


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

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 • 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	<p>Community Iftar Event - Ramadan Sharing Festival - 26 February 2026</p> <p>Full details on how to join here</p>
School	Whole school	<p>Coffee with the Headteacher</p> <p>Thank you to those who attended coffee with the Headteacher this morning. Please find slides here for your information.</p>
Aspens	Whole school	<p>Please see here for our exciting new menus launching next week.</p>
NS Parents/Carers working together	Whole school	<p>Annual Parent Survey</p> <p>NS Parents Carers working together, a local forum for parents/carers of children with SEND and additional needs, is undertaking an annual survey which seeks parent's experience of using education, health and care services locally. The results will be shared with the local area SEND Improvement Board and support strategic leaders in understanding and planning services.</p> <p>Parents and carers who complete the survey can enter a draw to win one of eight Amazon E-vouchers, with a top prize of £200.</p>
School office	Whole School	<p>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.</p>

School office	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 13 February .
Food Technology	Year 7	A new rotation in Technology is beginning on the 9 February. Students will be expected to come prepared to these lessons with the ingredients outlined in the document and follow the expectations listed. The ingredients lists will be set on Classcharts as homework as well.
Trailblazers	Year 7	A reminder that Year 7 trailblazers students are attending Bandcamp day at Trinity Academy on Tuesday 10th February. They are then performing in their very first concert in the evening! Parents are warmly invited to watch. All details are on the letter. Please make sure students remember their packed lunch, water bottle and their instrument (very important!)
Sirona Immunisation team	Year 8	Thursday 26 February Sirona Immunisation team will come into school to administer HPV vaccination for Y8 students whose parents consented to have the vaccine. Please complete the online consent form if you would like your child to receive the vaccine. Here is more information about HPV.
Science	Year 8	This week we have shared with year 8 students the details of their next biology, chemistry and physics assessment. A copy of the revision information booklet can be found here .
Food Technology	Year 8	A new rotation in Technology is beginning on the 9 February. Students will be expected to come prepared to these lessons with the ingredients outlined in the document and follow the expectations listed. The ingredients lists will be set on Classcharts as homework as well. The practicals taking place this week: Tuesday 10th Feb 8R - Cheese straws Friday 13th Feb 8L - Cheese straws
Morocco 2027	Year 9	Thank you to those who were able to attend the meeting about the Morocco Expedition in 2027. If you missed the meeting, there is a recording of the meeting found here . There is also a link to the information page for the expedition found here .
Food Technology	Year 9	A new rotation in Technology is beginning on the 9 February. Students will be expected to come prepared to these lessons with the ingredients outlined in the document and follow the expectations listed. The ingredients lists will be set on Classcharts as homework as well. Thursday 12th February 9R - Scones Friday 13th February 9L - Scones
Engineering	Year 10	Final Deadline - 20 March 2026 Students are expected to work on their coursework at home or in their own time for at least one hour per week. In order to help with this we offer before school (everyday from 8:00-8:30), breaktime (everyday) and lunchtime (everyday depending on classroom availability). We will also release some afterschool sessions in due course.

<p>futures →</p> <p>Work Experience (WEX) Mrs Fey</p>	<p>Year 10</p>	<p>Year 10 work experience week - 29th June - 3rd July 2026.</p> <p>The deadline to add a placement to Unifrog is <u>Monday 23rd February 2026.</u></p> <p>A guide on how to add a placement to Unifrog can be found on the WEX Google Classroom, along with other key resources such as the Employer database, WEX opportunities and template email to the employer.</p> <p>If you have any questions or concerns please check the information available on the website here or do 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>
<p>Art Ms Tallis</p>	<p>Year 10</p>	<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>Deadline for final piece planning for Natural Forms Project = next Thurs 12 Feb, when students will sit their mock exam for 5 hours/the whole school day.</p>
<p>Textiles Miss Everard</p>	<p>Year 10</p>	<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>
<p>Drama Mrs Collins Mrs Lomax</p>	<p>Year 10</p>	<p>Y10 will be starting their devising component one exam after the February half term. This assessment equates to 40% of their overall gcse grade at the end of year 11.</p> <p>Students are encouraged to rehearse outside of lesson time at either a lunch time or afterschool. Students in the past who have take up these extra rehearsal session have been highly successful in their performance.</p> <p>Rehearsal times</p> <p>Week 1&2 lunchtimes 13:20-14:00pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monday - Friday <p>Week 1&2 afterschool 15:05-16:45pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
<p>Photography</p>	<p>Year 10</p>	<p>Y10 GCSE Photography students are expected to work on their coursework at home or in their own time for at least one hour per week. I am available</p>

Mr Frullo		<p>for students to work in R36 or R18 at the following times with my support (students are welcome to find a computer in school outside these times as well):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After School every Tuesday and Thursday • Please ask my availability Monday and Wednesday after school • Every Thursday Break & Lunchtime (week 1) • Every Monday Break & Lunchtime (week 2) <p>Please encourage students to attend, it is really helpful for them having access to equipment and software. Students who put in the extra hour have the most success with their Photography GCSE results. Many thanks.</p>
Morocco 2027	Year 10	<p>Thank you to those who were able to attend the meeting about the Morocco Expedition in 2027. If you missed the meeting, there is a recording of the meeting found here. There is also a link to the information page for the expedition found here.</p>
Food preparation and nutrition	Year 10	<p>Next practical lesson: Monday 9th February - Victoria sandwich cake</p>
Engineering	Year 11	<p>Final Deadline - 20 March 2026</p> <p>Students are expected to work on their coursework at home or in their own time for at least one hour per week. In order to help with this we offer before school (everyday from 8:00-8:30), breaktime (everyday) and lunchtime (everyday depending on classroom availability). We will also release some afterschool sessions in due course.</p>
Art Ms Tallis	Year 11	<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>As per the slides on the art Classroom, we are now working on the second stage of the exam project:</p> <p>✓ ARTIST RESEARCH PAGES (6 A3 pages) 4 weeks Due: Wed 11 March</p>
Textiles Miss Everard	Year 11	<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 samples and exploring techniques in response to chosen Artists and themes. Lesson time will be used to maximum effect to get practical work done. Homework will be drawing/sketching and writing annotations of samples.</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.</p> <p>The following is due next Wed 11th Feb: ✓ 2 x A2 display Boards (as a minimum) These will feature work which we have done either during lessons or completed for Homework. Students have details of what they must include. (This translates to approx 8 A4 pages of a sketchbook)</p>
Drama Mrs Collins Mrs Lomax	Year 11	<p>GCSE drama students will be completing their component 3 external assessment on Thursday 19 March 09:00am. This will take place in the theatre all day. Students have been encouraged to plan extra rehearsal either afterschool and / or lunchtimes over the next six weeks.</p> <p>Rehearsal times</p> <p>Week 1&2 lunchtimes 12:20-13:00pm - Monday - Friday</p> <p>Week 1&2 afterschool 15:05-16:45pm - Monday - Thursday (Tuesday to confirm with Mrs Lomax in advance)</p> <p>These are optional. However, students in the past who have taken up these extra sessions have been highly successful in their formal assessments.</p>
Photography Mr Frullo	Year 11	<p>Y11 GCSE Photography have now started their exam, this is worth 40% of their overall grade. Students are expected to work on their coursework at home or in their own time for at least one hour per week. I am available for students to work in R36 or R18 at the following times with my support (students are welcome to find a computer in school outside these times as well):</p> <p>After School every Tuesday and Thursday Please ask my availability Monday and Wednesday after school Every Thursday Break & Lunchtime (week 1) Every Monday Break & Lunchtime (week 2)</p> <p>Please encourage students to attend, it is really helpful for them having access to equipment and software. Students who put in the extra hour have the most success with their Photography GCSE results. Many thanks.</p>
Music Miss Adams	Year 11	<p>A reminder that Year 11 GCSE music students have their ensemble performance exam on Monday 23rd February. Please ensure they are regularly practicing (especially over half term) so that they are ready to give their best performance. A reminder that this performance is worth 15% of their final grade.</p>
	Year 12	<p>Year 12 work experience week - 15th - 19th June 2026</p> <p>The deadline to add a placement to Unifrog is Monday 23rd February 2026.</p>

<p>Experience (WEX) Mrs Fey</p>		<p>A guide on how to add a placement to Unifrog can be found on the WEX Google Classroom, along with other key resources such as the Employer database and template email to the employer.</p> <p>If you have any questions or concerns please check the information available on the website here, or do 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>
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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

9 February	0835-1505 Y10 Future Brunel WECA Activity Day
9 February	0835-0900 Y12 & Y13 Evona - Careers in the Space Industry
10 February	Safer Internet Day
10 February	Y11/12 Business Trip to Cadbury World
w/c 9 Feb	National Apprenticeships week
11 February	1400-1505 Y12 Michelmoores - Application Masterclass
11 February	1700-1900 Y9 Options Evening, LT
13 February	Y8 & Y9 Ski Trip departs (13 Feb-20 Feb)
13 February	1505 END OF TERM 3