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Dear Parents and Carers

We are pleased to once again be running events for students and parents in school. This week our Year 7 'transformation' days have taken place, these are team building days when students, in their form groups, spend the day taking part in different activities requiring them to work together and communicate. I watched some of these activities and saw how much the students enjoyed themselves but also how well they worked together and supported each other. Being kind and showing that we care are key messages we share with students at the start of year.

We have been able to welcome the parents of some Year 12 and Year 7 students into school this week for our briefing evenings. It felt wonderful to have this contact again and speak directly to people without the use of cameras and computer screens. Face to face communication helps strengthen relationships and builds a sense of community. We are of course, hoping for a return to normal, with appropriate precautions, and look forward to seeing many more parents and carers over the coming weeks.

Extra-Curricular Opportunities

We are planning to run events, trips and activities across the year. Clearly, we all know that the future can be unpredictable. We believe that opportunities afforded by events and activities are a very important part of students' experience of school, engaging with the world beyond the classroom helps students develop in so many different ways.

<u>Vaccination Programme</u>

You will be aware that the government has made the decision to offer all 12 – 15 year olds a single vaccination against Covid 19. Details about how this will be administered is still emerging, however I have some information that I can provide you with at this stage.

- NHS teams will administer the vaccinations in school for all healthy 12 15-year olds. Students who are not yet 12 or are older than 15, on the day the team are in the school, will not be eligible for the vaccination. We expect to be provided with a date/dates for vaccinations either before or just after half term.
- Students will only be vaccinated with the consent of parents, if a student wishes for something other than that which parents have consented or not consented to, vaccinations will not take place on that date. The NHS team will follow up any such queries, independently, at a later date with families.
- Students with a known medical condition are likely to be vaccinated through their own family GP.

We will continue to communicate regarding this matter and share further information as and when we receive it. We appreciate there are some strong feelings about this issue and want to reassure parents that no action will be taken without consent. Further information is available by following this link - <u>Sussex Vaccination Programme website</u>

Yours faithfully

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