

Whole School Information

Actions

1. SchoolsBuddy App – We are pleased to announce that our new mobile apps are now both live in Apple and Android Stores (Google Play). The same app can be used for Parents, Students and Staff.

2. From Sirona - Second dose Covid-19 vaccinations are now available for 12 to 15 year olds in Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire. You can book an appointment at a dedicated GP clinic or Vaccination Centre clinic using the online National Booking Service or by calling 119.

Your child is eligible for their second dose 3 months (90 days) after their first dose. If they catch Covid-19 after their first vaccination, they must wait 3 months after their positive test before having their second dose of the vaccine. For more information, please visit www.grabajab.net.

3. COVID-19 - Thank you to all parents and students for your support with managing the recent changes regarding COVID-19. As a reminder, recent changes include:

- A face covering must be worn by students at all times when indoors at school. This will be reviewed by the Government on 26 January.
- A positive LFD test no longer requires confirmation by PCR test.
- From Monday 17 January, a student with COVID-19 can end their self-isolation after 5 full days as long as they test negative on day 5 and day 6. The individual must have two negative LFD tests on day 5 and day 6. If a student is positive on day 5, then a negative test is required on day 6 and day 7 and so on until the end of day 10. Undertaking a LFD test early in the morning on day 5 and day 6, would enable the student to return to school at the beginning of day 6.


4. Practice Pal - It's fantastic to welcome our students back to start a fresh term of music-making. This term, we are going to be using a new software package called Practice Pal in order to enhance the music-learning experience for pupils and their parents. The aim of this is to make lesson-scheduling easier and also to enhance the pupils' use of the Lesson Notes. There is no extra cost to pupils or parents for the use of this platform for lessons. I am writing to let you know that if your child currently receives singing or instrumental music lessons, you will shortly be receiving a welcome email from Practice Pal, which will ask you to set up an account.

Each week, you will receive an email from Practice Pal letting you know the lesson time for the following week, a reminder for the upcoming lesson, and another email after the lesson has taken place with the lesson notes. Practice Pal has robust policies and technology for the protection of your data, and these are in line with the school's data management policy. You will have the right to opt-out of the Practice Pal emails, but we very much hope that you will be delighted by the efficiency of the new system.

5. Co- Curricular Activity Programme – Spring 2022

Our Co-curricular Activity offer is here for your perusal. There continues to be a wide range of activities on offer and we very much hope that our students will involve themselves as fully as possible to both improve existing skills and also to 'live adventurously' and to try new things!

5.  [Co-curricular offer Spring Term 1.pdf](#)

	Announcements	Actions
THIRD FORM Year 7	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Hockey Club - we need you! Year 7,8,9 students have a great opportunity on Friday after school to enjoy hockey club with Miss Goodbun. We would love a full club on a Friday to start a fun weekend! 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Book on Schools Buddy
FOURTH FORM YEARS 8/9	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Hockey Club - we need you! Year 7,8,9 students have a great opportunity on Friday after school to enjoy hockey club with Miss Goodbun. We would love a full club on a Friday to start a fun weekend! (Year 8) The Raspberry Pi Foundation is working within the National Centre for Computing Education on a project funded by the Department for Education. Together, they are exploring ways of engaging more female pupils in computing in order to increase the number of girls who select computer science at GCSE and A level. Sidcot School is lucky to have been asked to take part. In this project, we are aiming to trial some resources that link computing to real-world problems to increase girls' engagement in lessons. This means that your child will be involved in the project unless you choose to opt-out on their behalf. If you are happy for your child to take part in the project, you do not have to do anything, and they will be automatically included in the project. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Book on Schools Buddy  Relevance project.docx
FIFTH FORM YEARS 10/11	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> (Year 11) History IGCSE - Revision open to all this Friday 1.15-1.50 in T1/3. Key aim: how to prepare an argument on causes of economic boom no matter what the question. Please have lunch first. Year 10 Work Experience Week 27th June – 1st July Year 10 students are expected to take a week of meaningful work experience during the dates above. It is a great experience and one we are really delighted to be running again in 2022. Schools have had lots of success placing students recently and we are keen to offer Sidcot Students the opportunity too. All students have access to a 'Finding Your Placement Guide' and support from myself and the Year 10 tutor team. They are expected to find a placement themselves, however, we also 	

partner with Careers South West Ltd (CSW), who have a work experience database known as Veryan which the students can use to search for placements. Once the students have found and confirmed a placement with an employer we request that you fill in a Sidcot Parent and Student Work Experience Microsoft form, please see attached. The form asks for your consent, the placement details and a student health declaration.

The deadline for the submission is Friday, 25th March 2022. This allows the school sufficient time to process the placements including contacting the employer to request their insurance details, and to send information to CSW in order for around 80 pre-placement checks to take place before June. Unfortunately, if we submit forms less than 8 weeks before the placement date, we are charged a late fee (£20) by CSW, which ultimately we have to pass on to parents. It is in everyone's best interest that forms are returned by the deadline date above.

A big consideration for students is how they will get to the placement, thinking about sectors they would like to learn more about and contacting employers. Your help and support for this opportunity is greatly appreciated. If you need any further assistance with finding a placement or have questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Alison Pike – Head of Careers & Higher Education Guidance

3. Year 11 GCSE Extra Sessions – Please find a schedule of extra sessions for Year 11 students

2. Sidcot Parent and Student Work Experience Agreement Form:
<https://forms.office.com/r/9ZDn7077xj>

Please contact Alison Pike with any questions on alison.pike@sidcot.org.uk

3.  [Year 11.pdf](#)

**SIXTH
FORM
YEARS
12/13**

1. Year 13 A Level Extra Sessions – Please find a schedule of extra sessions for Year 13 students

1.  [Year 13.pdf](#)

To see all of our upcoming events, please visit our calendar at www.sidcot.org.uk/calendar/weekly