



14th January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

COVID Update

As anticipated the new variant is spreading rapidly through staff and students in school. On several occasions this week we have had to collapse classes in the Sports Hall to manage staff COVID absence. Time this week has been used to focus on personal development; some students have started creating CVs to update as they progress through school, whilst others sessions have reinforced key messages around sexual harassment. To help keep the sessions varied and relevant, next week **students in Years 7, 8 and 9 must bring PE kit to school every day until further notice, as well as a reading book.** If classes need to be collapsed into year group bubbles, we then have the option of a practical session.

Year 11 Revision Sessions

The second series of Year 11 mock examinations will begin on the 28th February. To help students prepare the following sessions will be taking place after school.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Science	Travel & Tourism Geography Computer Science	Business Studies Art History	H&S Child Development English	Maths

Students and parents will also be receiving a next steps guide for each of their subjects over the next couple of weeks. This step has been implemented so conversations that would have been held at parents' evening are documented on paper. This will allow parents to support at home by ensuring students are revising gaps/weaknesses bespoke to them to enable the 'next step' to be taken. An example of the document is detailed below:

Student	[Redacted]	Subject	Maths
Current Grade	2	Expectation (Target Grade)	3
Next realistic grade to aim for			3
<p>Next Steps: What? Bespoke independent work required to reach the next realistic grade to bridge current gaps before the next exam series (March 2022). <small>For example: Knowledge of content required, weaknesses in exam technique or gaps in practical skills.</small></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decimal Place Value HM Clip 13 • Fractions and Decimals HM Clip 46 & 73 • Multiplying Decimals up to 2 digits HM Clip 48 • Proportion Problem HM Clip 330 • Collecting Like Terms HM Clip 156 <p><small>These are areas identified from exam or test performance specific to your child. Revision in the first instance should be built around these gaps. This work should form part of the minimum of 5 hours of revision that should be completed weekly, above and beyond compulsory independent learning set.</small></p>			
<p>Next Steps: How? <small>The following resources/revision techniques are suggested as the most useful method/s of addressing gaps in learning to progress to the next level.</small></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use RAG mock analysis sheets to identify topics to revise (Start with Red) • Use Mock 2 revision list • Use revision list based on topics released by exam board 			
<p>Next Steps: Key Dates/Milestones/Lesson 6 opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March Mock – TBC • Lesson 6 opportunity – Every Friday 			

Year 11 parents will be contacted when individual booklets have been distributed to Year 11 students.

We have several medical professionals in school over the next couple of weeks to support our students. Please see dates and details below.

BRIGHT Trials

The BRIGHT dental research team are scheduled to be in school on Thursday 20th January to complete the final stage of the BRIGHT Trial project for students in Years 10 and 11 who signed up and consented to the three year trial in 2019. Students will be provided with individual appointment times for their 10 minute appointment next week.

Flu Vaccinations

The Vaccination team will be in school on Wednesday 26th January 2022 to vaccinate the students who have previously consented to the flu vaccination but weren't in school when the Vaccination team first visited. Only students who have previously completed a consent form will be given the flu vaccine (Nasal spray) in school. If you did not complete the consent previously but would like your child to have the flu vaccine there is a drop in session on Thursday, 27th January 15:30 – 17:00 at Lakeside Shopping Centre, White Rose Way, Doncaster, DN4 5PJ.

COVID Vaccinations – 2nd Dose

Following an update from the government regarding 2nd dose COVID Vaccinations for children aged 12 to 15, the Vaccination team have scheduled to be in school on Wednesday 26th, Thursday 27th and Friday 28th January. COVID consent forms will be sent home with your child on Monday which **must** be completed and returned no later than **Thursday 20th January**. If your child has already had a 2nd COVID dose there is no need for you to return the consent form. Children who have not yet had a vaccine can get their 1st dose during these vaccination sessions providing you have completed the consent form.

If your child has had a positive COVID PCR within the last 12 weeks unfortunately they will not be eligible for the vaccination at this time but will be offered it again at a later date.

Have a good weekend!

Kind regards



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