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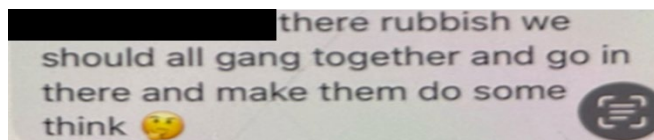
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Principal: Mr. Angelos Markoutsas

Dear Parents/Carers,

I want to take the opportunity and bring to you a very important matter in this part of my weekly bulletin. Increasingly, we are dealing with a large number of emails from parents and carers about online, unpleasant messages between children on social media. On a weekly basis, you are sending us screenshots and videos from platforms such as "Snapchat" and "TikTok", where children are posting messages against each other. Although this happens out of school hours, we are doing our best to deal with them by adopting a policy of educating our students of the right use of social media as well as sanctioning this kind of behaviour. Lately though, many parents are holding the school solely responsible for such behaviour, forgetting the fact that there is very little we can do to stop them. In many cases, we are at the receiving end of offensive and threatening language from parents about the choices of children outside of school hours. We are accepting the role we have to play in this matter but I want to remind you of the responsibility that you also have as parents and carers in making sure your children behave appropriately when online and don't use offensive or threatening language towards other children. Please monitor your child's online activity and play an active role in educating them about the right use of social media and the impact language choices can have on other children. If your child has been at the receiving end of such behaviour, please let us know but also contact the police and we will work with them to keep everyone safe.

Similarly, I would also like to remind you that we all need to be more responsible when using social media with our language and tone. It is needless to remind you that only six months ago we found out that the school was the target of a fatal attack. We were lucky! Lately, we have been at the receiving end of some threatening behaviour and language that have upset and alarmed many staff. The message below was from a recent Facebook comment, where a parent wanted to "gang" people together and come to the school. I had no option but to contact the police and report the message to them. To us, this was a threatening message that had to be dealt as a police matter.



Equally important, I want to remind you that the best place to deal with your queries or worries is not Facebook, but the school itself. Please contact us and we will be more than happy to address your concerns.

Non-school uniform – Friday 15th March:

Thank you to everyone who brought £1 in for non-school uniform. The money will be split between Comic Relief and our Charity of the Year, WsM Foodbank.

Pre-Loved Prom

Priory Community School is seeking donations of clean and undamaged prom dresses, suits, ties, shirts, shoes and accessories by Thursday 28th March 2024. We are also in desperate need of coat hangers and clothes rails. Please bring all items to reception. Thank you!

Join us at PCSA on Tuesday 16th April from 15:30 to browse our Pre-Loved Prom collection.

We will also be doing a uniform and coat sale and all proceeds will be donated to the Weston-super-Mare foodbank.



Careers & Apprenticeship Fair

On Tuesday 19th March, 17:00 – 19:00, Worle Community School are hosting a Careers & Apprenticeship fair. Even though this event will be hosted at WCSA, the event is open for the whole community, including PCSA students.

Businesses from a range of industries will be there to discuss career options and will be able to answer questions that our students may have.



Year 11 Exam Toolkit Sessions

Year 11 students will be participating in 'Exam Toolkit' sessions on Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th March. There will be four sessions across the two days and each student will miss two lessons. We hope this will be a great opportunity for our students. If students have any questions, please speak to their tutors.

Temporary Footpath Closure

North Somerset Council have made us aware of an upcoming temporary footpath closure. Details of this are below.

NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL FOOTPATH BETWEEN CABOT WAY & STODELEIGH CLOSE (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF USE BY PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS) 2024

Notice is hereby given that the North Somerset Council, under section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended, by virtue of this Notice, for a period of up to twenty-one days commencing on the 4 March 2024, will close, temporarily, to pedestrians and cyclists, the lengths of highway (footpath) specified in the schedule to this notice. This order is required to complete repairs to subway under Wansborough Road, Weston-super-Mare and will become operative on 4 March 2024 for a maximum period of six months. However, the closure may not be implemented for the whole of the period but only as necessitated by the works which is anticipated to be of 5 days.

UPDATE - The works to repair the subway under Wansborough Road, will take a further few weeks to complete and the footpath is likely to be closed until Friday 22nd March. Should these works be completed before this date, then we will advise of the date for re-opening.

Schedule

Footpath between Cabot Way & Stodeleigh Close – From a point to the front of No. 43 Cabot Way, Weston-super-Mare continuing along the footpath under the Subway at Wansborough Road to a point where the footpath joins the footpath on Wansborough Road.

Alternative routes

Footpath at Cabot Way, Queensway and across Wansborough Road and vice versa.

Contact: Structures@n-somerset.gov.uk

Paul Watkins – Network & Traffic Manager, North Somerset Council, Town Hall, Weston-super-Mare BS23 1UJ
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Upcoming Events

After-school clubs and KS4 Prep for Success sessions continue – head to our website to find out what's on next week. Please also refer to the calendar on your Weduc app. This gives you all the upcoming events for the rest of the academic year and is regularly updated.

Wednesday 27 – 30 March

Year 11 History Trip (Berlin)

Thursday 28 March

Last day of Term 4 (students finish at the normal time of 3.10pm)



As always, if you have any questions or queries, please get in touch with the school directly and we will be happy to help.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Markoutsas', written in a cursive style.

Mr Markoutsas
Principal