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WEEKLY EMAIL BULLETIN FOR WEEK ENDING: 17th December 2021

WHOLE SCHOOL

New Year Return to School and Testing Dates Reminder

All schools have again been asked to provide on-site testing for students in January. One on-site COVID-19 test will therefore be undertaken when the students return after the Christmas break.

As with the most recent testing, students should access the school via the Higham Lane pedestrian gate off Higham Lane. Testing will take place in the Gym. Staff will be present to support students with accessing the site. For any new students that have joined since the last round of testing, a map is attached separately to this correspondence to show the access point.

Testing will again be grouped by year groups and then further split into form groups. The testing regime is summarised by date as follows: -

Date	Year group being tested	Students educated on site
5 January	Y11, Y12, Y13	None
6 January	Y8, Y10	Y11, Y12, Y13
7 January	Y7, Y9	Y8, Y10, Y11, Y12, Y13
10 January	None	All students

If your son/daughter has tested positive on a PCR test in the past 90 days then they should not come in for their test.

Positive LFT/PCRs Over Christmas Period

If you child receives a positive LFT or PCR test over the Christmas period, we would please ask that you continue to email in to the 'Reporting Covid Test Results' under the Parents and Students section on our School website. Many thanks.

Covid Vaccination Clinics for 12 – 15 Year Olds

For children aged 12 to 15 who have not had their first Covid vaccination dose, clinics are now available.

For more information regarding these consultations please go to the school website at https://www.highamlaneschool.co.uk/schoolcommunication (Weekly Bulletins, Weekly Email Bulletin for week ending: 17th December 2021).

Second Vaccination offer for Eligible 12-15 Year Olds and Opportunity to Still Book First Vaccination

The Department for Education has informed schools of the following information regarding the offer of a second vaccine and asked us to share this with parents/carers.

Young people aged 12 to 15 in England will be offered a second dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine at a minimum of 12 weeks from the first dose, following advice from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI).

NHS England have now confirmed that, as with first doses, healthy school-aged children aged 12 to 15 will be able to receive their COVID-19 vaccination in their school next term, as well as having the option to receive the vaccine out of school, such as through vaccination centres. These offers will run in parallel.

Vaccination for this group will continue to be deployed primarily by the school age immunisation service (SAIS). In school vaccination will begin from Monday 10 January and all schools should have received at least one visit before February half-term. We expect most schools to require multiple visits so vaccines can be administered to all consenting pupils. SAIS teams will be in touch with schools from the start of next term to discuss what is best for their circumstances.

Please kindly note: we have not received any information yet about when vaccinations will take place in school.

Over the Christmas holidays, parents can already book first vaccinations for their child, if aged 12 or over, through the NHS booking system. Second doses will be available for eligible children by Monday 20 December.

Further information on vaccination for 12 to 15 year olds is available on the NHS website.

Christmas Stories - Books of the Week



Warwickshire Police Cadets

Warwickshire Police Cadets is a volunteer scheme for young people who wish to be part of a programme that offers an opportunity to gain a practical understanding of policing and develop their spirit of adventure and good citizenship.

Recruitment is open from 1st January to 28th February 2022, the application form can be downloaded from Warwickshire Police website from 1st Jan 2022. To download the application go to Warwickshire Police website, press the career tab and then the cadet tab to download the application form.

To be eligible to become a Warwickshire Police Cadet you must live or go to school in Warwickshire and be aged 13 to 16 years old on or before September 1st 2022.

The aim of the scheme is to support Warwickshire Police's strategy of engagement with young people throughout the force area.

Cadets support local policing priorities through volunteering, working with partner agencies and positive participation in their communities.

They take part in a variety of activities including self-defence training, law inputs, marching, fitness, team building, role playing and Outdoor events.

Cadets can gain an insight into police life through talks by guest speakers from different departments and agencies and by taking part in local community policing events.

Police cadets are a family where discipline, friendship and team work are all important.

If you become a police cadet, you will have the satisfaction of knowing that as a young person you are making a difference to your community and developing yourself for any future career.

In return we ask you to commit to attend the weekly meetings and commit to voluntary hours per quarter.

We have two units in Warwickshire, one in Nuneaton that covers North Warwickshire and one in Leamington Spa which covers South Warwickshire

The junior cadet scheme is for young people aged 13 to 16 years still at secondary school and a senior cadet scheme is for young people aged 16 to 18 years. To apply to become senior cadets you must currently be a year 11 student when applying and would be a cadet for 2 years, whilst you continue in further education.

Seniors Cadets aged between 16 to 18 years old meet every Thursday evenings in Nuneaton between 6.15 pm and 8.30 pm, we also ask that you do 3 hours volunteering per month as part of the scheme.

Junior Cadets aged between 13 to 16 years old meet every Tuesday evening in Nuneaton between 6.15pm to 8.30pm.

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YEAR 8

Year 8 Job Taster Tuesday 8th February 2022: 9.00am -12.30pm

We are running a Job Taster for Year 8 students on **Tuesday 8th February** and wondered if you might be able to help?

We hope that this event will give our students an insight into what is involved in different professions/jobs. We'd like to highlight to them what is required in terms of qualifications, training and further study for different professions and also what work is like on a day to day basis in a variety of career settings.

So, whatever job sector you're from, you could give our students some vital information, advice & guidance on their next steps.

If you feel that you might be able to be a part of this then please contact Mrs Mitchell at the school. Further information regarding the day can then be given to you.

We would really value your support in this venture.

WE WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR! PLEASE KEEP SAFE.