

# HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Another very busy week has drawn to a close and there are a number of new initiatives and developments that we need to share with you.

## **School photographs**

We have had the school photographers in today and the students have worked well with the staff to ensure some great photographs have been taken.

I would like to personally thank the Year 8 students who helped me create some great shots for the website. We will be contacting you soon offering you the chance to purchase pictures of your son/daughter.

## **College**

The Year 11 students are enjoying the opportunity to attend college on Thursday mornings and are relishing the additional responsibility and being treated like the young adults they are. We know that many appreciate the opportunity to visit ASDA at the end of college before they return to school. Logistically this can be a challenge for the supervising staff and I would ask the students concerned to be as considerate to them, the staff at ASDA and the members of the public doing their shopping, as possible.

## **Covid Vaccinations**

As a Headteacher and educator, I am very conscious of where my limitations lie with regards to areas of expertise. I do not feel qualified to comment on whether students should or should not, be vaccinated and will refrain from being drawn into these discussions. Consequently, I will pass on any communication by the NHS and/or Public Health England and will allow parents and carers to decide for themselves the appropriate course of action for their child.

Public Health England are planning to use our school hall on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October to vaccinate 12 to 15 year olds, where parents have provided



consent for this to happen. Please note that there is a letter circulated by the NHS that accompanies this letter.

### Formal contact with parents across the year

At The Valley School we are committed to maintaining excellent communication links with you as parents. We welcome any contact you make and appointments can be made at any time through the School Office by calling (01428) 747274 or emailing [admin@thevalley.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@thevalley.herts.sch.uk).

Further communication includes the school website and this weekly letter from me.

More formal communication about the progress of your son/daughter will be shared through written reports and parents' evenings. We think it is important that this form of communication occurs every term throughout the students' journey through the school.

Please find below the Reporting and Parents' Evening plan. Please note that there are two Parents' Evenings on those crucial years of Year 7, 9 and 11 and a full written report for every child once a year.

Year	Autumn Term	Date	Spring Term	Date	Summer Term	Date
Year 7	Parents' Evening	2/12/21	Full written report	27/01/22	Parents' Evening	23/06/22
Year 8	Data Report	26/11/21	Parents' Evening	17/03/22	Full written report	10/06/22
Year 9	Parents' Evening	2/12/21	Full written report	25/02/22	Parents' Evening	23/06/22
Year 10	Full written report	26/11/21	Parents' Evening	17/03/22	Data Report	10/06/22
Year 11	Parents' Evening	2/12/21	Full written report	25/03/22	Parents' Evening	23/06/22

### Student Council

Two members of each Year Group have volunteered to join our Students' Council and discuss important whole school items such as the rewards system, school uniform, activities and clubs on offer and their part in the appointment of new staff. Our first meeting will be held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 11am. Mrs Ransom will be supporting the students and taking the minutes.

## Open morning

We have reminded all Year 7 parents that we are holding two Open Mornings next month. One will be on 6th October and the other on 13<sup>th</sup> October. There will be an opportunity to spend some time touring the school, visiting the Year 7 team in their learning area and having coffee and cake with the Senior Leadership Team. If your child is in Year 7 then we hope that you will join us.

I wish you all a relaxing, safe and enjoyable weekend

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D Pearce', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

David Pearce  
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