

# Weekly communication to Parents/Carers

Friday 13 March 2026



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## Whole School messages

Mrs Crocker	Whole School	<p><b>Every Day Counts - Supporting Excellent Attendance</b></p> <p>We want to recognise all of our students who, with the support of their families have improved their attendance when compared to last year. We have emailed 374 families of children in years 8-13 to recognise their improvement and thank them for showing up every day.</p> <p>Excellent attendance is a habit and requires routine and resilience and these are skills and dispositions that we know support our students to develop personal qualities that prepare them for employment and adult life.</p> <p>Thank you to all of our students who are improving. Thank you too to parents and carers for their support.</p> <p>Every day counts. Every lesson counts. Every minute counts</p>
School Office	Whole school	<p>Our school is providing free sanitary wear for students who may need it;</p> <p>Students are welcome to collect from SSO during break and lunch.</p>
School Office	Whole School	<p>Reminder</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paracetamol is only given at break and lunch times, with consent.</li> <li>• Please ensure students with hayfever, take medicines before attending school.</li> <li>• All students need to come to school with a water bottle.</li> </ul>
Miss Willing and Miss Bryant	Whole School	<p>We are celebrating International Women's Day on <b>Friday 20th March</b>. At break time there will be a <b>bake sale</b>, and at lunch time we are encouraging as many students as possible to take part in the <b>FeMile</b> on the bottom courts. This is a walking/running event where we are holding a competition to see which tutor group can walk/run the furthest distance representing their chosen female icon. We will also be asking for a small donation to log laps so <b>please bring in cash</b> if possible! All proceeds will be donated to the Malala Fund.</p>

## Year 7

School	Year 7	<p>Please see <a href="#">letter</a> in regard to <b>Bikeability</b>. If you would like your child to take part in this fantastic opportunity please complete the consent by <b>Wednesday 18th March</b>. The event will take place w/c 23 March 2026.</p>
Mrs Jenkins	Year 7	<p><b>Food and Nutrition</b></p> <p>Here are the practicals taking place this week: Thursday 19th March - 7r Potato wedges</p>

## Year 8

Mrs Cave	Year 8	<p><b>Y8 Assessment week 20 March - 27 March</b></p> <p>You should have received a letter with regard to your child's assessment timetable, please email the school if you have not received it. Here you can find the <a href="#">revision resources</a> to support your child/ren's preparation.</p>
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		Additional support has also put in place prior to the assessment with an assessment assembly on Monday 09 March and revision strategies in tutor time.
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Mrs Jenkins	Year 8	<b>Food and Nutrition</b> Here are the practicals taking place this week: Tuesday 17th March - 8r Swiss roll Friday 20th March - 8l Swiss roll
Mrs Ivey	Year 8	<b>Y8 Science assessments</b> We have spoken to year 8 again this week about their upcoming assessments. You can find a copy of the information shared with students <a href="#">here</a> . Please be aware that there will be some set changes after the assessments, based on students assessment scores and teacher judgement.

## Year 9

Sirona	Year 9	<b>Thursday 30 April 2026</b> Sirona Immunisation team will come into school to administer <b>Meningococcal ACWY and Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio vaccinations to students</b> whose parents consented to have the vaccine. Please complete the <a href="#">online consent form</a> if you would like your child to receive the vaccine.
Mrs Jenkins	Year 9	<b>Food and Nutrition</b> Here are the practicals taking place this week: Thursday 19th March - 9r Pizza Friday 20th March - 9l Pizza

## Year 10

Mrs Jenkins Food Preparation and Nutrition	Year 10	<b>Food and Nutrition</b> Here are the practicals taking place this week: Monday 16th March - Katsu Chicken curry
Art Ms Tallis	Year 10	Y10 GCSE art students need to spend a minimum of one hour on homework every week.  Your child may work in the Art Dept at the following times: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Every Tue after school</li> <li>- Every Thu after school</li> <li>- Mon/Tue/Wed/Thu lunchtimes</li> </ul> <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><b>Deadline for the final piece for Natural Forms Project = Thurs 2 April</b></p> <p>Some students have completed the Natural Forms Project ahead of the deadline &amp; in order to keep up this outstanding pace, &amp; give students the best chance of outstanding success in their art GCSE, I have launched the new <b>Personal Project</b> for those students that are ready. As ever, all project resources &amp; slides have been posted on the Classroom for all to access.</p>
Textiles Miss Everard	Year 10	Y10 GCSE Textiles students will need to spend one hour on homework every week, homeworks will focus on completing unfinished sketchbook pages, and every student has a personalised to-do list from me, so they know what they need to complete. Lesson focus now is on making their chosen garment, and lessons are a hive of activity. It is important that your child does not leave materials at home, but brings in everything they need to every lesson, otherwise precious time could be lost.


		<p>In addition to lesson, there is supported time available: Your child may work in R13 at the following times:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Week One: Tues/Thurs Lunchtimes, rm13</li> <li>- <b>After school on Thursdays 15:05 - 16:15 Room 13</b></li> </ul> <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 very much.</p>
English	Year 10	Please find <a href="#">here</a> the wider reading for this week for English.
 Work Experience (WEX) Mrs Fey	Year 10	<p>Year 10 work experience week - <b>29th June - 3rd July 2026.</b></p> <p>The deadline to add a placement to Unifrog has been extended to <b>Friday 27th March 2026.</b> By this date students should have secured a placement and added it to Unifrog.</p> <p><a href="#">This guide</a> 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 <a href="#">WEX FAQ</a> document, visit the school <a href="#">WEX webpage</a> or do feel free to drop me an email and I'll get back to you as soon as possible - <a href="mailto:afey@skdrive.org">afey@skdrive.org</a></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>

## Year 11

Food Preparation and Nutrition	Year 11	<p><b>Final food practical exam - 23rd and 24th March</b></p> <p>Thank you for your support during the recipe trails over the last couple of weeks. The students have excelled during the lessons which will put them in a really beneficial position going into the final exam. The date your child will be sitting the GCSE exam is set on Classcharts. During the next 2 weeks students will have decided on the three dishes and accompaniments to cook. Please can you ensure they have all the ingredients prepared before the exam. Any questions/problems, please let me know.</p>
MFL	Year 11	<p><b>French Speaking Mocks</b> taking place on Tuesday, March 17th - timetable <a href="#">here</a></p> <p><b>Spanish Speaking Mocks</b> taking place on Thursday and Friday, March 19th and 20th - timetable <a href="#">here</a></p>
Art Ms Tallis	Year 11	<p>Your child should be spending a minimum of <b>two hours on art homework every week</b> now until the final 10 hr exam on 5 &amp; 6 May. Your child may work in the Art Dept at the following times:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Every Tues &amp; Thurs after school</li> <li>- Mon/Tues/Wed/Thurs lunchtimes.</li> </ul> <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 final stage of the exam project, before the 10 hour exam at the start of May:</p> <p><b>FINAL PIECE PLANNING</b> (6 A3 sheets)</p>
Textiles Miss Everard	Year 11	<p>Your child should be spending a minimum of <b>two hours on their Textiles exam homework every week</b> 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"> <li>- Week One: Mon/Wed/ Lunchtimes.</li> <li>- Week Two: Mon/Tues/Weds/Thurs Lunchtimes</li> <li>- <b>After school on Thursdays 15:05 - 16:15 Room 13</b></li> </ul> <p>They may also be able to work in R10 after school on Tuesdays, providing the room is staffed for that session.</p>

		<p>Students should all now have a clear plan for what they will be making for their Exam Final Piece. Lesson time is now focussed on refining ideas and gearing sample making towards their final aim and completing all display boards and sketchbook pages.</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>
Mrs Collins Mrs Lomax	Year 11	<p><b>Thursday 19 March 2026 09:00am</b> - External assessment</p> <p>Students are busy preparing for their component 3 scripted assessment taking place this term with a visiting examiner. Please encourage and support your child with rehearsals at home to help with line learning. Extra rehearsal time is available every lunchtime and afterschool sessions on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.</p> <p>Top tips!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rehearsing in front of a mirror - facial expressions gesture movement</li> <li>• Voice recording - listen back to tone pitch emphasis</li> <li>• No prompting encourage thought</li> </ul>

### Year 12 and 13

School	Year 12&13	<p>The Sirona Immunisation team will be visiting the Sixth Form on Thursday 26 March to offer any vaccinations your child may have missed during their school years. Sirona will offer: Human Papillomavirus (HPV), Meningococcal ACWY (MenACWY), Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Polio (Td/IPV), Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR). The nurses will check your child's vaccination records and offer any vaccines they have not received, if they wish to have them and have consent on the day. If you would like to withdraw your child from this session please email the school.</p>
School	Year 13 Media Students	<p>Mrs Weatherson, former head of Media, will be coming into school on March 20th for a drop-down NEA day with Year 13. It is vital that all Year 13 Media students attend this day in order to secure the best possible outcome in their NEA, which is worth 30% of their final grade.</p>
 Work Experience (WEX) Mrs Fey	Year 12	<p>Year 12 work experience week - <b>15th - 19th June 2026</b></p> <p>The deadline to add a placement to Unifrog has been extended to <b>Friday 27th March 2026</b>. By this date students should have secured a placement and added it to Unifrog.</p> <p><a href="#">This guide</a> 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 <a href="#">WEX FAQ</a> document, visit the school <a href="#">WEX webpage</a> or do feel free to drop me an email and I'll get back to you as soon as possible - <a href="mailto:afey@skdrive.org">afey@skdrive.org</a></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>

## PE & SPORT - sign up for Spond (our communication platform)

# 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](https://bit.ly/skpe_spondstudent)



#### Parents

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*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 4

16 March	1245-1700 Y8 Caving
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
20 March	0830-1600 UKMT Team Challenge
20 March	0845-1500 7P1 Sugar Loaf Trip
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
27 March	0815-1500 Gold DofE Training Day
28 March	Silver DofE Practice Walk
w/c 30 March	Sixth Form RAG week
30 March	0900-1300 Y12 Caving
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