not be offended if you are parked in one of these spaces and a member of staff asks to see your blue badge. If you are a Blue Badge holder please could you register details of your badge <a href="#">here</a> . We will use this information to assess the suitability of our provision.
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 through 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	Just a reminder that this is for next week and all recipes are on Classcharts as homework 7 days in advance of the lesson. The recipes are linked to this document and students will collect a paper copy of the recipes this week too

		<p>Year 7 Making their own <a href="#">Bread rolls</a> n.7 - 7L: 29/01 and 7R: 30/01</p> <p>No practical the following week. Students need to put their ingredients in the fridge before tutor time and bring a container and apron 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>
School	Year 7	<p>We are delighted to be able to offer our students <b>Bikeability Level 3</b>, advanced on-road cycle training, free of charge. Week beginning Monday 25th March during the school day, students will complete a 3-hour session. Allocation of time and dates will follow. To access Level 3 training, every student must have already completed their Level 2 training, usually in primary school, and will need a helmet to take part. Bikes can be borrowed and used from the Bikeability team for the session. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. After an initial assessment of their riding skills, they will be riding on busy and challenging roads, with qualified instructors. Please ensure that your child has suitable clothing, especially if the weather is wet/change of clothes/ gloves for cold weather coats. Please return the <a href="#">consent form</a> by Monday 19 February, hard copies are also available in reception.</p>
Miss Adams	Year 7 trailblazers	<p>Advance notice: all Y7 trailblazers students will be participating in trailblazers bandcamp day on <b>Wednesday 21 February</b>. This will involve spending the day at Trinity Academy in a series of workshops and rehearsals with an evening performance to families. Further details to follow in a letter but please make a note of the date in your diaries.</p>
School	Year 8	<p><b>Y8 HPV vaccinations - Tuesday 30 January</b></p> <p>No students will be collected to have this vaccination without consent from parents/carers. We have advised the Sirona team that consent from students will not be available on the day. There will be catch clinics after the event available as appropriate.</p>
Ms Maurier	Year 8	<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. The recipes are linked to this document and students will collect a paper copy of the recipes this week too</p> <p>Year 8 own ingredients for tea party dish - 8L 02/02 and 8R : 30/01</p> <p>No practical the following week. Students need to put their ingredients in the fridge before tutor time and bring a container and apron 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>
Mr Francis-Black	Year 9	<p><b>Y9 Options Evening - Wednesday 7 February, 1700-1900</b></p> <p>Please find attached letter <a href="#">here</a> a copy of which will also be sent on ParentPay.</p>
Ms Maurier	Year 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. The recipes are linked to this document and students will collect a paper copy of the recipes this week too</p>

		<p>Year 9 own ingredients for street food dish - 9L: 02/02 and 9R : 01/02</p> <p>No practical the following week. Students need to put their ingredients in the fridge before tutor time and bring a container and apron 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>
Mr Francis-Black	Year 9	<p>All year 9 students will be updating their reading test next week. This takes place through an online system and we ask that all students come prepared with a set of headphones. Each tutor group is allocated a session as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday - 9P1 &amp; 9P2</li> <li>Tuesday - 9Y1, 9Y2 &amp; 9T</li> <li>Thursday - 9S</li> </ul>
Miss Adams	Year 9	<p>Step Into GCSE Music event will take place on Friday 2nd February periods 3, 4 and 5. This will be an opportunity for Y9 students to experience a taste of the GCSE Music course through some practical workshops, listening activities and a question and answer session. Some students will be receiving a letter inviting them to this event but if you would like to sign up your child to be considered for a place please do so using the following <a href="#">google form</a>. Students also have the option to sign up themselves using this <a href="#">google form</a> in their music google classroom. Students should bring their instruments please.</p>
Mr Hodgson	Morocco Year 9	<p>St Katherine's is planning an expedition to Morocco in 2025. The recording for the parent's information evening is found <a href="#">here</a>. True Adventure has created a landing page with information <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p>You can apply online at <a href="http://true-adventure.co.uk">true-adventure.co.uk</a> and follow the My True Adventure link in the top right-hand corner of the page. You would then Register for your expedition using your email address and the Expedition ID: STKATMOR2025. <b>The sign up deadline is 2nd February.</b></p> <p>There is more information <a href="#">here</a>. A sample itinerary is <a href="#">here</a>. The parents pack is <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
Ms Tallis	Year 10 GCSE Art	<p>Y10 catch up/homework sessions for art students will run on the following days:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mon lunch (Ms Tallis's room)</li> <li>Tues after school (Mrs Cameron's room)</li> <li>Thurs after school (Ms Tallis's room)</li> </ul> <p>If your child is not attending any of these sessions, please support them to spend <b>at least 1 hour a week</b> on art homework (currently final piece planning).</p>
Mrs Duncan	Year 10 Work Experience	<p>Congratulations to the 36 Students that have secured a WEX placement. WEX takes place on <b>1st - 5th July</b>. The deadline to find a placement is <b>19th February</b>. <b>Many places are already becoming full or the deadline to apply is fast approaching. Please encourage your child to start the search.</b></p> <p>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>

		For more WEX information, please read through <a href="#">this letter</a> sent home during Term 1 or head to the <a href="#">school website</a> . If you have any questions regarding work experience or require support please contact me on <a href="mailto:skworkexperience@skdrive.org">skworkexperience@skdrive.org</a>
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Mrs Cameron Art	Year 11 Art students	Art students are now 3 weeks into their EXAM PROJECT. This makes up 40% of their final grade so it is so important that students are completing the homework set and also attending lunchtime and/or afterschool club in the art department. Students must spend at least one hour a week on their exam project.
Mr Dawes and Mr Cook	Year 11	<p>Y11 Sport Studies Coursework sessions. <b>ALL</b> students have coursework outstanding and/or that they can improve the grade on. There are trackers on the relevant google classrooms that students/parents can see the current state of work.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Monday After School (TD in Cr2 &amp; DC in Cr3)</li> <li>- Wednesday lunch time (All Cr3)</li> </ul>
Mr Sugden	Year 11	<p>Next week the Faculty of Science will offer Chemistry (C8-Rates of Reaction, and Equilibrium) revision for year 11. The revision session will take place in Lab 2 from 3:10-4:10pm with Mr Sugden and Mr Hake on Thursday 1st January 2024.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Please ensure students have and bring a calculator and a ruler to this session.</li> <li>● As many students as possible are encouraged to attend; notably, this topic will be on the upcoming Paper 2 Mock.</li> </ul>
Miss Adams	Year 11 GCSE Music	<b>BSO trip on Tuesday 30th January.</b> Please ensure your child brings a packed lunch. We should be back in time for buses at the end of the day but please be aware (as with any trip) there is a chance we may be late. If this happens students will contact parents via their mobile phones.
Miss Adams	Year 11 GCSE Music	During terms 3 and 4 I am running additional <b>composition support sessions</b> after school on selected <b>Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3pm-4.30pm</b> . The sign up sheet has been shared with students on their google classroom. Please ensure your child has signed up to attend at least 2 sessions. A reminder that composition coursework forms 30% of the final GCSE grade.
Mr Hodgson	Nepal Year 11	Thank you for those that attended the information evening for the proposed expedition to Nepal in 2025. More information, including sign up and the parent's pack and recording of the meeting can be found <a href="#">here</a> . The deadline for sign up is <b>9th February</b> .

Ms Gorman	Year 12 & 13	<p>Recently we welcomed a speaker from the University of Bath to speak to our sixth formers about student finance and funding their Higher Education. Applications for tuition fees and maintenance loans will open around March for courses beginning in September 2024, you may find the following websites useful: <a href="http://www.gov.uk/student-finance">www.gov.uk/student-finance</a></p> <p>Student Finance England also has a Facebook page which can provide useful updates.</p> <p><a href="http://www.moneysavingexpert.com/students">www.moneysavingexpert.com/students</a>  <a href="http://www.savethestudent.org">www.savethestudent.org</a>  <a href="http://www.ucas.com/student-finance-england/student-finance-guidance-parents">www.ucas.com/student-finance-england/student-finance-guidance-parents</a></p>
Mrs Duncan	Year 12 Work Experience	<p>Congratulations to the 25 Students that have secured a WEX placement! This is a HUGE increase from last week.</p> <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 are already becoming full or the deadline to apply is fast approaching. Please encourage your child to start the search.</b></p> <p>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>I still 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 are interested, please send me an email answering this question:          1. What made you decide to apply to Lloyds for work experience?</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>
Mrs Weatherson	Year 12	<p>Please note that we have two trips for Year 12 scheduled: 28.2.24 and 2.3.24 both are designed to support students with their future pathways. Letters to have been sent via ParentPay.</p>
Mr Davies	Year 13	<p>Year 13 students who do not have outstanding UCAS applications will be allowed to leave after P4 on Wednesday (Jan 31st). All Year 12 must remain onsite for an applications workshop with Law firm Michelmores.</p>
Mr Hodgson	Year 12 Nepal	<p>Thank you to those that attended the information evening for the proposed expedition to Nepal in 2025. More information, including sign up and the parent's pack and recording of the meeting can be found <a href="#">here</a>. The deadline for sign up is <b>9th February.</b></p>

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

**SPORT** - click [here](#) to see updates via our X page or [here](#) for the PE @ SK calendar

## UPCOMING EVENTS

30 Jan	1220-1320 Y10 AA Speaker for Society and Culture 1220-1320, LT
30 Jan	All day Y8 HPV vaccinations
30 Jan	1100-1445 Y11 Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra Concert, Trinity Academy
31 Jan	1400-1500 Y12, Y13 Michelmores - Application Masterclass, 6th form study area
31 Jan	1400-1500 Y10 Knife Crime talk with the police, LT
2 Feb	Y9 T G Gray - Aircraft Challenge STEM Day, LT
5-8 Feb	Residential Y12 trip to Slapton Ley, Devon
7 Feb	0900-1000 10B Y10 business students - UWE Economics workshop, room 61 1120-1220 10A
7 Feb	1700-1900 Y9 Options Evening
9 Feb	End of term
9-17 Feb	Y7-10 Ski trip Folgaria, Italy (over 1/2 term)