Potterspury Lodge School

20th June 2022



Dear Parents/Carers,

Warm Weather Forecast again during the 21st to the 23rd June

Similarly, to last week, we are due to have high temperatures again this week on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday with temperatures forecast to be between 24-27c. I am pleased to report that our students coped very well in the warm weather and came prepared for the days in questions alongside taking good proportions of water on during the day.

We will be following the previous guidance issued in my last letter re the warm weather this week. As before, if you have any questions about the weather our Office Staff are your first point of call.

Parents and Carers Evening: Wednesday, 6th July

I am pleased to confirm that the Evening is confirmed for Year 4 to 10 Parents and Carers on Wednesday, 6th July, from 3.30pm to 6.00pm on site. The format this year will be a dialogue with your child's Tutor who will discuss in depth each individual's progress across the national curriculum, and GCCE subjects. Leaders will also be on hand to discuss any other issues including arising pastoral matters, and other related matters that Parents/Carers wish to discuss. Light refreshments will be available to Parents/Carers and our students work and books/file will be available for you to view.

Due to our student demographics we fully appreciate that it is not always viable for Parents/Carers to easily travel to us, hence, we will make the session accessible by offering those who are not able to come on site a meeting by Zoom/Teams through the week (Monday, 4th July to Friday, 8th July) at a mutually convenient time with your child's tutor.

Further details will follow for both the 6th July meeting on site, and the online meetings.

Term Dates for the 2022/23 Academic Year

Please find attached a copy of the Term Dates for the next academic year.

From the Department for Education:

A reminder for parents and carers of the importance of routine immunisations in teens

The <u>national routine childhood immunisation programme</u> has a direct positive impact on the health and wellbeing of children and communities and is vital to reduce the spread of infection and prevent outbreaks.

In addition to the flu and COVID-19 vaccines that have been offered to school-aged children this academic year, teenagers are routinely offered 3 vaccines in secondary schools:

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human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine in Years 8 and 9 menACWY vaccine in Year 9
Td/IPV (3-in-1 booster) in Year 9

The delivery of these routine adolescent immunisation programmes has been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and vaccine coverage is still not at pre-pandemic levels. The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) and NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSEI) are reminding parents and carers about the important protection these immunisations provide. Parents and Carers are also encouraging take up and catch up of vaccinations for anybody who has missed out. Further information can be found in the UKHSA immunisation guidance.

A reminder that in all cases of staff and students who present with illness on arrival at school, or develop an illness during the school day, leaders will work on a case by case basis to determine whether to send a student/staff member home or allow that individual to remain on the premises. A consensus decision is made in line with the health and wellbeing of the individual, peers and staff on site, and adherence with UK Health Security Agency directives (if required).

Should you have any questions regarding anything discussed in this letter, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

Jenny Nimmo

Principal









