

Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 23 February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

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

MESSAGES		
School	Whole School	<p>Coffee with the Headteacher</p> <p>Our next coffee with Mr Humphreys will be on Thursday 29 February from 1500-1630, please email school@skdrive.org if you'd like to join us. We will be staggering dates and times across the year for those that can't make it this time.</p>
School	Whole School	<p>Futures Careers Bulletin</p> <p>Please find attached this week's Bulletin featuring a number of new apprenticeships, Bristol University Summer School, webinars and much more</p>
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 through 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.
Mrs Ivey	Year 9-11	<p>Delve into Dentistry</p> <p>NHS England South West Dental Workforce Training and Education and the University of Bristol, will be running an event for students in years 9-11 interested in dentistry. The event will introduce some of the roles in dentistry and career pathways. The event will include a tour of the university labs, hands-on activities and an opportunity to meet dentists.</p> <p>When: Wednesday 10th July 2024, 1pm to 4pm</p> <p>Where: Bristol Dental School, 1 Trinity Walk, Avon St, Bristol BS2 0PT</p> <p>Places are limited so apply here soon</p> <p>The deadline for applications is 15 May 2024.</p> <p>If you have any questions please email outreach-healthsci@bristol.ac.uk</p>
Ms Wild	Years 7-11	<p>If your child is not sure what to read next or needs inspiration, have a look at our recommended reads. Email with any questions: wildi@skdrive.org</p>
Mrs Jenkins	Year 7	<p>Here are the practical lessons taking place next week. The ingredients list is set as homework on Classcharts. Any problems, please let Mrs Jenkins know as soon as possible.</p> <p>28th February - 7r Fruit salad</p> <p>29th February - 7l Fruit salad</p>

Mrs Jenkins	Year 8	<p>Here are the practical lessons taking place next week. The ingredients list is set as homework on Classcharts. Any problems, please let Mrs Jenkins know as soon as possible.</p> <p>27th February - 8l Hummus and vegetable sticks 8r Hummus and vegetable sticks</p> <p>29th February - 8l Shortbread</p>
Mrs Jenkins	Year 9	<p>Here are the practical lessons taking place next week. The ingredients list is set as homework on Classcharts. Any problems, please let Mrs Jenkins know as soon as possible.</p> <p>26th February - 9l Jollof rice 27th February - 9r Jollof rice</p>
Sirona	Year 9	<p>All Y9 children will be offered the Meningococcal ACWY vaccination and Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio vaccination in school on Tuesday 23 April 2024. Please complete the consent form. It is important that you complete the consent form even if you do not want your child to receive the vaccinations; you are able to consent for none, either or both vaccinations. If your child has received the Men ACWY vaccine as a travel vaccine since the age of 10 they do not need an additional booster at this time. Please indicate whether they have received MenACWY as a travel vaccine on the consent form and contact your GP surgery who will be able to confirm the date it was given. If you have any questions, please contact the Immunisation Team at sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net or 0300 1245515.</p>
Mr Francis Black	Year 9	<p>There have been a number of questions about year 9 options for Science which I would like to clarify. Students must select between Triple (3 separate GCSEs in Biology, Chemistry and Physics) or Combined Science (2 GCSEs where the sciences are mixed together). Triple Science will take one option block leaving 3 other choices whereas Combined Science does not count as an option and students would still have 4 blocks to fill.</p> <p>Both Triple and Combined Science are available at foundation and higher tiers. In previous years two thirds of students have opted for Triple Science giving us four classes with three higher and one foundation. That leaves 3 classes for combined science that based on the students in them have all been foundation. The number of triple and combined classes next year will be determined by the options that students make and whilst the teaching will be aimed and the appropriate tier for the students in each class, the individual tier of entry for each student will not be fixed until after year 11 mock exam data is collected.</p> <p>Science teachers make a recommendation to students about which option they should select based on strong evidence about where each student is likely to achieve the highest grades.</p>
Mrs Jenkins	Year 10	<p>Here are the practical lessons taking place next week. The ingredients list is set as homework on Classcharts. Any problems, please let Mrs Jenkins know as soon as possible.</p> <p>28th February- 10B Focaccia</p>

Mrs Duncan	Year 10 Work Experience	<p>Congratulations to the 108 Students that have secured a WEX placement. This is a huge achievement and I fully appreciate how difficult it can be.</p> <p>Please note that the deadline has now passed.</p> <p>If your child has not yet secured a placement, please may I ask for your continued support in helping them find an employer as soon as possible. If you need advice with this, please do not hesitate to contact me on skworkexperience@skdrive.org</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> <p>Once a placement has been secured, the details need to be added to the students Unifrog account. The process for this is here: How to add a placement onto Unifrog</p> <p>This week's WOW! is here.</p>
Mr Sugden	Year 11	<p>Next week the Faculty of Science will offer Chemistry (C9/10/11-Organic Chemistry) revision for year 11. The revision session will take place in Lab 8 from 3:10-4:10pm with Mr Hake and Mr Hodgson on Thursday 29 February 2024.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As many students as possible are encouraged to attend; notably, this topic will be on the upcoming Paper 2 Mock.
Miss Gardiner	Year 11	<p>On Monday 26 February 2024, year 11 will have an assembly launching the NCS programme. NCS is an opportunity that helps build skills for work and life, take on new challenges, meet new people and make a difference in their local community. 750,000 young people have already completed the programme and are out there reaping the benefits of taking part. More info is here.</p>
Mr Francis Black	Year 11	<p>A second set of mock exams will be conducted during term 4. The outline timetable is as follows:</p>

Date	Time	Component Title	Length
23/02/24	11:20	English Lit Paper 1	150mins
04/03/24	09:00	Geography	90 Mins
04/03/24	13:00	Food Prep	105 Min
04/03/24	13:00	Further Maths Paper 1	105 Min
04/03/24	13:00	PE	60 Min
04/03/24	13:00	Drama	105 Min
05/03/24	09:00	History Paper 3 Germany	120 Min
05/03/24	13:00	French\Spanish	45 Mins
06/03/24	09:00	Maths Paper 1	90 Mins
06/03/24	13:00	Business	90 Mins
07/03/24	09:00	Philosophy & Beliefs	105 Mins
07/03/24	09:00	Further Maths Paper 2	105 Mins
07/03/24	13:00	French\Spanish Writing	80\65 Mins
08/03/24	09:00	Biology	75/105 Mins
11/03/24	09:00	English Lit Paper 2	150mins
11/03/24	13:00	Music	90 Mins
11/03/24	13:00	Computer Science	90 Mins
11/03/24	13:00	Health & Social Care	75 Mins
12/03/24	09:00	Maths Paper 2 (Calc)	90 Mins
12/03/24	13:00	Geography 2	90 Mins
13/03/24	09:00	Physics	75/105 Mins
13/03/24	13:00	Maths Paper 3 (Calc)	90 Mins
14/03/24	09:00	Chemistry	75/105 Mins
14/03/24	13:00	French/Spanish Listening	35/45 Mins
15/03/24	09:00	English Language Paper 1	105mins
15/03/24	13:00	Psychology	105mins
18/03/24	09:00	Mocks Mop Up	MISC
18/03/24	13:00	Mocks Mop Up	MISC
22//03/24	11:20	English Lang Paper 2	120mins

All students have now been issued with their individual exam timetables.

Mrs Weatherson	Year 11 photography students	Students should have been taking photographs over half term for their exam project and should be aiming for at least one shoot a week - most of these will need to take place externally from school due to their chosen briefs. After school drop in support: Thursdays 3pm-4pm
Mrs Ivey	Year 11	The Royal Veterinary College are delighted to offer year 11 students preparing to take their Science GCSEs a FREE 5 week online course . The course is open to anyone, not just students wanting to become vets. The course will run on Tuesday afternoons between 4pm and 5pm; commencing on 27th February 2024 and finishing 26th March 2024. It is designed to help students increase their grades for Science GCSEs and covers Biology, Chemistry and Physics key topics. Sign up and more info here
Miss Robinson	Year 11	We are giving students the opportunity to buy a leaver's hoodie and yearbook to remind students of their time at St Katherine's. A choice of colour and size are available to purchase on ParentPay which will go live today. The deadline for ordering is Thursday 28 March. If you have any questions please contact Miss Robinson .

	Year 12&13	Please note that we have two trips this term for year 12. (first one next week) Details are on parentpay for consent and essential information. These are really valuable trips to support the students with planning their future pathways.
Mrs Duncan	Year 12 Work Experience	<p>Congratulations to the 32 Students that have secured a WEX placement. This is a huge achievement and I fully appreciate how difficult it can be.</p> <p>Please note that the deadline has now passed.</p> <p>If your child has not yet secured a placement, please may I ask for your continued support in helping them find an employer as soon as possible. If you need advice with this, please do not hesitate to contact me on skworkexperience@skdrive.org</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>Once a placement has been secured, the details need to be added to the students Unifrog account. The process for this is here: How to add a placement onto Unifrog</p>

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UPCOMING EVENTS

26 Feb	0835-0900 Y11 NCS residential opportunities summer 2024, LT
26 Feb	1220-1300 Y11 NCS Sign up Event, Canteen
27 Feb	0835-0900 Y12 & Y13 Ex student talk from Tom Mitchell who works for FIFA, 6th form common room
28 Feb	0930-1210 Y12 UK University & Apprenticeship search, Ashton Gate
28 Feb	1600-1900 Y12 & Y13 progress evening
29 Feb	1500-1630 Coffee with the Headteacher
29 Feb	1220-1400 All years - Access Creative College pop up shop with Charlie Grier, canteen
1 Mar	0845-1445 Y7P1 trip to Yr Fal (Sugar Loaf)
1 Mar	Y8 Future Brunels trip, Leadworks One Millennium Square, Bristol BS1 5DB
4 & 5 Mar	Waterstones Bookfair, Library (cash only event)
5 Mar	0835-0900 Y12, Y13 Careers in the Space Sector assembly with Matt Tovey from Evona, 6th form common room

5 Mar	0900-1000 Space Sector STEM workshop with Evona with class 8R1
7 Mar	1220-1630 Y13 Weston College, Biology (A-level practical)
6 Mar	1220-1400 All years 'Police pop up shop' in the canteen for 1st and 2nd lunch. The police will be on hand for students to speak to them all about career and pathway routes into the police force
7 Mar	World book day
13 Mar	1430-1630 Y11 Drama students BathTheatre Royal Trip; The Woman in Black
20 Mar	0900-1500 Y12 UWE Campus trip
20 Mar	1400-1500 Y10 Barrett Homes Careers Talk, Canteen or LT
22 Mar	0900-1500 Y7 Future Brunels - Selection day, Sixth form common room, 6th form common room
25-28 Mar	Y7 bikeability
26 Mar	0915-1445 KS3, KS4 Trust concert, followed by an evening performance at 1830
26 Mar	Y8 STEM Enthuse competition