

HIGH STANDARDS, HIGH ASPIRATIONS, HIGH EXPECTATIONS

6th October 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope everyone in the community is keeping well and the recent fuel shortages have not been too negative for any of our families.

This week's update should be fairly short.

Extra Curricular Activities – we have collected together an overview of what is currently offered on which days within Bristol Met and this is [available here](#). We will continue to update and replace when activities change but we hope this gives some useful information.

Year 11 Enhancement Sessions – specifically for Year 11 students we have collected together an overview of what is on offer in each subject area either at lunch or after school. The overview can be [found here](#). As the first round of formal Year 11 mock exams approach (starting first week of next term) please do encourage Year 11 to make use of these sessions. Mr John Price, Year 11 lead this year, will write to you shortly with further information about the mock exam period. Year 11 students have this week been working on their revision timetable in Tutor sessions and I know they will be grateful of any support and checking in that parents/carers are able to do over these next few weeks.

Seasonal Flu and Coronavirus Vaccinations – Sirona Health have now confirmed that we are scheduled to be able to offer the seasonal flu and/or coronavirus vaccination programme on Monday 18th through to Wednesday 20th October. As a reminder the intention is that Year 7 will be offered the seasonal flu vaccine only (or to choose not to have it) and Years 8 to 11 will be offered the choice of either seasonal flu or coronavirus, both vaccines or neither. Sirona Health will send out electronic consent forms (two forms; one for seasonal flu and one for coronavirus as students/families are able to consent to just one or the other) a few days before the programme starts. These consent forms will come from us for ease of communication but the information families provide will go directly back to Sirona as the healthcare provider. As per my [previous longer communication](#) about the vaccination programme, and just to be clear, **no** student will be vaccinated on site without parent/carer permission (regardless of what the student may ask for), **no** student will be vaccinated without their explicit consent (regardless of parent/carer consent), **no** student will be accidentally or forcibly vaccinated. I know that last point may seem strange to highlight but I have received copies of various misinformation materials in circulation in society alluding to forcibly vaccinating children or how common mistakes are when it comes to vaccinations and I think I need to be really clear that it just isn't true. The vaccination programme is carried out by trained medical professionals and only students who have had parental consent and who give their own consent will be offered a vaccine.

Finally, I would like to respectfully ask our community to respect the right of any individual or family to decide to either accept or reject the offer of a vaccine and for our students to be allowed to continue with their education without interruption during the vaccine programme.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Best wishes,



Mr C Shaw
Principal