



Dear Parents and Carers,

As promised last week, I wanted to write to share the information we have currently received regarding the COVID vaccine for 12-15-year olds as well as update you in a few other areas.

COVID Vaccinations

Like all school-based vaccination programmes, the government have made it clear that the School Age Immunisation Service (SAIS) team will be delivering the vaccination programme and will be legally and contractually responsible for its delivery, not the school. The guidance explaining this can be found here: [government guidance](#).

Public Health England has updated its [page of resources for young people and their families](#) and in addition has also produced [answers to some frequently asked questions](#). We have also been provided with some additional information that can be found here [Public Health England guidance for schools](#).

As a school we have not be asked to deliver information to pupils in the form of lessons, about the vaccination and there is no intention to do so. You will receive more information about consent and other information from the SAIS team shortly. We very much believe this a personal choice that students and their parents or cares need to work through this together without any other influence.

The vaccine team will be in school on Friday 8th October.

FLU Vaccinations

If your child is in Year 7 to Year 11 from September 2021 they are also eligible for a Free Nasal Childhood Flu Vaccination. The immunisation team will be visiting John of Gaunt on Friday 8th October. This will take place in the form of a nasal spray.

In due course, parents and carers will be receiving two separate letters of consent. One for the flu vaccine and one for the COVID vaccine. You will then have the option to consent to both, one or none.

Year 7 PGL

It has been wonderful to see and hear of the enjoyment that our Year 7 have had on their PGL trip. Do log on to our school Facebook page to see some photos. I am sure our Year 8s are looking forward to their trip next week.



Internet Safety

The world of mobile phones is extensive and we are really pleased in school that students do not have that distraction. However, we know out of school they spend a lot of time on them. If your child has an Android phone you can install the Family Link App to restrict content and screen time. More details can be [found here](#).

If your child has an iPhone you may want to follow this guidance.

We know that children are experts in mobile phones so you may want to check that your child has not installed a Virtual Private Network (VPN) App or other Software to bypass any restrictions that you have placed on their usage. To help with this you may want to read this [factsheet](#) for more information.

Open Evening – Thursday 30th September

On Thursday 30th September, from 6pm – 8:30pm we are opening up the school to parents who have Year 5 or 6 children. We are grateful to many of our students that are staying to help with this event. We are very much looking forward to running this event in person. In order for us to prepare for this, there will be no P6 for Year 11 or post 16 on this evening.

Finally, can I say thank you to all. We have been delighted in the way that our students have returned to school this year and it has been so nice to see them engaging so well in lessons, as well as taking part in all the clubs and activities. Long may this continue!

As always, if you have any further questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

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