


Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 19 December 2025

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

MESSAGES		
School	Whole School	We would like to wish everyone a happy Christmas and look forward to welcoming students back into School on Tuesday 6 January 2026
Sirona	Y7-Y11	Children's Flu vaccination catch-up clinics are still available for the students who didn't receive their vaccination at school. To book please click here . If you have any queries please contact the Immunisation Team directly on 0300 124 5515 or email sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net
Food Technology	Year 7	Please look through the following document to see your child's upcoming practical lessons for this rotation. Students will be expected to come prepared to these lessons with the ingredients outlined in the document and follow the expectations listed.
Science	Year 7	Many parents have asked what extra reading students can be doing outside of school. Here are links to articles related to topics year 7 have studied this term: Article on plankton Magazine on cells Humphrey Davy discovery of elements and life's work Diamond article Robert Hooke article Isaac Newton reading Car crash article
Sirona Immunisation team	Y8	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.
Food Technology	Year 8	Please look through the following document to see your child's upcoming practical lessons for this rotation. Students will be expected to come prepared to these lessons with the ingredients outlined in the document and follow the expectations listed.
Science	Year 8	Many parents have asked what extra reading students can be doing outside of school. Here are links to articles related to topics year 8 have studied this term: Semmelweis article Islam in medicine wider reading Smoking article Meat risks Robots in your gut Hepatitis Periodic table Energy article



Food Technology	Year 9	Please look through the following document to see your child's upcoming practical lessons for this rotation. Students will be expected to come prepared to these lessons with the ingredients outlined in the document and follow the expectations listed.
Science	Year 9	Many parents have asked what extra reading students can be doing outside of school. Here are links to articles related to topics year 9 have studied this term: Extremophiles reading Gravity Light
Engineering	Year 10	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.
Ms Tallis	Year 10 GCSE Art	Your child should aim to spend a minimum of four hours on their GCSE art coursework over the break. They should either finish their artist research pages (four A3 pages minimum) or start to work on their final piece planning , as discussed in class. They should use their art packs purchased at the start of the year or may borrow media from the Art Dept if necessary.
Miss. Everard	Year 10 Textiles	Your child should aim to spend a minimum of four hours on their GCSE Textiles coursework over the break. They should either finish their artist research pages or continue with any samples/development work they have begun. They have all been emailed the sketchbook contents lists for Terms one and two to refer to.
Mr Frullo	Year 10	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 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): After School every Tuesday and Thursday Every Thursday Lunchtime Every Thursday Breaktime (Week 2 only, in between our double lesson) 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.
Mrs Ivey	Science	Many parents have asked what extra reading students can be doing outside of school. Here are links to articles related to topics year 10 have studied this term: Most powerful microscope helping to treat cancer news article Stem cell reading articles Graphene article Current / electrons article
 Work Experience (WEX) Mrs Fey	Year 10	Year 10 work experience week - 29th June - 3rd July 2026 . Please encourage your child to apply for placements this side of Christmas to ensure they get a placement within their interests. The deadline to add a placement to Unifrog is Monday 23rd February 2026 .

		<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>
Engineering	Year 11	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.
Ms Tallis & Mr Frullo	Year 11 GCSE photography	<p>Your child should aim to complete any outstanding ELP work & their Google Site, if necessary, over the break. This is where students showcase their GCSE photography coursework that makes up 60% of their grade.</p> <p>At the start of next term students will start their Externally Set Assignment (exam project). Mr Frullo, our new photography teacher, will teach your child from Jan '26 until the end of the GCSE course.</p>
Mrs Cameron	Year 11 GCSE ART	All art students have been given 1:1 tutorials and have typed up personal targets. These are targets to help improve and to ensure their coursework is complete. Their coursework makes up 60% of their final grade. The DEADLINE to complete their personal targets and hand in their coursework is Monday 5th January.
Miss. Everard	Year 11 Textiles	Textiles students should aim to spend a minimum of 4 hours over the break completing their coursework, which makes up 60% of their final grade. At the start of next term, they will begin their Externally Set Assignment. This is an important time to ensure coursework is on track ahead of the final stage of the course.
Mrs Ivey	Year 11	<p>Many parents have asked what extra reading students can be doing outside of school. Here are links to articles related to topics year 11 have studied this term:</p> <p>Phineas Gauge article Organic chemistry dyes article</p>
 Work Experience (WEX) Mrs Fey	Year 12	<p>Year 12 work experience week - 15th - 19th June 2026</p> <p>Please encourage your child to apply for placements this side of Christmas to ensure they get a placement within their interests.</p> <p>The deadline to add a placement to Unifrog is Monday 23rd February 2026.</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>

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

5 January	INSET DAY
6 January	TERM 3 BEGINS
13 January	0835-0900 Y12 & Y13 Cardiff Met University talk
14 January	1600-1900 Y10 Virtual Progress Evening
14 January	1400-1505 Y10 Introduction to Law - Employer insight - Michelmoores
14 January	1400-1505 Y12 & Y13 Ben Taylor talk - Editor of the Sunday Times
20 January	0835-1505 Y9 Holocaust Workshop
20 January	0835-1505 Y9 Future Brunel WECA Activity Day
20 January	0835-0900 Y12 & Y13 Virtual assembly from The London Interdisciplinary School
21 January	0835-1505 Y7 Successful me UWE trip
24 January	Saturday Y10 Silver DofE Practice Walk
26 January	0835-0900 Y12 & Y13 Green Jobs Assembly from UWE
26 January	0835-0900 Y9 Employer Encounter - Dining Hall
27 January	Holocaust Memorial Day
28 January	1400-1505 Y10 Introduction to Law - Employer insight - Michelmoores
28 January	1400-1505 Y12 Mock interview Day

28 January	1400-1500 Y12 & Y13 Lewis Silkin Careers, virtual session - Introduction to Law
28 January	Y12 HE+ Cambridge Residential
28 January	1600-1900 Y11 Virtual Progress Evening
1 February	LGBT+ History Month (1 Feb-28 Feb)
2 February	0835-0900 Y9 Tutor Time career session
2 February	0900-1000 Coffee with the Head Teacher
3 February- 6 February	Y12 & Y13 Slapton Ley residential (Tuesday-Friday)
3 February	0835-0900 Y12 National Crime Agency Assembly
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
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