

Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 13 February 2026

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

UPDATE from Mr Humphreys

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of Term 3, I would like to take a moment to reflect on what has been a rich and varied few weeks across our school community.

Earlier this week we marked Safer Internet Day, providing students with the opportunity to think carefully about their digital footprint, online relationships and the increased responsibilities that come with AI now emerging fast in our world. In a time when much of young people's social interaction takes place online, these conversations are essential. Students engaged thoughtfully with discussions, respectful communication and how to seek support if something online does not feel right. Developing digitally responsible citizens is an important part of our wider commitment to safeguarding and personal development.

We were pleased to welcome families to our Year 9 Options Evening on Wednesday. These evenings are a significant milestone in a student's educational journey. Our Options process offers the opportunity to begin conversations about future pathways and discovering personal strengths and interests. The conversations that take place between students, parents and teachers are invaluable in ensuring that choices are ambitious, informed and well considered. Thank you to all who attended and engaged so positively with the process and these conversations will continue in Term 4.

We were also delighted to see our students take part in the Trailblazers Bandcamp at Trinity Academy. Our young musicians were collaborating with peers from other schools, refining their performance skills and working alongside experienced musicians. Opportunities like this not only strengthen musical talent but also build confidence, resilience and teamwork. It was wonderful to see students representing the school so positively and embracing the challenge of performing in a new environment.

Finally, our Year 11 and Year 12 Business students enjoyed a visit to Cadbury World. This trip brought classroom learning to life, allowing students to see marketing, branding, production and business strategy in action within a globally recognised organisation. Experiences such as this deepen understanding by connecting theory to the real world, and students returned with a valuable insight into how businesses operate at scale.

Today, our ski trip departed, bound for the Italian Alps. We wish all students and staff a fantastic experience on the slopes. For many students, this will be their first experience of this kind, and we look forward to hearing about their achievements on the slopes when they return.


As we close the term, I would like to thank you for your continued support and wish you a restful break. We look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 23 February.

Best wishes,
Mr Humphreys

MESSAGES

School	Whole school	<p>Car parking guidance</p> <p>To help keep our students safe at the start and the end of the school day, we have introduced some updated arrangements for student collection in the school car park.</p> <p>The area directly in front of the car park entrance is marked with double yellow lines and cones. This area is a no stopping and no parking zone, and it continues until after the paved section halfway along the car park, where you will see the next set of cones.</p> <p>We kindly ask that parents and carers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Park only in marked parking bays, or
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Park beyond the line of cones. <p>Please note that disabled parking spaces are reserved for disabled parents/carers and students only. We would be grateful if blue badges could be clearly displayed in windscreens to help staff on duty identify authorised use.</p> <p>These changes are in place to create a safer crossing point and clearer pathway through the car park for our students. We really appreciate your cooperation and support in helping us keep everyone safe.</p> <p>Thank you for your understanding, please see here for a map detailing the above for your information.</p>
School	Whole school	Community Iftar Event - Ramadan Sharing Festival - 26 February 2026 Full details on how to join here
School	Whole School	Please see the school trip calendar for the 2025–26 academic year. This is a working document and will be updated as new trips are arranged. An updated version will be shared with parents/carers each term to provide a clear overview of activities throughout the year.
School	Whole School	Action Conservation - Summer Camp application are now open Please find a link to apply. Taking place in UK National Parks in July and August 2026, our Summer Camps are a fantastic opportunity for young people aged 12-16 living in England and Wales to discover wildlife, learn new skills, make unforgettable memories and find friends for life!
School	Whole School	A369 Road closure - Please see email below from for your information, parents/carers will also receive the same information today. Unfortunately, due to a significant number of Ash trees suffering from Ash Dieback at an advanced stage, it is necessary to close the A369 between the junction of Martcombe Road & Pill Road, Pill to junction with Church Road, Abbots Leigh. The work is anticipated to take 8 working days (02/03/2026-11/03/2026) with contractors on site between the hours of 09:15-15:00. Due to the nature of the work and the location close to residential areas, we can't carry the work out at night. Ash Dieback alters the way Ash trees respond to both the normal forces exerted on them (wind & gravity) and when they are worked on. We have to consider operator / contractor safety as well as highway users and therefore the process has been mechanised. Using machinery has advantages in operator safety and it significantly speeds up the work but it also requires more space and therefore a road closure is the only option in this instance. We do not want to affect the children's education and working times have been slightly altered to take school opening and closing times into account. Whilst we have no option but to remove the trees due to the risk they pose to highway users, we accept that there may be some delays, particularly with picking students up and we apologise for this in advance. Should parents or your colleagues have questions, if they contact us at GI.Trees@n-somerset.gov.uk , we'll reply to each e-mail in a reasonable timeframe.
Ms Wyld	Whole school	In keeping with the National Year of Reading theme Go All In, World Book Day this year (Thur 5th Mar) includes some old favourite events (Book Brunch, episodic story for Yr7s etc), but also keep a lookout for something different, including a lunchtime House book quiz, and an extra surprise on the day!
School	Year 7	Please see letter in regard to Bikeability . If you would like your child to take part in this fantastic opportunity please complete the consent by Friday 7 March . The event will take place w/c 23 March 2026.

Food and nutrition Mrs Jenkins	Year 7	<p>Here are the practical lessons taking place next week for yr 7: 7R - Fruit kebabs - 25th February 7L - Fruit kebabs - 27th February</p> <p>All ingredients are set on Classcharts and can also be found here.</p>
School	Year 9	<p>Please find attached the presentation and prospectus that were shared at the Y9 Option Evening. We will share the options form with your child via their tutor Google Classroom, along with the deadline for submission. If you have any queries regarding Y9 options, please do not hesitate to contact the school.</p>
Art Ms Tallis	Year 10	<p>Y10 GCSE art students need to spend a minimum of one hour on homework every week.</p> <p>Your child may work in the Art Dept at the following times:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Every Tues after school - Every Thurs after school - Mon/Tues/Wed/Thurs lunchtimes <p>Please support your child to attend one of these sessions regularly; those who did this last year had the most success with their art GCSE results. Many thanks.</p> <p>Focus for Term 4 will be students completing their final pieces for the Natural Forms Project; they should spend 10+ hrs on this piece of work.</p>
Textiles Miss Everard	Year 10	<p>Y10 GCSE Textiles students will need to spend one hour on homework every week. Your child may work in R13 at the following times:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Week One: Tues/Thurs Lunchtimes. - After school on Thursdays 15:05 - 16:05 Room 13 <p>Unfortunately R13 is unavailable during their lunch on week two, however they may also be able to join sessions in R10. Please encourage your child to attend, it is so helpful for them having access to equipment and materials. Thanks.</p>
 Work Experience (WEX) Mrs Fey	Year 10	<p>Year 10 work experience week - 29th June - 3rd July 2026.</p> <p>The deadline to add a placement to Unifrog is the first Monday after half term Monday 23rd February 2026. By this date students should have secured a placement and added it to Unifrog to ensure we can run the necessary checks ready for the placement to go ahead.</p> <p>If you have any questions or concerns please see here for an FAQ document. You can also check the information available on the website here. If your query still hasn't been answered feel free to drop me an email and I'll get back to you as soon as possible - afey@skdrive.org</p> <p>We are always looking for work experience opportunities for our students. If you are a business owner/decision maker (or know somebody who is) and are able to offer a work experience placement please do get in touch.</p>
Food Preparation and Nutrition Mrs Jenkins	Year 11	<p>NEA 2 coursework Research and planning has begun for the final piece of coursework (NEA2).</p> <p>Recipe trials (1 hour sessions) are taking place on the following days: 23rd February</p> <p>Students will be expected to take part in them as part of the development for their final dishes. All students know what dishes they will be making and need to ensure they bring the ingredients to the lesson.</p> <p>Many thanks for your support and please contact me with any questions or problems.</p>

<p>Art Ms Tallis</p>	<p>Year 11</p>	<p>Your child should be spending a minimum of two hours on art homework every week now until the final 10 hr exam on 5 & 6 May.</p> <p>Your child may work in the Art Dept at the following times:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Every Tues & Thurs after school - Mon/Tues/Wed/Thurs lunchtimes. <p>Please support your child to attend one of these sessions regularly; those who did this last year had the most success with their art GCSE results.</p> <p>The following is due on Wed 11 March: ✓ ARTIST RESEARCH PAGES (6 A3 pages)</p>
<p>Textiles Miss Everard</p>	<p>Year 11</p>	<p>Your child should be spending a minimum of two hours on their Textiles exam homework every week now until the final 10 hr exam on 30th April/1st May, that will mark the end of the course. Your child may work in R13 at the following times:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Week One: Mon/Wed/ Lunchtimes. - Week Two: Mon/Tues/Weds/Thurs Lunchtimes - After school on Thursdays 15:05 - 16:05 Room 13 <p>They may also be able to work in R10 after school on Tuesdays, providing the room is staffed for that session.</p> <p>This week we are continuing with creating and combining samples and exploring techniques in response to chosen Artists and themes. By the end of the week students will be developing clear idea pathways and samples will reflect intentions for final piece.</p> <p>Please encourage your child to attend supported sessions, it is so helpful for them having access to equipment and materials; those who did this last year had the most success with their Textiles GCSE results. Thanks very much.</p>
<p>Science</p>	<p>Year 11</p>	<p>This week we have spoken to year 11 students about preparing for their March mock exams. You can find a copy of the information here. Please note that to sit the higher paper in the summer students must achieve a grade 5 or above in these mocks. Revision lists can be found here for combined science and here for triple science.</p>
<p>Futures Work Experience (WEX) Mrs Fey</p>	<p>Year 12</p>	<p>Year 12 work experience week - 15th - 19th June 2026.</p> <p>The deadline to add a placement to Unifrog is the first Monday after half term Monday 23rd February 2026. By this date students should have secured a placement and added it to Unifrog to ensure we can run the necessary checks ready for the placement to go ahead.</p> <p>If you have any questions or concerns please see here for an FAQ document. You can also check the information available on the website here. If your query still hasn't been answered feel free to drop me an email and I'll get back to you as soon as possible - afey@skdrive.org</p> <p>We are always looking for work experience opportunities for our students. If you are a business owner/decision maker (or know somebody who is) and are able to offer a work experience placement please do get in touch.</p>

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

PE & SPORT - sign up for Spond (our communication platform) and click [here](#) to see the PE calendar

Spond



We're using Spond to communicate with students & parents

If you are looking for information about extra-curricular activities, school sports teams, fixtures, events, competitions, clubs and practices then you need to be on Spond!

Students

bit.ly/skpe_spondstudent



Parents

bit.ly/skpe_spondguardian



We are using a new platform called Spond to manage selection for and communication around extra-curricular PE fixtures and events. We hope that using Spond will improve our communication with students & parents. Spond is available as a freely downloadable app and as a web app which allows organisations like clubs & schools to set up groups, publish details about events and collect responses for availability. Students and parents can sign up for Spond accounts using the links above. Parents will be linked to their child's account as a guardian.

UPCOMING EVENTS - TERM 3

13 February	Y8 & Y9 Ski Trip departs (13 Feb-20 Feb)
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UPCOMING EVENTS - TERM 4

23 February	START OF TERM 4
23 February	0835-0900 Y9 Careers Assembly - SGS college Talk
24 February	0835-1505 Y8 Future Brunel, Bristol Old Vic
24 February	0835-0900 Y12 & Y13 KPMG assembly talk
24 February	1000-1100 Y10 Future Fundamentals
26 February	1630-1900 10th Community Iftar Event: 'Ramadan Sharing Festival', Cresswell Theatre, Bristol Cathedral Choir School
26 February	0835-1505 Y8 HPV immunisations
28 February	Y10 Silver DofE Practice Walk
2 March	0835-0900 Y9 Green Jobs Assembly from UWE
3 March	1000-1100 Y10 Future Fundamentals
4 March	1600-1900 Y12 & Y13 Virtual Progress Evening (W) ★
5 March	0835-1505 World Book Day
5 March	0835-1505 Y12 Maths Inspiration
9 March	0835-0900 Y9 Green Jobs - Tutor Room based careers activity
10 March	0900-1100 Y8 Equinox Free STEM Workshop
10 March	1000-1100 Y10 Future Fundamentals
10 March	0835-0900 Y12 & Y13 Mott Macdonald assembly talk

10 March	0835-1505 Y13 Studland Bay
11 March	0835-1505 Y12 UWE Campus trip
12 March	0835-1505 Y7 Future Brunel, Selection Process - round 1
13 March	0835-1505 Y11 GCSE - Aerospace
13 March	0835-1505 Y12 UK University and apprenticeship search event - Ashton Gate Trip
17 March	0835-1505 Y8 Airbus Trip
17 March	0835-0900 Y12 & Y13 STEM - AtkinsRealis Assembly
17 March	0835-1505 Y12 UWE guidance interviews
18 March	0900 -1500 Y7 Future Brunel, Selection Workshop 1
21 March	1100 Portishead Swimathon
w/c 23 March	Spring House sport (M-F)
w/c 23 March	Bikeability (M-F)
24 March	0835-0900 Y12 & Y13 Avon and Somerset Police talk with Aisha Mitchell
24 March	1000-1100 Y10 Future Fundamentals
27 March	0930-1030 Coffee with the Headteacher
28 March	Silver DofE Practice Walk
w/c 30 March	Sixth Form RAG week
31 March	1000-1100 Y10 Future Fundamentals
31 March	0835-0900 Y12 & Y13 Trevor Latham - Easy Jet Pilot Talk
31-1 April	Y12 HE+ Cambridge Residential (M-Tu)
1 April	1400-1505 Y12 & Y13 Michelmoores - Effective Interview Techniques